

Tabor Mennonite Church

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Community and Conference Announcements

SEEDS

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

FESTIVAL OF BOOTHS

What better way to celebrate a Year of the Bible than with a Biblical Festival?? At Tabor Mennonite Church, we let our imaginations run wild and dreamed about what it would be like to celebrate a contemporary version of the Biblical Festival of Booths. On September 13-14, our dreams became reality as our church park was transformed into a Festival full of many different booths: A Petting Zoo, Haircuts, Chariot Check, Scripture Snapshots, Farmer's Market, Bubble Play, and more! The evening included a delicious supper of Shepherd's Pie, a fun movie, and a number of families even camped overnight. We gathered in the park again on Sunday morning for a final celebration service to give thanks for God's presence with us through our yearlong journey through the Bible.

--submitted by Pastor Phil Schmidt and Associate Pastor Rosie Jantz, Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton

MCC Central States invites you to join us in collecting personal hygiene items for young girls (ages range from 10-17) at the Secure Unit at Youthville in Newton, KS. Youthville is a nonprofit faith-based agency committed to developing innovative programs that inspire change in at-risk youth and families. All items need to be collected by Oct. 31 at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th St. North Newton, KS 67117). Items that are needed: lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, tampons, socks (crew or no-show), slippers, deodorant, hairspray, mousse, pony tail holders, combs and brushes. Join us as we answer the call to help! Questions? Call [316-283-2720](tel:316-283-2720).

Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum

If you're interested in the Russian Mennonite story, mark your calendars for Saturday morning, Oct. 11. The Mennonite experience in Poland/Prussia and Russia will be the general topic of a two-session lecture series sponsored by Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the museum and the 140th anniversary of Russian Mennonites' migration to Kansas. The venue for this event is the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church's Foundation Room. Speaker for the event is Mark A. Jantzen, associate professor of history at Bethel College. The schedule is: 9 a.m. – "A Long Sojourn in Poland/Prussia"; 10 a.m. – Coffee/coffecake break; 10:30 a.m. – "A Short Sojourn in Russia." Mark, a graduate of Bethel College, has been on the Bethel faculty since 2001. In 2011 he was presented the David H. Richert Distinguished Scholar Award. He received a Ph.D. in Modern European History from University of Notre Dame. He is the author of *Mennonite German Soldiers: Nation, Religion and Family in the Prussian East 1772-1880* as well as numerous other writings. He also co-edited and annotated with John Thiesen, Mennonite Library and Archives archivist, the book *Danzig Mennonite Church: Its History and Origins 1569-1919*. This series is free and open to the public.

Cruising the Internet? Stop in at **Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum's** new website: www.goesselmuseum.com.

Camp Mennoscah:

Register now for the **Fall Scrapbooking Retreats!** Camp Mennoscah has two scrapbooking retreats this fall, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 and Nov. 14-16. Traditional and digital scrapbookers of all skill levels are welcome. Join us for a weekend of cropping, talking, snacking, sessions, and fun! Registration forms can be found at www.campmennoscah.org in Retreats or by calling 620-297-3290.

Fall Cleaning! It's time to clean up the river at Camp Mennoscah. We'll be taking out the dam on October 5th at approx. 2pm to help clear out all that silt and mud that has built up behind the dam. Come dabble in the not-so-precise art of dam removal or enjoy watching!

Thank you to our Work & Play attendees! Many tasks at Camp Mennoscah were completed, including making enough applesauce for nearly all of our summer youth camps, and great fun was had. Thank you also to our cooks Kathleen and Mary, and to Tonya, Gardell, and Peggy for leading our devotionals and music. What a treat to have you all at Camp Mennoscah!

Mustard Yellow and Gaudy Flowers Are Okay--Camp Mennoscah is in need of good condition sofas, loveseats, and comfy chairs or recliners, whatever color or design they may be. Our Buffalo Room furniture is falling apart and grimy after any number of staff meetings and naps. We have picture proof that some of the furniture has been at Camp Mennoscah for over 13 years. If you would like a reason to replace your living room furniture, contact us and we'll take your beautiful-to-us couch off your hands.

