

## Community and Conference Announcements

**SEEDS**

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

I help plan worship along with our new pastor, Bob Beecher, and I think this conference (*Year of the Bible Launch, held Aug 1-2*) will help us to better connect with the Bible in our planning. Not everyone learns in the same way, or worships in the same way. And so it is helpful to discover the many creative and diverse ways of helping people connect with God. I especially enjoyed the learning center presented by Kristin Neufeld Epp, 'Become Like a Child: Speaking Kid's Language in Children's Time.' She shared how we may use physical elements to help kids connect with scripture. Even though her material was geared for children, I know that adults who listen to kids' sermons get just as much out of them as the kids do! So her material will be helpful for all ages. She encouraged us to use everyday items as connectors to the scriptures. For example, she used the story of Jesus giving instructions to the disciples who fished all night and didn't catch anything. She passed around a bag that had fish food in it as a way to engage the sense of smell."

*--submitted by Debbie Thimm, Worship leader, Beatrice Mennonite Church, Nebraska*

**Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum**

"**The Four Jacobs**" is the title of a presentation Joyce Watts will give at the Second Monday Genealogy and Family History Group on, Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Preparatory School at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum. This informal group (formerly called the Goessel Historical and Genealogical Society) is open to anyone working on or interested in working on their genealogy and/or family history.

**Who are they?** Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum invites you to take a look at the new, on-going display of some of the museum's unidentified photos. Maybe you can help ensure that these people aren't forgotten. This will not be a static display; photos will be changed out from time to time. You may view the photos free of charge.

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale** has several great Service Opportunities. The KMRS is run by an all-volunteer staff with the goal of supporting the work of Mennonite Central Committee. By tithing a handful of evening and days a year, individuals, couples and families can be a part of raising on average \$250,000 for MCC. KMRS donated \$500,000 to MCC at its annual meeting in May. Think of all the countless individuals and groups MCC can help with such a donation. This wouldn't happen without the countless number of volunteers offering their time and abilities to the sale. A list of service opportunities is available on your church bulletin board or speak with your KMRS church contact. Thank you for your support!

**Camp Mennoscah:**

**Camp Mennoscah Annual Meeting**--Camp Mennoscah Association will have its second annual meeting (wow!) on Sept. 22 at 3pm in the camp dining hall. Entertainment will be provided by Tom, Lois, & Anna Harder and a pulled pork meal will be served. Pulled pork and buns provided. Please bring a side dish to share and table service. Donations accepted. We'll see you there!

Don't Hide Under a Bushel! We're looking for skills great and small--from dusting to repairing, from willing spirits to helpful hands--to join us for our **Work & Play Camp** at Camp Mennoscah, September 15-18. This is a service-oriented retreat for all ages. We'll be working hard and squeezing every ounce of fellowship and fun out of each day. This year's retreat is slightly shorter than previous years and we'd be happy to have folks stay longer. Just let us know!

**More Cropping at Camp Mennoscah!** This spring there was such a demand for our scrapbooking retreat that we're considering adding a second retreat this fall. Our primary scrapbooking retreat is November 1-3. If we have enough interest, we'll add a second retreat on November 15-17--this retreat is not guaranteed. Brochures are not yet available, but send us an email or give us a call to tell us you're interested.

Information for all of the above - email: [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org) phone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290)  
on line: [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 21, originating at the MCC offices in North Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a MCC water development project in Vietnam. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available through the church office. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: <http://centralstates.mcc.org/programs/flatlander>. Or you can register on-line at that website.

**MEDA's Kansas Chapter** invites you to join us for dialogue about chapter activities in addressing business solutions to global poverty and integrating faith into the workplace. On Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m. we will hear a report on MEDA's Ethiopia project, with Ann Gordon, Senior Consultant/Project Manager. Buffet dinner at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, 77 W Hickory St, Hesston, \$25 for dinner and presentation / \$5 for students / \$15 for beginning entrepreneurs. RSVP by Sept.13 by email to [carlawedman@harperindustries.com](mailto:carlawedman@harperindustries.com) or phone Carla Wedman at 620-896-7381.

**The FloraKansas Great Plains Native Plant Bazaar** will be held September 5-8, 2013, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale and participate in the members only sale on Thursday, September 5, 1 to 7 p.m. Current Dyck Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales. For more information, call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) or visit [www.dyckarboretum.org](http://www.dyckarboretum.org).

#### **Job Openings:**

**The Harvey County Homeless Shelter, Inc.** is currently seeking an individual to fill a role in our ministry. The position of office assistant is a full-time position with clerical duties along with coordinating the weekly volunteer schedule. If you have a heart for the ministry of the shelter and feel called to be a part of this exciting and loving ministry then please apply. Familiarity with Microsoft Office, email, and FaceBook are a plus. We are seeking someone with great communication skills and a willingness to serve not only our residents but our volunteers also. Email your resume to: [james@hchs-ks.com](mailto:james@hchs-ks.com); Mail or deliver your resume to: Harvey County Homeless Shelter, 209 East Broadway, Newton, KS, 67114; Or, fax your resume to: [316-283-6764](tel:316-283-6764)

**Job Opening: Director of Prison Ministries** - Offender/Victim Ministries is seeking applicants to oversee its M-2 Prison Visitation and Prison Arts programs at Hutchinson Correctional Facility. This position is half-time, salaried and based in Newton, Kansas. Interested candidates should submit resumes and cover letters to [libby.ovm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:libby.ovm@sbcglobal.net).

**Bethel College** and the Bethel College Service Corps present The Misguided Professors and The Book of JEBB in a benefit concert for Oklahoma tornado relief and a celebration of fiddler Jesse Graber Sunday, Sept. 15, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall on the Bethel campus; free with offering taken

**Bethel College golf tournament.** Alumni and friends of Bethel are invited to play in the Fall Thresher Golf Classic, Saturday, Sept. 14, in Newton. For details, follow the Events and Golf links at [www.bethelks.edu/alumni/](http://www.bethelks.edu/alumni/), call [316-284-5251](tel:316-284-5251) or e-mail [alumni@bethelks.edu](mailto:alumni@bethelks.edu). Early registration discount deadline Sept. 3.