

Tabor Mennonite Church

April 12, 2015

Community and Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the Church Planting Commission retreat, April 13-14, as they continue to develop clear pathways forward in new church development for Western District Conference. Pray for Howard Garver as the new Director of Church Planting.
 - ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children who are experimenting with a ministry in which they will serve six months in Ecuador and six months in the United States, sharing spiritual insights between South and North America. This is a joint ministry of Goshen (Indiana) College and MMN.
 - ★ Mennonite Education Agency: *Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN)*. April, designated as the Month of the Young Child, is an attempt to acknowledge the value of early learning. Pray that attention to the spiritual development of the young will be included.
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Mowing crew volunteers needed! Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum needs a couple more people (men or women) on its mowing crew. Mowing the museum lawn with the museum's Hustler takes several hours. Crew members work on a rotating weekly schedule. For more information or to sign on, call the museum at 367-8200; office hours are 12-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Or call outside these hours and leave a message.

Western District Conference:

WDC is sponsoring an Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch June 12-13 on the Bethel College campus in North Newton, KS. The launch will include times for worship and four breakout sessions, where 14 different workshops will be offered. More info and online registration at: <http://mennowdc.org/anabaptist-faith-formation-launch/>.

Tap a shoulder! Camp Mennoscah is looking for applicants for the following summer staff positions: lifeguard, nature, and crafts. These are leadership positions with a weekly stipend and room & board. The application form can be found at www.campmennoscah.org under Resources. The people who hold these positions are vital to our camping ministry and have the opportunity to make a great impact on the lives of campers and other staff. It's an amazing and fun way to spend a summer!

Head cooks, kitchen helpers, and nurses are needed for Camp Mennoscah's summer youth camps! The weeks we still need wonderful and incredible people vary, depending on the position. Contact us at 620-297-3290 for more information or email olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. Can't make it? Suggest being part of the Camp Mennoscah crew to someone else! (Don't forget to mention the free camp tee shirt!)

Retirees Retreat on April 27-29--There are still spaces available at Camp Mennoscah's Retirees Retreat. We're revisiting Ukraine with speakers Justina Neufeld, Keith Sprunger, and Karen McCabe-Juhnke, to name a few. There will also be time to enjoy the camp grounds and share conversation over coffee/tea. Contact us at 620-297-3290 to join the fun!

Wrong Date--The Camp Mennoscah annual meeting date found in the 2015 catalog is not correct and, in fact, we don't even know what the date will be. (We have no idea where the listed date came from.) So, pull out your black Sharpie markers and cross out that information. Thank you to all of you who already put the annual meeting on your calendars--we promise to let you know when we actually have a date for the meeting!

Summer camps at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp will be here before you know it! There is still space in Resident Camps and some Wilderness Camps for youth to join in the fun. To register, try our new online registration or download a PDF registration from our website. We hope you plan to visit us in the mountains this summer! www.rmmc.org

Mennonite Church Announcements:

Are you planning on attending Mennonite World Conference's Assembly July 21-26 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania? Then share your photo and you might be featured on an upcoming bookmark! Find out more or print past bookmarks for members of your congregation at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

Peace Connections Fundraiser:

What: Peace by Piece Decades Fashion Show (Appetizers and Mocktail Bar provided - Tickets \$25.00)

Who: Peace Connections (Supporter of Circles of Hope and Summer Enrichment Activities)

Where: Dyck Arboretum, Hesston, Kansas

When: Saturday, April 18th 7:00 -- 9:00 pm

Please contact Peace Connections at 316-284-0000 or email info@peaceconnections.org to purchase tickets, receive a promotional flyer or if you have any questions.

Bethel College:

Mon., April 13 -- **Dr. Francis McMahon**, renowned bipolar genetics expert at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), will talk about his current project, a bipolar genetics study related to Mennonite and Amish people, 7 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College. Sponsors are the Bethel College chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Mid-Kansas NAMI.

DATE/TIME CHANGE: Fri., April 24 – **Michelle Unruh senior piano recital**, 6 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College

Sun., April 19 – **Dr. Robert E. Weems Jr. speaks at Kauffman Museum**, 3 p.m. This is the third program connected to the special exhibit "Sorting Out Race." Weems is Willard W. Garvey Distinguished Professor of Business History at Wichita State University and will speak on "Defining the 'Other': A History of Racial Stereotypes."

Sun., April 19 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble with guests William Browning, baritone, and the McPherson Community Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall

Bethel College's annual celebration of student research, experiential learning and creative activity is the URICA Seminar: Thurs., April 23 – Artist reception for Student Art Exhibit, 6-8 p.m. outside Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center; Thurs., Fri. and Sat., April 23-25, spring play, The Dining Room, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center (ticket purchase required); Fri., April 24, student research presentations beginning at 11 a.m. (see www.bethelks.edu for schedule and locations).

Do you have the winning ball from an important game? Did your athletic team foster international friendships? Did your sport help you overcome adversity in a significant way? Kauffman Museum is looking for Bethel College and other local school and community sports artifacts that tell great stories. If you have one you'd consider loaning for an exhibition next school year, please contact Rachel Epp Buller at rebuller@bethelks.edu or 316-284-5222 by Monday, April 20.

Tabor College:

The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies Annual Spring Dinner Meeting, May 2nd, 2015, 6:30 p.m. in the Wohlgemuth Lobby, Tabor College, will feature "Mennonite Migrants, Mennonite Soldiers: Tracking Mennonite Identity Across Four Centuries in Poland, Prussia, and Russia through the Lens of Military Service Exemptions" by Dr. Mark Jantzen of Newton, Kansas. Cost of dinner and program is \$16.00. Please RSVP to Peggy Goertzen, CMBS, at 620.947.3121 ext. 1211/1212 or peggyg@tabor.edu.

Getting ready to retire? Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, April 13. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare and Social Security, 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, (620) 327-4043 or darlene.buller@everence.com.

Prairie View invites visual artists to submit up to three pieces of original art for its fine art fundraiser/exhibition, "A Beautiful View." Deadline (through digital submission) is May 8. Accepted works are due May 22. For info or to enter, see www.prairieview.org/abeautifulview (click on "Invitation to Exhibit Original Art."). The event, with silent and live auctions, is 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 4 at Carriage Factory Art Gallery, Newton, Kan. Proceeds will go to Prairie View to treat mental illness and addiction disorders. Questions? Contact Misty Elder, eldermd@pvi.org, 316-284-6385.