

Tabor Mennonite Church

December 14, 2014

Community and Conference Announcements

Christmas is a time for giving, so plan to donate blood on Dec. 22 between 2:00-6:00. It is a busy season, but let's try to beat the Oct. drive, where we only had 10 units given. Taking time to donate this gift of life is so critical in the winter months. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment. Students on vacation are encouraged to donate. You can give at age 17, or 16 with parental consent. We also need 3 volunteers each hour, or you can provide 1 1/2 doz. cookies. Sign up in the lobby if you can help.

Thank you to each one of you who supported our Ten Thousand Village Festival Sale in Newton. Because of your support we sold \$11,590.00 worth of merchandise, which will go to help Third World Artisans make a living, educate their children, and provide income to create more handcrafted items. We were so encouraged by your participation that we are looking forward to a similar sale next fall. Watch for future dates!

-Thank you, The Planning Committee: Dianne Epp, Marlene Ewert, Marvin Holck, Andrea Unzicker, Jim & Janet Zook

Immigration Update—December 14, 3-5 pm at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N Woodland (23rd & Woodland), Wichita KS. Lupe Magdaleno from Sunflower Community Action will present an update on the current status of immigration policy in the U.S., Kansas, and Wichita. The afternoon will begin with a prayer service for immigrants and conclude with a light meal. Free and open to the public. Among the event sponsors are Mennonite Church of the Servant and Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto, both in Wichita, KS.

Lisa Weaver, author of the new book Swords to Plowshares: The Creation of John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion, will present a program, including slides of Klassen's artwork, a historical framework for the story and her process of creating this picture book for all ages, Sunday, December 21, 3:30 p.m., Kauffman Museum auditorium. The book is for sale in the museum shop and Lisa will also be signing copies that afternoon. Call 316-283-1612 for more information.

Mennonite Church USA Convention: Visit Mennonite Church USA's Kansas City convention website: www.mennoniteusa.org/convention. As planning continues, this website will be the one-stop-shop for the many details you'll need to know to start planning your participation in next year's convention. Please bookmark it, forward the link to others and check back often to see the promo videos and find out the unique things we are planning for Kansas City 2015.

Register now for PA 2015, the Mennonite World Conference Assembly to be held July 21-16, 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Nearly 1,000 persons have registered already, including 150 from Zimbabwe! What about you? Make plans now. Go to www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015 to visit the Assembly web page, then select "Register Now".

There will be a Special Christmas concert by Five Times Harder on Sunday, December 21 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, Wichita, KS. A free-will offering will be taken for the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

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