

Community and Conference Announcements

SEEDS

A weekly communication for WDC churches announcing what's new and good in WDC.

On Sunday evening, March 10, the off-Broadway musical *Godspell Junior* will be performed by the children and youth of Bethel College Mennonite Church under the stage direction of Renee Reimer, Bethel College senior and Bethel College Mennonite Church Junior Choir Director. Renee gives the following synopsis of this upcoming musical: "Godspell Junior is taken from the gospel according to Matthew. There are stories about forgiveness, love, kindness, and generosity. It is a bit shorter than the original Godspell, but has kept all of the best songs. All of the kids are on stage at all times and it is a very interactive performance. It has been great watching the high school students help the elementary and junior high youth work through each rehearsal."

The production is open to the public, with no admission free (a free-will offering will be taken to help cover the costs of the production.) Show time will be 7:00 p.m. in the BCMC Sanctuary (2600 College Ave, North Newton, KS).

Working on your genealogy and/or family history and wish you could meet with like-minded people?

Then you may like to attend a pilot meeting of the Goessel Historical and Genealogy Society (a working name) at the Museum on Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. The purpose of this proposed group will be to share stories and information sources, explore solutions to research issues, provide accountability, etc. This group will be very loosely organized and informal. The initial meeting will be a time to talk about the need for and feasibility of such a group and what it might hope to accomplish.

Offender/Victim Ministries has rescheduled their Annual Dinner for Monday, March 11th at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment provided by The Book of Jebb.

RSVP to [316-283-2038](tel:316-283-2038) or email ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net by Monday, March 4th.

Camp Mennoscah

Kitchen help needed! Camp Mennoscah needs one or two people to help out with our Retirees' Relaxation Retreat on March 22-24. Volunteers are needed for all three days, but volunteers are welcome to come for one day or part of the time. We really need your help--many of our regular volunteers attend this retreat.

Second Scrapbooking Retreat! We had such high demand for our Spring Scrapbooking Retreat at Camp Mennoscah that we have added a second retreat on March 15-17. We'll see you there.

Sooner than you think! We know you've been snowed in and bowled over by all this weather and that you've been dealing with shoveling driveways and knocking down icicles from your gutters. But all that means is that you'll be ready for our **Retirees' Relaxation Retreat** on April 22-24. The theme is A Century of Change: In Congo and Kansas. We'd love to send you a brochure.

New mattresses! It's been what feels like forever since we started talking about new mattresses for the Camp Mennoscah cabins. Well, here's the good news. They've been ordered. We won't get them right away, but we will have them before the summer starts and all our happy campers arrive. We're really excited! And don't worry--we're keeping some of the old ones for sleeping outside during our hottest of hot days. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our mattress fund! We'll sleep well this summer because of your generosity.

Information for all of the above— email: campmno@mennowdc.org phone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290)

Needs increasing for Syrians: Mennonite Central Committee welcomes donations to continue its humanitarian assistance and grassroots peacebuilding in Syria and nearby Jordan and Lebanon. Please make your donation at donate.mcc.org or send it to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500, designating "Middle East Crisis." Your prayers and donations make a difference -- thank you.

The MCC Comforter Blitz will be March 11 and 12 this year at the Journey at Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, KS. Monday's hours will be from noon to 9 PM and Tuesday's hours are from 9 AM to 5 PM. Comforters will be tied for Mennonite Central Committee to send overseas to people in need. Come and have a good time while helping others. Bring a sack lunch if you are staying through a meal. Sloppy Joes will be available for a donation at noon on Tuesday. Call Carol Peters [\(316\) 283-4232](tel:3162834232) or Pat Gilliland at [\(785\) 286-0905](tel:7852860905) for more information, to reserve babysitting, or to report number of untied tops you are bringing.

Jesus commanded us to love our enemies and Moses said, "Thou shalt eat pie" (or so we imagine). First Mennonite Church & McPherson Church of the Brethren are hosting Ted & Company in bringing their lively fundraiser, "Peace, Pies and Prophets" that includes the show, "I'd Like to Buy an Enemy" to the McPherson Opera House, 219 S Main St, McPherson KS, on March 16 at 7 pm. General admission is free (with a very limited number of reserved seats at \$25 each). Homemade pies (furnished by First Mennonite and Church of the Brethren) will be auctioned off during the show and an offering will be received. **This is a fundraiser for Christian Peacemaker Teams**, a nonprofit that offers an alternative to violence around the world. Ted Swartz will also perform his one-man drama "Laughter is Sacred Space" on March 17 at 10:40 at the First Mennonite worship service. Donations towards his ministry will be gratefully received. The autobiographical drama is appropriate for Lenten worship. This "honest, funny, and vulnerable" reflection deals with issues "of the paradox of working with a comedic partner who's struggling with bipolar disorder," as well as "the challenge of writing and performing God's stories while experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death." Yet, it offers hope and humor as only Ted delivers. For more information, call [620-241-4040](tel:6202414040) or email Kathy Neufeld Dunn at: pastorfmc@gmail.com.

Everence to hold health care reform seminar: The central Kansas office of Everence Financial will present an informative seminar at First Mennonite Church in Newton at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21. "Navigating the New: Health Care Reform and You" will help people understand how health care reform will affect individuals and businesses, how people will get health care coverage in the future and how reform has affected Everence health plans. The presentation will be delivered by David Gautsche, Senior Vice President of Products and Services for Everence. First Mennonite Church is at 429 E. First St. in Newton. This seminar will be in conjunction with the annual meeting of the central Kansas Everence Chapter. Those interested in attending the seminar should reserve a spot before March 14 by contacting the Everence office in Hesston: [\(620\) 327-4043](tel:6203274043), toll free [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:8774677294) or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Bethel College: Today (Sun., March 3) – "The Gettysburg Address: Lincoln's Framework for a New American Constitution," William Rich, Washburn University School of Law; 3:30 p.m., museum auditorium.

Hesston College: Celebrate the Lenten season through music as the Hesston College Chorale performs a spring break bon voyage concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 at Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert is free and open to the public though a free-will offering will be collected to cover program costs.



MCC Sale Notes

FANTASTIC job on Pre-Sale Expenses. Tabor has contributed \$1370 so far. IF you haven't helped with this very important part. PLEASE consider putting a check in our (Jerry and Leann Toews') box. THANKS

We will put the table with the SIGN-UP SHEETS up in the foyer NEXT Sunday. PLEASE sign up for ALL these opportunities. It takes over 1000 volunteers to put on the FUN weekend event.

The web-site is just up and running. Go to: kansasmccsale.org and check it out. MORE stuff added continually.

If you have made larger items, please let Jerry know so he can take pictures and get those items on the website.

Quilters Corner brought in over \$14,000 worth of material scraps and quilt related items. CLEAN OUT your closets of things that might be appropriate for this area of the sale. We will have a box under the sign up table for these items.

EVERYONE doing a little is what makes the MCC Sale work. Think of ways YOU can be involved.