

# Tabor Mennonite Church

September 20, 2015

## Congregational Announcements

### Tuesday, Sept. 22

**9:30 am**—Staff meeting.

**12:00 pm**—Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Bethesda. Please call the church or sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

**7:00 pm**—Deacon meeting.

### Wednesday, Sept. 23

**5:20 pm**—Faithful fitness

**6:45 pm**—Adult Bible Study begins!

**Next Sunday Worship Service:** Our scripture focus will be Micah 6:6-8. Pastor Phil will be preaching.

**All college-age people** are invited to Les and Cynthia Goerzen's home next Sunday, September 27, after the church service for devotions and visiting, followed by lunch.

**Commitment forms** were emailed to you or placed in your church mailbox. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to serve Tabor in this coming year. Forms are due by October 11.

**Fall Workday:** This is a reminder for the workday on Sept. 26th, starting at 8:00 am. We will be doing some tree trimming and some work around the playground equipment. If you could bring shovels, rakes, gloves or a pole saw, that would be helpful. Heavy equipment will be provided. If you would be willing to provide snacks for a break, thank you.

The merry-go-round is going to be removed from the park this fall due to insurance concerns. If you, as a church member, are interested in owning this piece of equipment for a donation, please talk to a trustee. If multiple people are interested, we will sell it by means of an auction.

**Sexton Position:** Please be in prayerful consideration for the position of church Sexton and for a trustee as you consider your involvement here at Tabor Church this year. If you are interested in either position, please talk to a trustee for more information.

**Support for Michael Unruh:** The Deacons are providing a way to contribute to Michael Unruh's education expenses at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Gifts may be placed in Ron Schroeder's mailbox. Make checks payable to Tabor Mennonite Church Deacon Fund. The money will be sent on to AMBS in Elkart, Indiana.

**Harvest Giving Walk:** The Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk will take place September 27, 1:30 p.m., leaving from Goessel Mennonite Church. There is still time to sign up as a walker/runner with your church recruiter who is anxiously waiting to hear from you. We are trying to exceed our total from last year which will make a difference for projects through MCC like Global Families and Farmer Friday. Make your check out to Harvest Giving Walk, which will then be dispersed to MCC and to the Tabor Church Food Pantry for local needs. These are our walkers: Phil and Mary Schmidt, Kevin Nickel, Kenton Nickel, Brent and Sam Abrahams and Jerry Toews. Find a walker today to support.

**Western District Conference Annual Assembly** will be held on the Bethel College campus on October 30-31. Information about the assembly is posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to serve as a Tabor Church delegate, please contact Pastor Phil or the church office.

### **Dates to Remember:**

September 23: Adult Bible Study begins

September 26: Fall work day at Tabor

September 27: Harvest Giving Walk

September 30: Wednesday Evening Kickoff

October 7-13: Tabor serves at the Harvey County Homeless Shelter

October 18: Fellowship Event: Hayrack ride to Papa's Pumpkin Patch

October 30-31: WDC Annual Assembly 2015 at Bethel College

### OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE September 13, 2015

Offering	= \$ 3,824.47	Attendance	= 151
Adult S.S.	= \$ 47.00	Attendance	= 37
Jr. S.S.	= \$ 11.39	Attendance	= 31

## Community Announcements

**The Goessel Harvest Giving Walk Coordinators**, Elton and Denise Nickel, are ready to retire from this position. If you are passionate about raising a large amount of money for MCC and for our local food pantry, contact them (367-2226) to inquire about this volunteer position.

## Conference Announcements

### **Prayer Requests:**

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's blessing on Rachel Ringenberg Miller at her installation as pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today is Peace Sunday. Pray that materials created by MMN's Peace and Justice Support Network will help Mennonite congregations speak out against the violence of racism within the church and in our societies throughout the coming year.

- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Remember the Hesston College community as they celebrate Homecoming 2015 and the new, updated spaces on campus. Thank God for the rich, diverse backgrounds and experiences each student and alum contributes to the community.

**The WDC Annual Assembly** is a gathering of Western District folks from near and far, this year at historic Bethel College in N Newton. One way that you can support WDC is through serving as a host home for those who will be traveling from a distance. Those who can make their guest room available on October 30 and 31 are invited to either sign up on the registration form (if you are attending), or contact WDC at [316-283-6300](tel:316-283-6300) or [wdc@mennowdc.org](mailto:wdc@mennowdc.org) (if you are not attending). Thank you!

