

Tabor Mennonite Church

October 11, 2015

Congregational Announcements

Pledge Cards: The Finance Task Force has placed a secured mailbox in the foyer to receive your pledge cards. We also remind everyone that donations to the Facility Fund are best placed in the offering with a memo note indicating "Facility Fund".

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.

Toys! The nursery toys were sorted and toys which are no longer needed were removed. If you would like any of the toys, you are welcome to take them from the tub in the fellowship hall. Any toys which are left will be donated to the St. Francis Foster Care program.

Playing at the Patch: Plan to join us for a fun afternoon at Papa's Pumpkin Patch next Sunday, October 18. Meet at the church park at 3:30 p.m. if you would like to ride the hayrack or head directly to the Patch and meet there at 4:00 p.m. Please bring money for paid activities as well as for supper.

Tabor Mennonite Women: Tuesday, October 20th we will meet at the MCC Center in North Newton for a work day from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please bring a sack lunch, and also something for our break time. If you are willing to provide devotions, please contact Elaine Unruh.

What's Cookin'? Soup! Come to the Tabor Church fellowship hall on October 29, 6:30 p.m. to cook and taste a variety of soups. What's Cookin'? is offered by the Tabor Church Food Pantry and is open to anyone in the community who is interested in coming for menu ideas, cooking fun, and fellowship. RSVP is requested but not required. (367-2318 or email: tabor@tabormennonite.org)

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.

Meat Canning this year will be on November 9 and 10. Sign up on the bulletin board to volunteer. If you wish to make a monetary contribution, checks can be made out to Tabor Mennonite Church, earmarked "MCC meat canning", and placed in the truck in the foyer. Contact Kenton Nickel with any questions.

Community Announcements

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will have their only concert of the fall semester in collaboration with the **Goessel High School Elbiata Singers** at 6 p.m., Sunday, October 25 at the historic Basilica of St. Fidelis Church: The Cathedral on the Plains, in Victoria, Ks. Bus transportation leaving from Hesston is available for \$50 per person. Reserve your spot by October 14 by calling 620-327-8109.

Red Cross Blood Mobile: At the October 20 blood drive we will be serving pies to celebrate reaching our goal in August. The individuals who take time out of their busy schedules to donate their blood or their time are very much appreciated!! Red Cross is trying something new this drive. It is an Express Drive with only 2 beds and 1 nurse, so call soon to reserve the time you want.

Bethesda Home Pillars Banquet: Mark your calendars for November 8th, and plan to attend this year's Bethesda Home Pillars Banquet. The event will be held at the Dyck Arboretum and catered by Keith's Foods. Help support Bethesda, and enjoy fellowship and entertainment. More information to come.

The 3rd Annual Goessel Community Thanksgiving Meal will be on Sunday, November 15, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Goessel Elementary School Gymnasium. Everyone in the community is invited. The Alexanderwohl, Goessel and Tabor churches provide food and volunteers to make this event possible. **Signup sheets for salads, bread or desserts, turkey or ham are up in the lobby today.** Monetary donations are also welcome to be used toward the expenses for the meal, such as paper goods and other food items like potatoes, vegetables, and meat. You may write your check out to "Goessel Ministerial Alliance" and give it to your church office. The meal planning team is Keith and Barb Banman, Linda Peters, Janice Funk Voth, Becky Wedel and Lynette Duerksen. Goessel Ministerial Alliance members are Phil Schmidt, Brad Penner, Gail Graber, Peter Emery and Linda Ewert. We are so grateful for your participation and support!

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for leaders and students in WDC congregations who participate in Instituto Biblico Anabautista, as it equips Hispanic leaders in the Mennonite Church.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Beyler of MMN is attending a different Mennonite congregation in Hokkaido, Japan, each Sunday this month. Pray for her today as she preaches and engages through a music ministry of piano accompaniment and teaching new hymns.

- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the search committee seeking applicants for the next president of Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va. Pray that they would have clarity around their task and responsibility.

The Western District Conference Annual Assembly: Do you like food with your meetings? Yes? Then please register by October 16 to receive the meal plan while you are at the WDC Assembly on October 30-31. Go to mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/ and get ready for a great time of discerning, learning and worship.

The annual **Instituto Bíblico Anabautista**-IBA BENEFIT dinner will take place Friday, October 16 at 6:30 pm in the 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 inquires contact Violeta Ajquejay at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call [316-281-4342](tel:316-281-4342)

Camp Mennoscah: Camp Mennoscah's Scrapbooking Retreats on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8 have space for beginner scrappers, expert scrappers, and all in-betweeners. It's a time for chatting, snacking, and organizing all those memories. You can register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). We'll see you soon!

The Annual meeting for Mennonite Disaster Service Region III will be held October 30-31, 2015 at: The Ark on Table Rock Lake, Conference Center, 1190 State Hwy. East, Eagle Rock, Missouri 65641. You are invited to attend. Check with your Church office for a registration form.

Harvey County Homeless Shelter: Save the date for a volunteer appreciation event Sat. Nov 14th, 6pm.

2nd Annual Ten Thousand Village Festival Sale: Friday, November 27 through Saturday, December 5 (except Sunday) with daily hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. We will be located at Peace Connections this year which is located at 612 North Main, Newton. Our goal is to place new items on the shelves everyday.

The Hesston College Music Department will present Joseph Haydn's *The Creation* for the annual Thanksgiving celebration on Thursday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Community members are invited to join the college choirs, under the direction of Russell Adrian, by singing in the chorus. Participants must use the red New Novello choral score, ed. Pilkington, which can be purchased at the first rehearsal for \$25. Six weekly rehearsals will begin on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. More information and a complete rehearsal schedule can be found at www.hesston.edu/creation, or by contacting Russell.Adrian@hesston.edu, [620-327-8143](tel:620-327-8143).

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains: The first concert of the 2015-16 Prairie Window Concert Series, featuring Nashville fiddling duo 10 String Symphony, will be Sunday, October 18 at 4 p.m. at the Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Join us for an evening of great music and good food in a prairie garden setting. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$10 kids, plus tax. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount. Call [620-327-8127](tel:620-327-8127) to reserve your seats.

Hoffnungssau Mennonite Church: 43 13th Ave., rural Inman, scheduled its annual Mission Supper from 5 to 7pm on Saturday, Oct. 17. The proceeds to benefit Saint Francis Community Services – Hutchinson Adoption Unit to provide Christmas gifts for special needs children waiting for adoptive families. For a free will donation, diners served include baked sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, applesauce, rolls and homemade pie.

Advantages of long-term care insurance: Statistics show that many of us will need some sort of long-term care as we get older. Long-term care insurance can help you cover the high costs without wiping out your life savings. Everence is presenting a seminar, Understanding long-term care insurance, Oct. 20 in Hutchinson, Nov. 3 in Hesston and Nov. 5 in South Hutchinson. All three will start at 7 p.m. Contact Sandy Popp at [\(620\) 662-7900](tel:620-662-7900), [\(877\) 893-8647](tel:877-893-8647) or sandy.popp@everence.com for more information or to reserve your spot.