Contact & registrations: campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290 for more information on all of the above.

Save the Dates! There will be a Ten Thousand Village Festival Sale in Newton (in the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest). The dates are November 20-22; November 28 & 29; December 4-7. Watch for more details!

Bethel College Fall Festival is coming soon! Most events are Sat., Oct. 18, on campus, including a 2-mile fun run sponsored by the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts (registration fee required); the biennial Schweitzer dialect program; and, in the Entertainment Tent, the Flannelbacks (Bethel student bluegrass band), the Newton Community Children's Choir and Bethel and local high school jazz ensembles. See www.bethelks.edu/fallfest.

CIRCLES® of Marion County is hosting an award winning HBO documentary *American Winter* on October 16 at 6:30pm in the Marion Municipal building, 201 N. 3rd St. Marion. CIRCLES® is proud to bring this film to build awareness of poverty in our county and to raise resources to eliminate poverty from our communities. At intermission for this film an opportunity will be given to everyone to participate financially with CIRCLES® of Marion County. This event is for everyone and free to the public. Dessert will be served.

Fall Mennonite Quilter's Retreat is October 30 - November 2 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Bring your quilting projects, exchange stories and quilting tips, and enjoy the fellowship with other quilt enthusiasts. Come join the fun and get some projects done! Space is limited so register soon at www.rmmc.org or call camp to register (719)687-9506.

Everence: 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 – Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 8. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall and Financial Representative Megan Smith 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 Buller at [\(877\) 467-7294](tel:8774677294), [\(620\) 327-4043](tel:6203274043) or darlene.buller@everence.com

Job Opportunities:

Camp MennoSciah seeks a person who loves Camp to work 30 hours a week as **Office Assistant**.

Under direction of the Camp Director, the job responsibilities include scheduling reservations, entering camp/retreat registration data, assisting with accounting tasks, working with guest groups to meet their needs, sharing in custodial tasks and weekend hosting as assigned by Camp Director. To apply, please email resume and cover letter to campmno@mennowdc.org, or mail same to Olivia Bartel, Camp Director, P.O. Box 65, 9458 SE 40th Street, Murdock, KS 67111. Deadline is September 30.

Executive Director for Mennonite Women USA: Mennonite Women USA seeks a strong, visionary leader and fund-raiser to direct the overall mission and vision of empowering women and women's groups within the Mennonite church. The executive director supervises dispersed staff and coordinates and develops the various ministries, programs, publications and promotional material. This full-time position requires working independently but also part of a team, excellent verbal and written skills, including public speaking, and ability to build relationships with people of diverse backgrounds. Involves travel. See full description at mwusa.org. Send inquiries or resumes to Kathy Bilderback at kabilderback@cableone.net by September. 30.

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter, Inc. currently is accepting resumes for the following position:

Volunteer Coordinator/Bookkeeper. Duties include but are not limited to overseeing the filling of the weekly volunteer schedule, weekly and monthly communication with churches and team leaders, recording donations, reconciling expenditures, processing payroll, and writing thank you letters to donors. Experience with QuickBooks a plus. This is a full-time position, Monday-Friday 9 am-6 pm, paid vacation and holidays. Email resumes to: james@hchs-ks.com Fax resumes to: [316-283-6764](tel:3162836764) Mail resumes to: HCHS, 900 West Broadway, Building 7, Newton, KS, 67114

Harvey County Homeless Shelter: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are in need of volunteers to fill shifts!

9/24, 9/26, 9/27, 9/28, 9/29, 9/30-We need both 5pm-11pm volunteers AND both 11pm-8am volunteers.

9/25-We need both 11pm-8am volunteers. We also need evening meals for 9/27 & 9/29

If you are able to fill a shift please email: denise@hchs-ks.com and let her know when you are available.