

Tabor Mennonite Church

July 24, 2016

Congregational Announcements

Tabor Food Pantry: Summer is a time when the food pantry is visited more frequently. The shelves of the food pantry are in need of restocking. Canned meats, fruits, tomatoes and vegetables (we do have plenty of corn and green beans,) cereal, box meals (ex: hamburger helper,) spaghetti sauce, jell-o, applesauce, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, or any non-perishable items are welcome. Toiletries, laundry soap, and dish soap are also needed. Cash donations are also accepted. Thank you for your generosity.

Living Your Faith: Summer is a time of harvest, vacations, and everyday living too. How are you living your faith? Where do you see God? Send photos to kfunk@tabormennonite.org for use on our worship bulletin board in the foyer.

Summer Faith Formation for children. Please check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for ways to help this summer.

Support Mennonite Central Committee: *MCC is constantly in need of supplies for the various relief kits they distribute. In order to facilitate delivery of your donations to MCC, Tabor's Outreach Team has placed a tub in the foyer where you may leave items. You may also donate as suggested in the most recent request from MCC:*

The MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is in need of the following items: full size Fiscars scissors, sew-on snaps (20-25 per package), large bars of laundry soap, full-size bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright color), and men's briefs (sizes M, L, or XL). These items can be brought to 121 E. 30th St. in North Newton, Kan., purchased online via Amazon Smile or other retailers and shipped to MCC or we welcome your monetary donations designated Kit Supplies. Thank you for your ongoing support of the worldwide work of Mennonite Central Committee! If you have questions, please call 316.283.2720 or visit mcc.org/kits for more information.

MWUSA is sponsoring a resourcing event for all women in Denver, CO called PREP on August 12-13. Speakers and topics for the event are: *Women, Money and Faith*, Rhoda Blough, *Let's Talk Health: we are what we think*, Teresa Boshart Yoder; *Art and Spirituality Experience*, Marlene Bogard and Becky Harder. There is more information on the bulletin board about registration (deadline Aug. 1), housing and signing up for carpooling. Consider a "ladies weekend" out!

A Voluntary Service Sunday on August 14 is planned by the pastors and Outreach Commission. The Worship Service will include some sharing by church members who have been in service. It will be extended to the Faith Formation time when we will have displays set up and opportunities for service shared by Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Central Committee. Following the Faith Formation time, we will have a potluck meal with a basket available to give donations to our Mission Partners, the Smith-Derksens.

Community Service: On September 4 the pastors and Outreach Commission are sponsoring an Outreach Community Service event as our morning Worship Service. Breakfast will be served, followed by a "sending out" of members doing community service. There will be a wide range of options that will be available. Outreach has a number of places lined up for service but if you have an opportunity that you would like to suggest, please put the suggestion in Denise Nickel's mailbox. Prior to the Sunday event, on Sat. night, Sept. 3 there will be an option for camping out in the church park and, to conclude the event on September 4 in the evening, there will be a Sunday evening meal and "campfire" service, recapping the days' activities. More information will follow.

Community Announcements

Threshing Days weekend, August 5-7, is an opportunity to showcase our community and bring numerous visitors to Goessel. It is also a vital fundraiser for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum, which depends on the hands of many volunteers. Bakers and food service workers are needed for the Low German Meal and at the Prep School. If you would be willing to help on August 6, please return the volunteer sheet that was placed in your mailbox last week to the church secretary's box or call Aileen Esau at 367-2358 by next Sunday, July 24. Thank you!

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC Annual Assembly next weekend at Bethel College in Kansas, and for all who travel from far and near to experience worship, fellowship, learning and discernment together.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the courage of the persecuted Christians in Sidi, Burkina Faso, who overcame violence with acts of love. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that the crops they planted this year will produce a plentiful harvest, even as their seeds of faith help grow the church.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for members of the incoming class at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary as they prepare to transition to seminary study. May they sense God's peace and presence as they make space in their lives for new academic challenges, transformative experiences and relationships that will play a part in shaping their calling.

Western District Conference Annual Assembly:

Please join us July 29-30 at Bethel College for the Western District Conference Annual Assembly, "Held Together in Mission". Friday 7 pm worship and the Saturday evening music festival (7-9 pm) are free and open to the public. For more information on Assembly events, go to: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2016annualAssembly>. Workshop topics and schedules, as well as music festival performers' bios and schedules are now on the website! You can still register for Assembly events, but will need to make your own arrangements for meals.

Camp Mennoscah

—**Young Adult Weekend** at Camp Mennoscah, July 29-31. It's like practically tomorrow. You should sign up. Probably now or maybe a couple of hours from now. We suggest online registration at www.campmennoscah.org. We've got scholarship funds available, so the cost of \$50 is negligible. It's going to be a blast!

—**Annual Camp Sing!** Camp Mennoscah folks will be singing their hearts out on August 7 at 6:30pm at Grace Hill Mennonite Church in Whitewater! It would be great to have you there helping us fill the building with joyous song. We'll be singing hymns and camp songs with the summer staff leading us.

—**The Ninnescan News**, Camp Mennoscah newsletter, is now being sent by email. Please contact us at office@campmennoscah.org to be added to the mailing list. The newsletter is available at www.campmennoscah.org in the "About" link. Contact us at 620-297-3290 if a paper copy is needed.

—**Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah!** Join us September 4-5 for a time to relax, worship, fellowship with new and long-time friends, and enjoy sessions on the theme of Courage in Community. This retreat is for all who are affected by mental illness--family, friends, community members. Register online at www.campmennoscah.org or call us at 620-297-3290! Scholarships available.

Information for all of the above or to register:

Online at www.campmennoscah.org

Telephone: 620-297-3290.

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Central Committee:

—MCC invites you on a **Learning Tour to Haiti** Oct 31-Nov 8, 2016. On this Soil to Table MCC Learning Tour, participants will meet Haitian farmers, marketers and cooks, and learn the importance of food in everyday life, from the soil up. Contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or at 316.283.2720 for more information.

—**New staff at MCC Central States!** We are happy to welcome two new people to the staff at MCC Central States and we hope you'll help us welcome them as well! Patsy Dirksen started in June as our new Office Manager, please say "Hello!" the next time you're at MCC in North Newton. We are also excited to introduce you to Ana Hinojosa, our new Immigration Education Coordinator! Ana started at the beginning of July and will work from Brownsville, Texas. Her work will focus on working with Latino/a populations, collaborating with churches and other faith-based organizations and she will network with MCC's partners on the U.S./Mexico boarder as well as participate in the MCC Immigration network. Welcome Patsy and Ana!

—In partnership with Crossroads Community Church in Winfield, Kan., MCC is making **peaches** available to you again this summer! Peaches come in 20 lb. cases for \$35 each, from Noland Orchards in Palisade, Colorado. Please place orders with Patsy Dirksen at patsydirksen@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 by July 29. Pick-up date for peaches is Aug. 18 at MCC in North Newton.

Bethel College Mennonite Church has an opening for **Cherub Choir Director**, beginning August 1 and extending through the school year. This part-time paid position is perfect for a music education college student who enjoys working with children in grades K-4. Please contact Bethel College Mennonite Church, 283- 3776, for more information, or to apply.