

Community and Conference Announcements

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

Acoustic Tiles

The acoustics in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Mennonite Church in Hillsboro (KS) has been an issue since the building was constructed in the 1960's. Members complained about not being able to hear well and that even with microphones, a speaker's words were difficult to understand. Therefore, the fellowship hall has been mainly used for meals when, with better acoustics, it would have been a great space for many other activities.

The trustees have struggled with trying to find solutions. Carpet being placed over the tile floor only made a small difference. This spring an expert was brought in to do tests and make suggestions on ways to improve the acoustics. The solution was found in hanging 1 1/2 inch acoustic tiles from the ceiling. Hung on 3 levels, these tiles block the sound from being reflected back and forth across the room. The difference these tiles have made is incredible and the congregation will celebrate by holding their World Communion Sunday service in the fellowship hall instead of the sanctuary on October 6.

--submitted by Pastor Jeff Wintermote, Trinity Mennonite Church, Hillsboro, KS

Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum: The second annual hymn-sing is the program for Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's fall Sunday-Afternoon-Faspa-at-the-Museum on Sunday, Oct. 13. The event will begin at 3 p.m. in the Preparatory School. *The Mennonite Hymnal*, famous for its Hymn No. 606, will be used. Faspa will be served at 4 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Blood Drive: Each day, approximately 6,000 times a day, someone receives blood products from a Red Cross donor. And yet, only about three percent of the population donates blood. It's so important to have generous donors who give regularly, and you are encouraged to call [1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767) to schedule your appointment when the mobile unit is at Goessel on Saturday, October 19 from 9:00-1:00. THANKS for helping to save lives!!

Camp Mennoscah:

Successfully Concluded--The second annual meeting of the Camp Mennoscah Association took place without a hitch. We gathered, we met for business, we enjoyed music by the ever-talented Harders, we ate incredibly tasty pulled pork, and we played in the sand. And by "played in the sand," we mean that we broke ground for our new bathhouses. Thank you to all the board members, the Harders, Mariah, Ken and Galen for helping everything run smoothly. We'll see you at next year's meeting!

Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbooking Retreats--That's right, friends, we're planning TWO delightful weekends of cropping and fellowship. These retreats will occur on November 1-3 and November 15-17--as long as we have at least 10 folks for each retreat! We are pretty absolutely certain that we'll have enough folks for the retreats, so sign up for either one or both retreats. Get those memories ready!

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

Premier Performance! Humorist, Actor and Theologian Ted Swartz of Ted and Co. Theaterworks will present an all-new show! "A Peek into the Church's Journey with Sexuality" - Friday, October 25, 7 pm at Krehbiel Auditorium, Bethel College, North Newton. Ted will share the stage with Keith Graber Miller, Professor of Bible, Religion and Philosophy at Goshen College, who will speak on the topic of "Toward an Ethic of Sexuality". Purchase tickets (\$10) at Bethel College ticket office, [316-283-2500](tel:316-283-2500). All seats reserved.

Bethel College Fall Festival begins Thursday, Oct. 3, with Taste of Newton downtown. Most events take place **Saturday, Oct. 5**, but there are several on **Friday, Oct. 4**, including: introduction of Bethel College Women's Association's new limerick book, *A BC ABC*, 11 a.m. in convocation and 5-7 p.m. with music and readings in Mojo's Coffee Shop; 7th annual STEM Symposium, honoring chemistry, 1 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; artist reception for Carol Long and "Efflorescence in Clay," 6-8 p.m., Fine Arts Center Gallery; opening night for *You Can't Take It with You*, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium (ticket purchase required). See www.bethelks.edu/fallfest.

The **Bethel College Women's Association Market on the Green Committee** is asking for donations of ethnic foods, poppy seed rolls, zwiebach, homemade noodles, pies, and other baked goods and home grown produce for the Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5. Please bring your items to the large tent on the north side of the green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 a.m. Also available for sale will be gift items that include the NEW! Hot off the press, "*A BC ABC Book*", a limerick book of Bethel life and lore with illustrations by alumni artists. This along with anniversary picnic baskets and T-shirts, pewter Christmas Tree ornaments, stadium seats, cookbooks, Lithuanian candle house replicas of Goerz House and the CD "Nights of Wonder", which features music selections from previous BC Christmas Fests. Come start your Christmas shopping early!

Sun., Oct. 13 – Reinhild K. Janzen will speak on "Art Born of the Great Depression: Newton's 'Mennonite Settler' and Roosevelt's New Deal," **3:30 p.m., Kauffman Museum** (in conjunction with the museum's current special exhibit "Art that Worked: WPA Art in Newton 1935-43").

Tabor College: Dr. Larry Warkentin, Fresno, Calif., will present "Current Trends in Worship Music," Monday, Oct. 7, 9:45am in the ground-floor Wohlgemuth Music building, Tabor College, Hillsboro. His presentation will include the use of music in the Bible and church history as well as today's challenge--how people with widely varying preferences can learn to worship together. The public is welcome (\$4 at the door). Discussion will continue during the optional 11am lunch. For more information contact Connie Isaac, Lifelong Learning Director, conniei@tabor.edu or [620-947-5964](tel:620-947-5964) (home).