

Tabor Mennonite Church

December 7, 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.

Everyone is invited to a retirement reception for Pastor James Dunn on Sunday, December 7, from 2-4 pm at the Burrton Mennonite Church, Burrton, KS.

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, 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 Central Committee:

You are invited to **MCC's Christmas Open House** on Tuesday, December 9 from 4-6pm at the MCC Center in North Newton (121 E. 30th). Join us to meet the new people in MCC Central States, visit with MCC alumni and at 4:30pm hear a reflection from Carol Duerksen about her recent MCC Learning Tour to Palestine/Israel. We'll have lots of Christmas goodies for you to enjoy while you're here! Drop by MCC on the 9th to enjoy some Christmas cheer!

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".

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Offender/Victim Ministries is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Prison Ministries. This half-time position oversees the M-2 Prison Visitation and the Prison Arts programs at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Full position description available upon request. Interested candidates should submit resumes and cover letters to libby.ovm@sbcglobal.net.

Bethel College:

Sun., Dec. 7 – **Lighting of the Green** at Bethel College, 8 p.m. on the Green; refreshments follow in the cafeteria