

SEEDS

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

Alexanderwohl Reflects on The Bible in 90 Days Experience

During the months of February through April, our church embarked on **The Bible in 90 Days** experience. Approximately 120 adults, including four high school students, attended the classes on Sunday mornings. At least 60 people completed the reading of the entire Bible. (This includes several who listened, rather than read, the entire Bible.) Five people read the Old Testament and a significant portion of the New Testament. At least one person read the New Testament and three others read portions of the Old and New Testaments.

Here are some of the reflections people gave on their experience of reading the Bible in 90 Days....

- It helped me focus on the Lord more fervently and observe the nature of God in different ways.
- It was very helpful to read the entire Bible, cover to cover, in a short time. I feel I have a much better understanding of time lines and context. This is very helpful in my daily devotions and my attempts to follow Christ.
- I had conversations with people about the Bible that I'd never had before. To do something with the whole church was a unifying experience.

We celebrated the culmination of our experience with a "Biblical Feast" in the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 27. The menu was Solomon's chicken, barley stuffing, pita bread with humus or honey butter, cucumber/leek salad with dill, fruit plate with grapes, figs and dates, and "scripture cake."

--submitted by Linda Ewert, Associate Pastor of Christian Formation & Pastoral Care
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Mennonite Central Committee Song on the Lawn is today, June 8 from 5-8pm at WillowSpring Downs (Carol Duerksen and Maynard Knepp's farm). This year's mini-music festival will feature: Book of JEBB, The Bethesda Band, Five Times Harder, Country Jamboree and the Cottonwood River Band! Burgers, hot dogs and the works, and Kettle Corn will be available for a donation all evening long. The Salted Creamery will be selling their amazing homemade ice cream for dessert! Bring table service, lawn chairs, blankets, friends and family for a great evening of music to support the work of MCC.

Summer is here and it's time to try something new! Get a friend and come to Goessel Church on Friday, June 27 between 2:00-6:00 to donate blood and save a life. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment. Another way to help is to volunteer, and those sheets are on the bulletin board. Thanks for your involvement!

Honoring the Leadership Legacy of Myrna Krehbiel. Please plan to join friends and colleagues in offering Myrna congratulations on her retirement and thanking her for 14 years of creative community building at Peace Connections. Come and go reception **Sunday, June 8, 2-4 pm at Carriage Factory Art Gallery**, 128 E. 6th Street, Newton. Refreshments, reflections at 3 pm, and music by Barrick Wilson.

Western District Conference:

Honor Western District's Associate Conference Minister, Gilberto Flores, at our **Annual Assembly** on July 4-6 at Lakeview Camp in Waxahachie, TX. A reception will be held on July 5 to celebrate 50 years of ministry as pastor, church planter, seminary professor and conference minister. Early registration discounts expire on June 20. Visit: mennowdc.org for information.

SAVE THE DATE! Camp Mennoscah's annual Camp Sing will happen after the camping season this year so all you campers will have one more chance to sing your favorite camp songs! Camp Sing will be August 10 at 6 pm at Shalom Mennonite Church. Plan to come!

Nurse Needed! Camp Mennoscah needs a nurse for July 13-19. This position comes with either a stipend or a camper discount. Our campers can't wait to pester you with splinters, scrapes, and the need for a comforting smile! Contact us at 620-297-3290 or campmno@mennowdc.org

Coming soon to a camp in Murdock! **Family Camp** is July 26-27 at Camp Mennoscah. Jesse and Ruth, our trusty leaders, are ready for all sorts of fun! You should expect an Amazing Mennoscah Race (a treasure hunt throughout camp grounds), kickball, river play, campfire, worship, stargazing, drama, ping pong tournament, music jamboree, basketball, and other good times! Brochures available soon.

Mennonite Church USA Announcements

Planning is well underway for the next Mennonite Church USA's biennial convention, June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. In the second newsletter we describe our hopes and dreams for each convention, introduce you to the people involved in planning the worship services, share some memories of past conventions as well as Isaac Villegas' reflections of Luke 24. This newsletter and the latest information about the convention, can be found on our website at: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/>

Send in your seminar ideas - The 2015 Mennonite Church USA convention will run from June 30-July 5, 2015, and we need your seminar and workshop ideas in order to make it extra-great. From June 1-August 15, 2014, submit your ideas online: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/convention-411/seminars/>

Hesston alumni and friends are invited to Explore Kansas! with the renowned Kansas City Symphony in the Flint Hills on Sat., June 14 at the Rosalia Ranch in Butler County. Faculty member John Sharp will also share Flint Hills stories. May 31 deadline tickets are available either as part of the tour or to attend on your own. For costs and more, go to www.hesston.edu or call alumni at 6203278109.

Getting ready to retire? Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on three upcoming Mondays – June 9, July 7 and Aug. 4. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars will take place at Everence Financial, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Darlene Boller at [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:(877)467-7294), [\(620\) 327-4043](tel:(620)327-4043) or darlene.boller@everence.com.