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

**Scrapbooking Retreats-** October 31-November 1 and November 6-8.

**We will take out the dam** on Sunday, October 4, at approximately 2pm.

Contact: Phone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290), Email: [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org)

Registration: [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)

**Where is the Good News for Rural Folk?** AMBS-Kansas Center will be hosting S. Roy Kaufman's webinar entitled "Where is the Good News for Rural Folk?" This webinar will take place on Wednesday, September 30 from 1:00 – 2:30pm at the AMBS-Kansas Center classroom at 2517 N Main in N Newton. This webinar will explore how a ministry of community formation might take place in the lives of declining rural congregations, enabling these congregations to become missional agents of change in their communities. Cost is \$10 per participant. Please contact Katherine Goerzen at [kgoerzen@ambs.edu](mailto:kgoerzen@ambs.edu) to register. The registration deadline is September 23.

**Annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista-IBA benefit dinner**, Fri., Oct. 16 at 6:30 pm, First Mennonite Church of Newton fellowship hall. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. A short program will follow featuring a hymn by IBA student Javier Rodriguez, a dance performed by the children of Iglesia Mennonita Casa Betania, and video presentation by Ervin Stutzman. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity for a Sunday School, Small Group or individuals to come and hear how this program is equipping Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education Program. For any inquiries contact Violeta Ajquejay at: [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org) or call [316-281-4342](tel:316-281-4342)

**Mennonite Disaster Service and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp** are collaborating in a disaster mitigation project to stop the spread of the spruce beetle to other trees on the camp property. Volunteers are urgently needed at RMMC in Divide, Colorado - any time from Oct. 2 through Oct. 10. Help fell, limb and remove logs, chip branches, debark trees that cannot be removed, split and stack firewood. All skill levels welcome! Accommodations, meals and tools provided. Please contact Corbin Graber to volunteer: [719-687-9506](tel:719-687-9506).

#### **Mennonite Central Committee:**

**MCC Borderlands Learning Tour 2015** - you are invited to participate in a learning tour designed to bring awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization and effects on sister communities by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. Borderlands. Participants will increase their understanding of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities. The tour is Oct. 28-Nov. 4, leaving from Tucson, AZ. For more information contact Saulo Padilla, MCC U.S. Immigration Education Coordinator at [saulopadilla@mcc.org](mailto:saulopadilla@mcc.org), or go online to learn more and register [mcc.org/borderlands-tour](http://mcc.org/borderlands-tour).

**Leave or stay?** Many Syrian families face that question as international humanitarian assistance dwindles and the patchwork of resources they used to rely on wears thin. Your gift of money helps Mennonite Central Committee continue to provide food, water, rent assistance and winter supplies so families that decide to stay in the region can survive the cold weather ahead. Please give online at [mcc.org/syria-iraq](http://mcc.org/syria-iraq); by phone at [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676); or by check, sent to MCC U.S., P.O. Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. Thank you!

#### **Bethel College:**

**Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum**, Today, September 20, 3pm, *Kauffman Museum*. Ben Chappell, a professor of American studies at the University of Kansas, will speak on softball as a cultural resource, using the example of Mexican-American fast-pitch softball and Newton's annual summer tournament, the oldest in the country. Mon., Sept. 21, Chappell will speak in Bethel's convocation, 11 a.m., and moderate a panel of Newton community members talking about the fast-pitch tournament, 7 p.m., both in *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center*. (This is part of the "Root for the Home Team" special programming.)

**Fall Festival:** Saturday, Oct. 10, at Bethel College. Check it out at [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest)

#### **Hesston College:**

**Homecoming 2015:** A campus transformation Sept. 24 to 27. Fun for the whole family, See the full weekend schedule for other exciting events at [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming).

Regina Calcaterra, author of *Etched in Sand* will discuss her book and advocacy work with foster care at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5 in the Hesston Mennonite Church sanctuary, 309 S. Main. The book, which was chosen as the college's 2015 First-year Experience (FYE) common read, traces her and her four siblings' childhood experiences with abandonment, physical abuse and a fear of the foster system that was put in place to protect them. A follow-up question and answer session will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 at the Hesston Public Library. Both events are free and open to the public. Copies of the book are available at the Hesston and Newton Public libraries for any who wish to read her account prior to the presentations.