Tabor Mennonite Church June 28, 2015 Community and Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Thank God for the ministry of Clarence Rempel, Executive Conference Minister, who will be retiring on June 30. Pray for Heidi Regier Kreider, Executive Conference Minister elect, who will begin her work on August 17.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN rejoices with Ghana Mennonite Church, which experienced reconciliation between a group of congregations in the northern part of the country that had withdrawn several years ago. Pray for the newly reunited church that now consists of 28 congregations and a membership of about 5,000 baptized members.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the MEA board of directors meeting tomorrow and Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo. Pray that God might grant the board wisdom as they serve to strengthen the connection between Mennonite educational institutions and Mennonite Church USA.

Dear Supporters of Harvey County Homeless Shelter,

I am always amazed at your generosity. Whenever we ask for your help, you are faithful in your giving. Because of your donations and volunteer hours, HCHS is able to continue serving the poor of our community throughout every season.

Every summer our funds for operations run low. Our lowest months to receive monetary donations are June, July, August and September. **Our current cash reserves are at 25% of what we had last year at this time.** This is unfortunate due to the fact that the homeless need to feel Christ's love all year long – it's not just the cold months that they need food and shelter.

You have continuously made it possible for our residents to stay at HCHS after entering during the summer, only to move on to become success stories after being shown love and compassion through your gifts. Last summer, a single mother of two sweet little boys entered the shelter during a hot summer month. Because of your compassion, she was able to receive help to get back onto her feet and is now in her own apartment, working a full time job.

Please prayerfully consider my request for help. If you are willing to give towards helping with our operational expenses at this time of year, it would be greatly appreciated. Your tax deductible gifts can be mailed to the address below, or you may choose to give through our website at hchs-ks.com/donate.

Thank you for your consideration, Donna Balzer Board of Directors, President Harvey County Homeless Shelter PO Box 978 Newton, KS 67114

P.S. Right now, your generosity is keeping men, women and children off of the street and giving them a chance to feel the love of Jesus through our ministry. You directly affect the lives of many people each year through your giving. How many more people can you provide with a place to gain a second chance and a community filled with Christ's love?

Western District Conference:

Everyone is invited to a come and go **farewell for Clarence Rempel** on Sunday, June 28, from 2:30-5 pm at the WDC office in North Newton, KS.

Camp Mennoscah:

All-Ages Family Camp at Camp Mennoscah on July 25-26! This camp is for everyone--any state of life, any fashion style, and for all favorite colors! Join Katie Best and Alan Stucky for a weekend of amazing camp activities like canoeing, swimming, ultimate frisbee, pop break, campfire and worship. Sign up online at www.campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290 for a brochure. It's going to be fun for all ages!

Mental Health Spiritual Retreat--The annual Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is Sept. 6-7. All who are affected by mental illness, including family members and friends, are welcome to join us in supporting one another, enjoying camp activities, and relaxing in fellowship with others. Scholarships are available. Register online or request a brochure at 620-297-3290.

Still room for more campers! While there are a few camps that are nearly, practically, essentially almost full, Camp Mennoscah has room for more campers. Please call <u>620-297-3290</u> to confirm open spaces or register online. Our summer theme is Power UP: Living in the Spirit. We're having a blast--come be part of it!

Mark your calendars with the **Camp Mennoscah Camp Sing** on August 9 at 6pm at Grace Hill Mennonite Church. Sing camp songs, enjoy pop and popcorn, and wear your favorite camp tee shirt!

Persons not planning to register for and attend the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City, June 30-July 5, may attend 3 events without registration or cost: Opening worship at the Convention Center on Tuesday, June 30, from 7:15-8:45 pm; closing worship on Sunday, July 5, from 10-11:30 am, with Shane Claiborne as the featured preacher; and the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus program on Friday evening, July 3, beginning at 6:30 in the Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, located at 415 W 13th St.

Mennonite World Conference:

It's not too late to register for PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference. PA 2015 will be held July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA. Register on-line for full-time and part-time attendance at https://www.mwc-cmm.org/pennsylvania-2015

Join the global Anabaptist family in worship: MWC has created worship materials to be used by Anabaptist congregations throughout the world on Sunday, July 26, 2015. These materials are on the theme "Walking with God: Stepping Forward" and are available at www.mwc-cmm.org/26julyworship

Are you excited about Mennonite World Conference's Assembly this summer, even if you can't come? Then join us on social media: we're on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Share your own photos and stories from life in your Anabaptist community and read about, watch, and listen to what's happening in Harrisburg this July 21-26. Find the links at mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

It takes hundreds of people to plan and prepare for **Mennonite World Conference's Assembly this July 21-26.**Thousands of Anabaptists from around the world will converge on Harrisburg, PA to worship, learn, and play together. How can you help! **Join the prayer team!** More info at: mwc-cmm.org/pa2015prayernetwork.

A farewell tribute will be held for Anthony Brown and his contribution to the Hesston area community the past 15 years. The program will feature songs from Tony, along with homemade ice cream and refreshments. Contributions will be accepted for the Peacing It Together Foundation, and Tony's efforts to share the message of peace and social justice around the world. Water's Edge Restaurant, Hesston, 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 8th.