

Tabor Mennonite Church

April 19, 2015

Community and Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for wise discernment for the Search Committee and Chair Sondra Bandy Koontz as they seek a new Executive Conference Minister for Western District Conference. Pray for candidates and their discernment as well.
 - ★ Mennonite Mission Network: JCS International, the umbrella agency through which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in Mongolia, is searching for an executive director as Kwai Lin Stephens will not be renewing her role when she completes her current term. Pray that the person God is calling to this role will say, "Yes."
 - ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that the thirty-two students graduating from Eastern Mennonite Seminary on April 25 will have the courage and grace to follow the next steps in God's call.
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Blood Mobile: The next chance to give the gift of life through your blood donation is between 2:15-5:15 at the mobile unit on Monday, April 27. The need is constant so please call 1-800-RED-CROSS for an appointment.

Homeless Shelter Volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Reception sponsored by the Harvey Co. Homeless Shelter on April 25 from 3-4p.m. at First United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Please come for cake and ice cream and chances to win a gift certificate or prize.

Biking Across Kansas (BAK) is coming through Goessel on their route across Kansas this year! We will be their hosts on June 10-11. They will begin arriving before lunch on Wednesday and leave after breakfast Thursday. There will be 901 riders and support staff. Lodging for the night will be provided at the high school and outdoors in the area of the football field and beyond. It will be an opportunity for Goessel schools, churches, and other organizations to work together to provide the meals and snacks for all of these people. Alexanderwohl, Tabor, and Goessel Mennonite churches will provide one of the supper meal options on June 10. We ask you to put June 10 on your calendars and be ready to respond when help is needed to prepare food and serve the BAK guests who will be in our community. More information will be coming soon! Funds received from this meal will go to the Goessel Ministerial Alliance (GMA) and then be distributed among the three churches and GMA.
-Goessel Ministerial Alliance

Western District Conference:

Save the date - **A come and go farewell for Clarence Rempel**, retiring WDC Conference Minister, will be held on June 28, from 2:30 - 5:00 pm at the WDC Office in North Newton, KS.

Anabaptist Faith Formation Launch - June 12-13 - Bethel College, North Newton, KS - Practical, meaningful ways for congregations to form faith! More info and register at: <http://mennowdc.org/anabaptist-faith-formation-launch/>

Camp Mennoscah's early registration deadline ends May 1! We know it feels like a long, long time from now, but in just a few short weeks, that discount will disappear. Go to www.campmennoscah.org to register online or contact us at office@campmennoscah.org for a paper form. Returning campers--bring a new friend and receive a free camp tee shirt!

Tabor campers: remember to sign up on the bulletin board to receive a \$50 scholarship for camp.

Dear folks, you make the lives of campers and staff so much better. You cook, you volunteer as counselors or custodial or maintenance, and you laugh with us. More of you are needed for the summer youth camps at Camp Mennoscah. We need **kitchen helpers** for June 7-13, June 29-July 2, July 19-25, and July 26-31 especially, and **head cooks** for June 29-July 2, July 5-9, and July 19-25. A **nurse** is needed for June 7-13. Kitchen helpers can receive a camper discount for up to full camp fees. Head cooks and nurses receive a stipend or the camper discount. Contact Camp Mennoscah at olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org or 620-297-3290.

Prayer Retreat: The Convention Prayer Team and AMBS-Kansas Center will host a Prayer Retreat prior to the MCUSA Convention in July. This retreat is intended for pastors, congregational leaders, delegates, members and anyone who is interested in coming together to join in prayer in preparation for Convention. This retreat will be held on Sunday, May 3 at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston, KS. The retreat begins at 4:30pm and will conclude with a fasma supper at 6:00, so participants are invited to bring fasma finger foods (bread, meat, cheese, pickles, fruit, etc.) to share. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please see <https://www.ambs.edu/news-events/Prayer-Gathering.cfm> To RSVP as a congregation or as an individual, please contact Katherine Goerzen at kccoordinator@ambs.edu by April 27.

Adult Bible School: Sermon on the Mount: June is the month for Bible School, and so any adult (congregation member, pastor, anyone interested in the Bible) who is looking for an opportunity for spiritual growth, renewed discipleship, and a chance to dive deeper into the Bible is invited to participate in an Adult Bible School on the Sermon on the Mount. This continuing education opportunity is hosted by AMBS-Kansas Center and will be taught by Jerry Truex. It will meet June 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7:00-9:30pm at the Hesston Mennonite Church in Hesston, KS. Normally continuing education opportunities like this cost \$200. However, this event has been sponsored by South Central Conference and Western District Conference. Due to their generosity, the cost per person is only \$50 (please plan to register by May 11 for this reduced rate). Registration is available at <https://www.ambs.edu/academics/Sermon-on-the-Mount-course.cfm> For more information, please contact Katherine Goerzen at kcordinator@ambs.edu.

Mennonite Church Announcements:

New in 2015: **Mennonite World Conference's Assembly** (July 21-26, Harrisburg, PA) will feature small groups! These multicultural groups will meet daily for conversation and prayer as we get to know our Mennonite brothers and sisters around the world. Find out more or give to the world scholarship fund at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

Healthcare workers--past, present, and future: Don't miss this event immediately prior to Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly! Bring the whole family to the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) Annual Gathering, July 19-21 in Harrisburg, PA. The theme is "Walking Together for Healthy Communities." Plenary presenters include Ted & Company, Shane Claiborne, and Dr. Ann Thyle from India. Grants are available for students, volunteers, and those from outside the US and Canada. Children and youth program for ages 0-18 provided. For more information and registration, go to www.mennohealth/gathering, email info@mennohealth.org, or call toll-free to 1-888-406-3643.

Bethel College:

Today (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

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

Sun., April 26 – **Kauffman Museum's annual Earth Day Adventure**, 2 p.m. at the museum. Children are invited to help launch a new collaborative project with Trees for Life/Books for Life International by participating in a brainstorming workshop with creative writing facilitator Gail Pryce. A representative from Trees for Life will also speak. For more information, contact Andi Schmidt Andres or Annette LeZotte at 316-283-1612.

Sun., April 26 – Bethel College Men's Ensemble, performance with **Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus**, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall

Sun., May 3 – **Annual Masterworks concert** with Bethel College choirs, Oratorio Chorus and Philharmonia Orchestra, Brahms' German Requiem, 3 p.m. (change in time from printed calendars), Memorial Hall (ticket purchase required; available at the door)

Hesston College Theatre will host a summer theatre camp June 1 to 6 for middle school students ages 11 to 13. The workshops will give participants opportunities to work in every aspect of staging a performance from creating the script to painting the set, working backstage and performing. Registration is \$40. Financial assistance is available upon request. Register online at hesston.edu/theatrecamp by May 11, or by contacting Laura Kraybill at 620-327-8142 or laurak@hesston.edu.

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.

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.

The FloraKansas Spring Plant Sale will be held April 24-27, 2015, at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale and participate in the members only sale on Thursday, April 23, 1 to 7 p.m. Current Dyck Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales. For more information, call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org.