

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 5, 2017

Congregational Announcements

February 5:

This Sunday, our morning worship service will focus on Sexual abuse and the scripture passage from 2 Samuel 13, the story of the rape of Tamar. Parents, you are invited to use your discretion on whether or not this would be appropriate for your children. There are alternate activities being planned by the Christian Education team in the fellowship hall following the children's story. Pastor Rosie and Deacon Ron Schroeder will be available in the foyer during the scripture reading and sermon for those who may feel triggered and would like to visit and pray with one of them.

This service will also include a time of anointing for healing and deliverance. Pastors will be available following the service for anyone who would like to visit more personally, and are always available for counseling by appointment. May God grant comfort and healing to all who suffer.

Faith Formation: Classes for children will meet as usual.

All adults are invited and encouraged to meet in the sanctuary with Kathy Wiens. Her presentation is titled, "Wisdom of the Wounded." Kathy is an author, speaker and survivor of childhood sexual abuse & neglect.

We ♥ Grace Potluck! Plan to stay after church on Sunday, February 12 for a potluck celebrating Grace Regier's many years of service as Tabor Church Custodian! Bring a potluck dish to share along with table service. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating together!

2017 Tabor Wellness: In 2017 we will be taking on a 44 week activity points challenge called the "Journal Journey" in which church members can earn points by completing different activities. Everyone is invited to participate and details can be found on the bulletin board. Whether you choose to participate in the points challenge or not, everyone is also welcome to pick up their own FREE WELLNESS JOURNAL found in the wellness mail box. Use it to track your points, activity, nutrition, weight, or any other goals you may have this year. Talk to Kevin Nickel if you have any questions.

Commit a radical act of love this Valentine's Day! Offender Victim Ministries (OVM) is providing two opportunities to show kindness to inmates at Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) in the spirit of Valentine's Day and Jesus' way of compassion:

- 1) They will be hosting Valentine's Day letter writing events to send encouragement to HCF Inmates on Tues., Feb. 14, 9-11am, MCC Central States Offices in N. Newton.
- 2) OVM is inviting churches to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in reaching out to prisoners by collecting Men's Prisoner Care Kits. We invite you to purchase the items for one or more kits and place them in the collection basket in the foyer by Sunday, February 12.

1 pair white underwear (briefs), 1 bottle lotion (max. 2 oz.), 1 bar soap (min. 4 oz.), 1 tube toothpaste (min. 6 oz.), 1 deodorant, alcohol free (min. 2.25 oz.), 1 pair white crew socks, 1 white crewneck undershirt

Please choose men's L or XL and buy all clothing in chosen size, new items only.

What's Cookin'? will meet on February 9 at 6:30pm in the Tabor Mennonite Church kitchen. Come for cooking, tasting, fun, and fellowship. Sponsored by the Tabor Food Pantry, this event is open to anyone wanting to learn new cooking skills, seasoned cooks willing to share their knowledge, others who would like new recipe ideas and have a taste before preparing them for families! RSVP is helpful, but not required. kfunk@tabormennonite.org or 367-2318

Tabor Mennonite Women will enjoy an evening with Carol Duerksen and several high school exchange students who are currently living in the community and attending school here. We invite you to join us on Mon., Feb. 13, at 7pm in the fellowship hall as we listen to the students each share a little about their lives back home and special experiences during their time here. Contact Diana Schmidt if you have any questions. For those who are taking part in 2017 TMW Prayer Partners, you will find your new partner's name in your mailbox.

It's time to put together College Student Care Packages! The youth group will be assembling the Care Packages on Wed., Feb. 15. Goodies can be placed in the decorated box in the foyer anytime between now and Feb. 15. Please bring home-baked goods to the church on Wed., Feb. 15 and put on the back table in the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen. Our current college students are Reece Hiebert, Luke Unruh, Sarah Booth, Carson Voth and Mark Schmidt. Let's show them our love!

Hesston College's **2017 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series**, "When the Unthinkable Happens", is Feb. 17 to 19. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the bulletin board by **February 8** and submit a \$25 check payable to Tabor Mennonite Church with AVDS in the memo. Tabor will pay the remaining \$50 of the registration fee. We hope you can join in this important conference! (If you are interested in attending the bonus STAR-Lite Training on February 20, we encourage you to register for this on your own at hesston.edu/avds.)

Women's Retreat in Goessel: Be refreshed at Sweet Life Café! Invite your friends and neighbors to the 3rd Annual Women's Retreat in Goessel, February 25 at Bethesda Home & Lincoln Perk. Registration of \$35 is due by February 18. Scholarships are available upon request and FREE childcare will be provided by FCCLA. If you have questions, talk to Rachel Boden, Susan Nafziger, Lynette Duerksen, Michelle Unruh, Anna Beth Birky and Janice Voth.

Tabor Food Pantry: Supplies continue to run low and your donations of any non perishable items are welcome. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry.

