

Community and Conference Announcements

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

Maps on the walls

After several years of drawing sad and disproportionate Bible maps on our youth room chalk board and receiving stares as blank as the white cinder block walls, a thought came to me. "Why not paint these walls with colorful Bible maps?" After all, blank white walls did not adequately represent our colorful youth group and my chalkboard maps certainly did no justice to ancient Israel. So the youth scoured their homes for leftover paint from bedroom projects and several weeks later we were making our walls come to life. Using the church projector to project the image, we outlined our maps and then in the weeks that followed we painted our new maps (and each other just a little bit). After the paint dried it was time to project the map back on the wall and label countries, cities and major landmarks. Reading about geography in the Bible helps one become familiar with places, but drawing it on the wall with a sharpie really makes it come to life.

--submitted by Caley Ortman, Interim Youth Leader, Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, KS

Give Blood! As you make plans for April reserve time on the 28th to donate blood in the donor coach between 2:15-5:15 at Goessel Church. At the February drive it was inspiring to have two first-time donors at our drive - one a high school senior, and one who gave to celebrate her 60th birthday after waiting 40 years to try donating again. This shows that saving lives is something you can start anytime! If you're a faithful donor, have given previously but not for awhile now, or if you've never given before please make a plan to join the life-savers and schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org or call [1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767).

Next Year of the Bible Event: A Webinar will be hosted at the AMBS-Great Plains classroom (2500 Place, North Newton) on Wednesday, April 30 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. The topic is "Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?" with Loren Johns, Professor of New Testament at AMBS-Elkhart. No pre-registration required but a fee of \$25 must be paid in cash or check to "AMBS-GP", memo line "Webinar - Scripture" at webinar. Simply show up, listen, and join others in a follow-up discussion. Contact Marlene Bogard (mbogard@mennowdc.org or 316-283-6300) for information.

Tag-Team Preaching? Yup - it's in the plans for WDC Annual Assembly July 4-6 in Waxahachie, TX. Make this gathering part of your summer. Registration and more info available in May.

Retirees' Relaxation Retreat--It's coming soon, this retreat of relaxation for the retirees of any amount of busyness! On April 21-23 at Camp Mennoscah, we'll be gathering up all those little drops of water and grains of sand to create one great retreat about how the little things can have big results. Come let these short days equal one big renewal for you! Contact us at 620-297-3290 for more information or find the brochure at www.campmennoscah.org under Retreats Camp Mennoscah

Kitchen Staff Needed! Camp Mennoscah is on the hunt for those folks who know the difference between apple and core, potato and peeling, peanut butter and jelly. We are looking for kitchen helpers for most of our summer camp weeks except for First Camp. The infamous free camp tee shirt is part of the deal, as well as jubilant campers, swimming, and great times with great folks. Parents can receive a camper discount. Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

MCC Central States is currently recruiting for a "Young Adult Program Coordinator" position. This is a full-time position, working with the young adult programs for Central States, as well as leadership development. The location is open within the Central States region, with a preference for an urban setting. Persons who are interested can send a letter of intent and resume to Melissa Waltner (melissawaltner@mcc.org). You can view the job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/young-adult-program-coordinator-cs>.

MCC Central States is currently recruiting for a "Office Manager/Bookkeeper" position, for the North Newton, Kansas office. This is a 0.8 FTE (Tuesday through Friday) position, which manages the North Newton, Kansas, office functions & also completes various financial & bookkeeping tasks for the region, as well as interacts with volunteers & constituents. Persons who are interested can send a letter of intent and resume to Melissa Waltner (melissawaltner@mcc.org) You can view the job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/office-managerbookkeeper-central-states>

The second film in the KIPCOR spring film series is the 85-minute documentary *Climate Refugees*, about “the human face of climate change”; Sun., April 6, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; talk-back session with Jon Piper, professor of biology, following.

Mon., April 14 – Bethel College and the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution will sponsor a Peace Lecture by Palwasha L. Kakar, winner of Bethel’s 2014 Young Alumnus Award, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center.

Sat., April 19 – Kauffman Museum’s annual Earth Day Adventure will be a bird walk with Gregg Friesen beginning at 7 a.m. at the museum; walk will be on Sand Creek Trail with refreshments to follow at the museum.

Hesston College students and faculty and staff invite you to campus for a fun Friday night and to support a great cause at 7 p.m., April 11 in the Northlawn Studio Theatre. The ***Hesston Idol*** talent show event will raise funds for GiGi’s Playhouse Achievement Center for children with down’s syndrome and their families. An offering will be collected at the show. Contact Amber Davis with questions at [319-461-4607](tel:319-461-4607).

The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies at Tabor College is sponsoring two events on Saturday, May 3, 2014. A Local Mennonite History Tour and lunch, Sat., May 3, 12:15 to 5:15, will begin at Tabor’s Historic Church and circle through the Marion County region, visiting various Polish, Russian, and Swiss Mennonite sites (cost \$28). The CMBS Annual Spring Dinner Meeting, May 3, 6:30 pm, Tabor’s Wohlgemuth Lobby (cost \$15) will feature "Buggies, Bonnets, and Boundaries: The Amish in a Modern World" by John Sharp of Hesston College, Hesston, Kans. Please RSVP to Peggy Goertzen, CMBS, (620)947-3121 ext. 1211/1212 or peggyg@tabor.edu by April 28, 2014.

Choral Concert at Hutchinson Correctional Facility : You are invited to a choral performance at the Central Unit of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. The choir will present a varied program of sacred music, folk songs and spirituals on Saturday evening, April 19 at 7:30. The chorus is comprised of HCF inmates and volunteer singers from the surrounding area. This concert is one of several educational and artistic components comprising the Prison Arts Project of Offender/Victim Ministries. Please contact the OVM office (316 283-2038 or email-- ovm.ks@sbcglobal.net) to submit your name for admission purposes by noon on Monday, April 14. Children under 18 are not permitted in the facility.