

## Tabor Mennonite Church

September 27, 2015

### Congregational Announcements

**Harvest Giving Walk:** TODAY IS THE HARVEST GIVING WALK! You can still sign up to walk or run and you can still get your checkbook out to give a donation payable to the Harvest Giving Walk. Find your walkers in the church foyer today for your generous giving to help MCC respond to many poverty needs, as well as the expenses of our local Tabor Food Pantry. Walkers are invited to bring an item for the food pantry. Please be at the Goessel Mennonite Church by 1:15 p.m. to sign in. Walkers from our church are: Phil & Mary Schmidt, Brent & Sam Abrahams, Kenton Nickel, Kevin Nickel, Jerry Toews, Cindy Gaddis Family, Russell Adrian, Carrie Smith, Duane Duerksen.

**Narrative Budget Reports** are due today. Please email (preferred method) to [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org) or leave a copy in the secretaries mailbox.

**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.

**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.

**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.

### 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.

**Shingle tear-off at the Museum, October 3:** The Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum board is looking for volunteers to help tear off shingles and tin from the Bank Building roof. Depending on the weather, we plan to do this next Saturday, October 3, at 9am (the following week, Marlin Janzen will be roofing the building). Interest persons can contact Steve Banman at 620-755-0374 or email at [ssbanman@mtelco.net](mailto:ssbanman@mtelco.net) for more information.

**Journey to a historic Kansas landmark** for a collaborative concert with the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers at the Basilica of St. Fidelis Church: The Cathedral of the Plains in Victoria, Kan., at 6 p.m., Sunday, October 25. Bus transportation leaving from Hesston is available for \$50 per person. Reserve your spot by Oct. 14 by calling 620-327-8109.

### Conference Announcements

#### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for God's blessing on Tim Amor at his installation as pastor at Beatrice Mennonite Church (Nebraska) today.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: MMN partners Annette and Paco Castillo are commissioned by the Mennonite Church in Burgos, Spain, to begin a children's ministry in Ivory Coast. The Castillos, who began the *La Casa Grande* ministry in Benin, request prayer for the children's health and for electricians and plumbers to mentor apprentices.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that the Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Training programs, Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) and Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) would be a source of blessing as they train leaders to work towards the expansion of God's kingdom.

#### The Western District Conference Annual Assembly:

WDC Assembly planners invite you to be involved with this year's meeting through intentional prayer. The church offices have received a sheet of "prayer prompts" for each half hour of the Assembly, October 30-31. There is no more important way to support WDC and be involved with the Annual Assembly than through prayer. Ask your pastor for a copy of the list, (or find it online at: [www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/](http://www.mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/)) and agree to pray for at least one of the items/prayer times listed there.

### **Camp Mennoscah:**

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

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

The Bethel College Women's Association **Market on the Green** Committee is asking for donations of ethnic foods, poppy seed rolls, zwiebach, homemade noodles, pies, and other baked good and home grown produce for the Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 10. Please bring your items to the large Market on the Green tent on the north side of the Green anytime Saturday morning after 7:30 am. In addition to baked goods and home grown produce, we will be selling other items including a Large Canvas Tote Bag with the Bethel logo embroidered on it, a Threshing Stone charm and chain, the limerick book of Bethel life and lore, *A BC ABC Book*, Stadium Seats, Cookbooks, and the CD "Nights of Wonder," which features music selections from previous BC Christmas Fests. Come check out the delicious food items and start your Christmas shopping early with the many gift items!

### **Hesston College:**

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.

**Getting ready to retire?** Everence will present an informational seminar, "Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices" at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on four upcoming Mondays – Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Everence Financial Advisor Robert Wall will speak on Medicare and Social Security, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain the options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminars will take place at the Everence office, 371 N. Old Highway 81, Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Tanya Burns at (620) 327-4043, (877) 467-7294 or [tanya.burns@everence.com](mailto:tanya.burns@everence.com).