Tabor Mennonite Youth Fellowship is going to Orlando to attend the Mennonite Church USA Convention this summer! Beside the Youth Room is a wall full of envelopes, each with a monetary value given to it from \$1 to \$100. If you would like to help us in our fundraising efforts, you are welcome to take any envelope and put in a donation for the amount printed on the envelope. Then please put the envelope in Pastor Katherine's mailbox or Phil and Sarahanne Unruh's mailbox. And all donations that exceed the cost of Convention will go towards the Tabor Building Fund. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your support!

Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando: Are you interested in attending the Orlando convention (July 4-8) as a Tabor delegate? If yes, please talk to one of the pastors soon.

Kansas Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Sale ~ April 7 & 8

-Children's coin offering last Sunday's total was \$33.06. Please collect change and paper during the week to help.

-Please continue to support with Pre-Sale Expense. Thanks.

-Relief Sale website is: kansasmccsale.org. We are just starting to get the website going with new stuff added regularly. Sherry Unruh is our new webmaster. Thanks Sherry!

-MCC is one of the most efficiently run Humanitarian Aid Organizations in the World, operating mostly with Volunteer Help.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Gifts Discernment Committee, as they begin their work to identify new nominees to serve in WDC leadership roles next year.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Marisa Smucker, mentor for Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International team in Indonesia, will spend 12 days with participants beginning this Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pray for safe travel for Marisa and for a good time of reflection with team members.

The WDC Annual Assembly will be held on August 4-6 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Arlington DFW South. As per the WDC Resolutions Policy, resolutions must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to Annual Assembly. In 2017, that date is April 7. Send to: WDC Executive Board, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117

Preschool Story Hour at the Resource Library with Carol Flickinger begins Wednesday, February 15. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/NNeIvBEyzpZLqksc2> or call the WDC offices at 316-283-6300.

Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees as Neighbors: Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—"the other"—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can [welcome](#) immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by [contacting](#) the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for [hearts of love](#) toward one another.

MCC Statement on Welcoming Immigrants: <https://mcc.org/stories/statement-welcoming-immigrants-refugees-neighbors>
Bulletin insert, 7 ways to support refugees: (See attached file: 2017-01-26_7_ways_to_support_refugees_web.pdf)

MCC U.S. Immigration Policy Principles: <https://mcc.org/media/resources/664>

MCC Washington Office Action Alert: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/alerts/more/migration>

Come to the MCC Make It Day! Come and learn how to sew an infant gown for the infant care kits at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). These simple, sweet gowns provide warmth and comfort to infants around the world, and we would love to find more people to sew them! Join in the fun at the MCC Material Resource Center in N Newton (121 E. 30th) on Friday, Feb. 10 from 9am - noon, to learn more and to make a gown or two yourself. Materials and instructions will be provided. MCC has a few sewing machines, but you are encouraged to bring your own if possible. Please contact Kate Mast if you are planning to attend or have any questions: katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

Camp Mennoscah:

-Recruiting Summer Staff: February 6, 7, and 8, morning to mid-afternoon, at Hesston, Tabor, and Bethel Colleges respectively.

-Hymn Sing & Dessert Auction: February 26 at Eden Mennonite Church, 4-6pm. Funds raised will go towards the new playground structure.

-Youth Volunteer Weekend: Youth grades 7-12 are invited to join us on March 10-11 for a time of worship, service, fun! We'll begin with worship and singing on Friday evening and end with the same on Saturday evening. If youth sponsors are interested in attending, please contact us.

-Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats: March 3-5 and March 17-19.

Information for all of the above or to register:

Online at www.campmennoscah.org

Telephone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Young Adult Snow Camp: February 24-26, 2017 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Hannah Heinzekehr, Executive Director of The Mennonite, will share during the worship times on the topic "This is Us: The faith-filled stories we tell." There will be group games, broomball, human curling, singing, and many opportunities to be outside enjoying the beauty of creation. The cost is only \$80. Online registration available at www.rmcc.org or call 719-687-9506.

Bethel College is hosting the annual conference of the **Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship** on its campus, February 10-12. The four keynote addresses are free and open to the public, although the discussions following will be restricted to registrants and their affiliated faculty. Fri., 11 a.m.: David Anderson Hooker, overview of/introduction to conference theme: Uniting for Social Change; Fri., 7 p.m., Aubrey Streit Krug and Alicia Harris, environmental justice; Sat., 9:30 a.m., Michelle Armster, racial justice; Sat., 2 p.m., Joel Barrett and David Seymour, LGBTQIA justice. All keynotes are in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. For more information, see www.bethelks.edu/unitingforchange

The Kidron Bethel **Parkinson's Support Group** will meet February 7 at 2:00 p.m. in Menno Hall. Chaplain Eric Massanari will speak on "Prayer of Loving Attention." All interested persons are invited.

You are invited to a forum on "Native American Justice" on Saturday morning, February 11, 9am – noon at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N. Woodland in Wichita. The focus will be on the North American history of colonization and land loss, the Kanza story, and practical steps toward justice. Suggested donation \$5.