

Tabor Mennonite Church

April 17, 2016

Congregational Announcements

THANK YOU Teachers for helping us grow in our faith! All teachers and helpers of Sunday adult and children's Faith Formation, of Wednesday evening Bible study, & of Circle of Grace are invited to a breakfast on Sunday, April 24 from 8:15-9:00 am. Please join us as a way for us to express our appreciation for all the work you do for Tabor Church. Please sign up on bulletin board TODAY.

Children's Church Banks: Children who would like to turn in their church bank to the Financial Task Force are welcome to leave them with a member of the committee or in the fellowship hall next to the Lego church building where the children gather before Faith Formation.

Stories and Stuff: "What's in your garden?" Come with stories of gardens past and present, childhood memories or plans for this Spring. We will meet in south room on Thursday, April 21, at 10 am for food, fun and fellowship.

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus:

This year KMMC will celebrate our 48th year of singing. In the early years we sang music drawn from chorales, hymns and gospel songs. Audiences packed the house for the unique experience of hearing a 500-voice men's chorus.

Now recently our audiences have become smaller in size. Our programming, however, has become more varied and interesting. Recent concerts have included selections in which a harmonica soloist improvised blues to "Amazing Grace," a brass ensemble accompanied anthems sung by the chorus, a vocal soloist improvised in a Black Gospel selection, and a piano duo playing one piano accompanied the chorus. Flutes, strings and a bell choir have also been used.

Today our concerts include new compositions of jazz, contemporary Christian, Southern Gospel, Black Gospel, folk hymns, and standard anthems of the church.

We are reaching out to our congregations to generate a new and larger group of listeners. We need your help so we may continue to . . .

Sing So Others May Live.

Sunday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. – Presser Hall, Lindsborg

Sunday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. – Central Community Church, Wichita

Tabor Ladies Lunch Bunch: Tuesday, April 26, noon at Bethesda Home. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Progressive Dinner! Plan to join this fun Fellowship Event on April 24. Meet at Tabor Church at 4:30 p.m. to form groups and carpool to the first course of your meal. Please sign up on the bulletin if you plan to attend.

What do Five Mennonites and a Greek have in common? Come to the salad supper on April 25th at 6 p.m. and listen to stories from a group of women who have been strung together on a string, supporting each other and laughing together, while learning how to draw faith from God and move forward. Please bring a salad to share. Sign up is posted on the bulletin board .

Spring Work Day: Plan to participate in our annual work day on April 30 beginning at 8am. More information will be coming.

Camp Mennoscah wants as many kids and youth as possible to have a summer youth camp experience. It's a great way to help faith grow and to find God in creation and in friends. The summer youth camp theme is *Fearless Faith: Courage in Community*. Scholarships from Camp Mennoscah are available. Register before May 1 to receive a \$10 discount.

Tabor's Christian Ed team offers a \$50 scholarship to Tabor campers. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are attending camp.

For information on Pastor Phil's upcoming sabbatical please see Ron Schroeder's article in the April newsletter.

Community Announcements

Spring Faspa: Jerry Toews will share farm stories at the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum's Spring Faspa. The event will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 3 pm in the museum Preparatory School building.

April Commodities: Do you or someone you know need a little help making ends meet? If so Commodities will be distributed at the Goessel Mennonite Church on Friday, April 22 from 5-6pm. Income guidelines are as follows: Household Size 1 Monthly gross income \$1,287; 2 - \$2736; 3 - \$2184; 5 - \$3082; 6 - \$3530; for additional family add 450 for each one.

Bloodmobile: Finding time to give blood or work at the blood drive isn't always easy, but it is a way to change a life and give someone a chance to share more laughter, joy, and time with family and friends. The next bloodmobile at Goessel Church is Tuesday, April 26 from 2:00-6:00. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767) to schedule your appointment. Or watch for the volunteer sign-up sheet to work for an hour as receptionist, donor escort, or in the canteen. **YOU CAN CHANGE A LIFE!**

Ladies, Save the Date! Mayleen Vinson, award winning quilter, will present a Quilt Trunk Show at the Goessel Mennonite Church on Saturday afternoon, May 21. This will be a fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum. More information will follow soon.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for all who gather this Saturday, April 23, for WDC Reference Council, "Held Together in Mission: Being Church in the Rural Context" at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: The Samuelito daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children's parents. Pray for the center's director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network who lead Alpha courses that engage 15-18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: During April, the Month of the Young Child, and prompted by Earth Day, April 22, let us pray that adults will act to provide clean air for children to breathe, clean water for children to drink and healthy soil to grow nourishing food for children to enjoy. May adults engage children in developing habits to care for God's good earth – reducing, reusing and recycling.

SWAP needs summer staff! Summer will be here before we know it, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at 606-633-5065.

Camp Mennoscah Retreats and Opportunities:

—**Retirees of all ages!** Retirees Relaxation Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is April 25-27 and is on the theme of Mennonites in Early Kansas. There will be times for Bible Study, music, presentations, and most definitely coffee breaks throughout the day. It's a chance to join with others and to relax and revel in creation. Invite a friend to share in the fun!

—The Camp Mennoscah Board of Directors invites you to a **fundraising meal for the Kitchen/Dining Hall Renovation** on April 23 at 5:30 pm in the Camp dining hall. There will be music by Book of JEBB and a meal of favorite camp foods served by the Board. Renovation plans will be available to preview and you can meet Jerry Kroeker, the new executive director. *Invitation with detailed information is posted on the bulletin board.* Please RSVP to 620-297-3014 or office@campmennoscah.org. Reservations accepted until full.

For all of the above: Online at www.campmennoscah.org

Telephone: 620-297-3290. Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

For more information contact olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Bethel College:

TODAY'S CONCERT by the Bethel College Women's Chorus HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Thurs., April 21 – **Reception for Student Art Exhibit**, 6-8 p.m., outside the Regier Art Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College

The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies at Tabor College is sponsoring two events on Saturday, April 23. A local Mennonite Heritage Tour and lunch, Sat. Apr.23, 12:15 to 5:15 pm, will begin at Tabor's Historic Church and circle through the Marion County region, visiting various Polish, Russian and Swiss Mennonite sites, including Alexanderfeld (cost \$30). The CMBS Annual Spring Dinner Meeting, Apr.23, 6:30 pm, Tabor's Wohlgemuth Lobby (cost \$16) will feature "Beginnings and Distinctives of the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite" by Minister Linford Holdeman, Halstead, Kansas. Please RSVP to Peggy Goertzen, CMBS, (620)947-3121 ext.1211/1212 or peggyg@tabor.edu by April 18, 2016.

The FloraKansas Spring Plant Sale will be held April 22-25 at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston. Kansas' largest native plant sale offering many species of wildflowers and grasses many of which are rare in cultivation. A large selection of adaptable perennials is also available. Memberships can be purchased on the day of the sale. Arboretum members receive a 10% discount at all arboretum plant sales and may participate in the members only pre-sale on Thursday, April 21 from 1 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 620-327-8127 or visit www.dyckarboretum.org.

Job Opportunities:

-MCC Central States has an opening for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director promotes and encourages support of MCC. The Director works hand-in-hand with a management team which includes the Program Director and the Director of Donor Relations to provide vision and leadership to MCC program in the region and to develop and maintain strong relationships between MCC and its constituents in the region. This full-time position, based in North Newton, Kan., requires considerable cooperation and coordination with MCC US and the other regional MCCs and considerable travel in the region and beyond. The full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-director-cs>.