

## Tabor Mennonite Church

January 3, 2015

### Congregational Announcements

**Tabor Mennonite Women** will have their first meeting of the year on Saturday, January 9th, at 9am until noon here at the church. Prayer Sisters for the year will be announced and we would encourage you all to attend. During our meeting, we will be cutting fabric blocks for MCC comforters and starting this year's group coloring project! We are still needing fabric for the blocks and for the backing of the comforters; we will cut these blocks at our meeting. If you are able, please bring: a rotary cutter and board or good fabric scissors. If you have any questions, please see Norma Graber or Sharon Adrian.

**A catechism class is being planned for early 2016.** More information to come. Please talk to Pastor Phil or Pastor Katherine if you are interested in finding out more about the class. Baptisms and welcoming new members will take place on Pentecost Sunday (May 15, 2016). Please talk to Pastor Phil if you are interested in joining Tabor as a member.

**Tabor Leadership Retreat:** "Anyone can lead, anytime, anywhere." This is one of the leadership principles promoted by the Kansas Leadership Center, and it is true of our congregation. We are all leaders in the church. Therefore, I invite everyone to mark January 15-16 (Friday evening & Saturday morning) on your calendars and plan to attend our annual Leadership Retreat at Tabor Mennonite Church. At the retreat, we will spend time reflecting, praying, and dreaming together. I hope to see you there!  
~Pastor Phil

**The 2016 Tabor Marriage Enrichment Retreat** will be held on February 5-6 at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church and The Hotel at Waterwalk in Wichita. Because we value Marriage Enrichment in our community, the Tabor Deacons are generously contributing about 30% of the total cost, making the cost to you only \$140/couple. This includes Friday dinner, Friday night in a deluxe King room with a fireplace, continental breakfast, light lunch, inventory costs, and an honorarium for the presenters. Please talk to or email Pastor Phil to sign up for the retreat **by January 3rd**. *Please do not let cost get in the way of you attending the retreat! Additional scholarships are available.* Pastor Phil and Mary are facilitating this retreat, so please contact one of them if you have further questions. We look forward to this wonderful enrichment opportunity!

**Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus** enrollment is now underway. All men and boys who enjoy singing are encouraged to sign up now so that the music packets can be ordered. For more information contact Donavon Schmidt.

**Missing:** Tan, knee length coat. Black gloves and van key fob in pocket. Another similar coat is still hanging on the rack at church next to the spot where this coat was on December 20. Please contact Gayle Funk if you mistakenly took this coat. Call Gayle: 316-772-1186 or email: [gayle67114@yahoo.com](mailto:gayle67114@yahoo.com)

## Community Announcements

**Harvey County Homeless Shelter** volunteer training at the shelter, 900 W. Broadway, Building #7, Tues., Jan. 12th, 6:30 pm. Meet the volunteer coordinator, gain knowledge of available volunteer opportunities, learn about the shelter and the residents that we serve. No RSVP required. We hope to see you there!

### **Attention all Dillons Community Rewards Program participants –**

It is time for the annual renewal for Dillons shoppers to re-enroll in the program on Jan. 1 (not before) or ASAP thereafter, for purchases to be credited to Bethesda Home and for Dillons to contribute to the Bethesda Benevolent Care Fund. As of midnight 12/31/15 everyone currently enrolled will be deleted. You will need to log on to [dillons.com/communityrewards](http://dillons.com/communityrewards) and sign in with your user name and password that you created for this account and enter 10035 (or select Bethesda Home) as your organization of choice to receive the Dillons donation. If you have not already enrolled in this program, log on to the same Dillons web site and "Create an account", then follow the steps. Please contact either Pete Flaming or Terri Walker if you need assistance in re-enrolling or creating an account for this easy way for Bethesda to receive contributions from Dillons at no cost to you – but by just swiping your "Plus Shoppers Card".

## Conference Announcements

### **Prayer Requests:**

- ★ Western District Conference: As a new year begins, pray for God's vision and guidance for all WDC congregations in their ministry and witness.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the Toba/Qom radio station that was inaugurated last month in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that the Christian programming will touch many lives through this ministry that is facilitated by Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, serving with MMN.

**Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series:** Ordinary radical, author and speaker Shane Claiborne will be the featured speaker at Hesston College's 2016 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference Feb. 19 to 21. The conference, Not Just on Sunday, will explore what it means to be a 24/7 disciple of Christ. Discover spiritual practices that empower us to change the world. Work at the balance of being and doing. Dig deeper into practices that bring transformation.

Youth and adults are encouraged to participate as the weekend will feature tracks for Congregational Life led by Claiborne and Youth Ministry led by Nes Espinosa, executive director of Timoteo Football Philadelphia, which supports communities by empowering men to mentor youth through athletics and spiritual formation.

For a full schedule, registration and speaker information, visit the Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series on the web.