

Tabor Mennonite Church

April 9, 2017

Notes of Appreciation

I had the amazing experience of being the recipient of generous and unconditional assistance from a group of Tabor members who carried a household of belongings and managed to pack it all into a U-Haul truck. While this was happening it occurred to me that this was an example of the spirit of Christ in action, and what many around the world know as "having experienced Mennonites." It leaves me forever grateful and touched by the Spirit. Thank you. - Dorothy Goertz

Congregational Announcements

April 13: 6 pm - Holy Week Meal and Service, Communion

April 15: 10 am - Easter Egg Hunt, Tabor Church Park

April 16: 9 am - Breakfast, 10 am - Easter Worship, Life Feast

Faith Formation classes will not meet.

Share an Easter Lily in honor/memory of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Names of those to be honored, along with names of those sharing the lilies need to be turned in to the church office by Wednesday evening, April 12 to be listed in the bulletin. Lilies need to be brought to the church, clearly marked on the bottom with the name of the donor, and left in the foyer by noon on Saturday, April 15.

Tabor Mennonite Women Salad Supper, April 10, 6pm. We will have a "recital" by Junior High and High School students with vocal and instrumental selections. Please bring a generous salad, as the guests who provide the program will be eating with us.

Coming Soon! Bryan Moyer Suderman (<http://www.smalltallministries.com/>) will be with us April 21-23 to lead community Bible Study sessions on Friday/Saturday, to provide a community concert for all ages, and to lead worship at Tabor on Sunday morning! This event will be hosted at Tabor and is sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. Plan to join us for this fun and enriching opportunity to study scripture, worship, and fellowship together! Informational brochures and registrations are in your mailboxes. Additional copies are available in the foyer. **Please register for the Bible Study by Easter Sunday, April 16.**

Help Needed with Meal: *Tabor is responsible for the meal for the Friday evening Bible Study session. Sign up sheets for food donations and serving/cleaning are on the bulletin board. Please plan to sign up.*

Church Membership: Are you interested in learning more about church membership at Tabor? If yes, please talk to a Pastor.

In hopeful anticipation of meeting the financial goal for the proposed building project, the council has decided it's time to put together a building committee. If you feel this is something you would be interested in and would like to be considered as a member of the committee, please contact Jim Schmidt. A committee of five people will be chosen from those who have expressed an interest.

Sister Care: Level 2 "Going Deeper" week-end retreat (a program of Mennonite Women USA) led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener will be offered May 5-7, at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. *For more information, please see the April Tabor Church Newsletter.*

For those signing up for Sister Care II, Sister Care I is required. We will have a crash course and refresher course on Wed., April 26, 6:30 p.m. – for those who haven't had it or would like a review before attending Sister Care II. It will take place at the Goessel Elementary Library (so we can use big screen TV). Enrollment forms and information is on the bulletin board. Contact Denise Nickel if you have questions.

Register now for Summer Camps: Scholarships of \$50 are again available through the Tabor Mennonite Church Education Committee for children attending either Camp Mennoscah or Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Sign up on the bulletin board with your name and the dates you will be attending camp. When registering, mark the box on the form indicating that you are receiving a scholarship from Tabor and a check will be mailed to Camp Mennoscah. Register with Camp Mennoscah before May 1 to receive a \$10 discount.

Listen up! Dig deep! VBS 2017 will be searching for treasures buried in Jesus' parables, and we are searching for the staff volunteers to make Vacation Bible School happen. Please fill out the online survey emailed out to you, or talk to Eunice Nickel or Sarahanne Unruh about how you can help. It takes a lot of people to make VBS a special week for our children. We look forward to hearing from you!

Relief Kits: We are collecting Mennonite Central Committee Relief Kits throughout Lent. You received a shopping list in your church mailbox, and there are extra lists in the foyer. You may purchase items for an entire kit or multiple kits, or simply pick an item or two and purchase several of that. Please place your donated items in the basket in the foyer.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Annual Assembly planning team as they prepare for our annual gathering August 4-6 in Dallas, TX.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Mark and Mary Hurst's years of service with Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand through MMN. Pray that the couple will be filled with God's wisdom as they respond to seekers' questions about prayer, faith, forgiveness and healing.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for members of Bethel College's Student Government Association as they co-host a chalk art celebration with Kauffman Museum this afternoon, wrapping up a series of special activities for Bethel's 2nd Annual Pride and Inclusion Week.

- ★ Mennonite Disaster Service: Spring is a time of transition. This time of year represents a transition not only in the weather but also for MDS. Many of our projects are closing or shutting down for the summer while other projects are just beginning. As such we ask for prayers during this time of change as we say goodbye to some communities and begin building friendships and bringing hope to other communities.

Western District Announcements:

Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace KS Tour - In preparation for this summer's Israel-Palestine resolution in Orlando, join in conversation exploring diverse views on Israel-Palestine and prospects for peace in the current political climate. Laura Tillem, a local representative of Jewish Voice for Peace, will dialogue with Jonathan Kuttub, a Mennonite Palestinian human rights lawyer. This tour is sponsored by Mennonite Church USA and Western District, along with local funding. Freewill offerings will be received at each public event:

April 17 - 7 pm, Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church, 655 S Lorraine Ave, Wichita

April 18 - 7 pm, Bethel College Chapel, Administration Bldg, North Newton

April 19 - 11 am, Bethel College Chapel

Camp Mennoscah:

-Many of our camp weeks still need **kitchen helpers**. Parents can receive a camper discount up to full camp fees for having fun with other kitchen staff.

-The **Retirees Relaxation Retreat** is April 24-26! You are invited to join us to hear stories of courage, faith, and enrichment. Amanda Rempel will lead us in music and Stan & Marlene Smucker will lead us in Bible Study. Coffee breaks and as much nature as you want included!

-**Men and Boys Retreat** is April 28-30. The first meal provided is Saturday supper, so if you come sooner than that, bring your own food. Saturday evening will feature a performance by the Flannelbacks, a bluegrass band from the Bethel area. Michael Unruh will be our speaker for the weekend. No pre-registration is necessary, but if you have questions contact Kevin Neufeld at kevinneufeld2@gmail.com or 316-322-5515.

-Summer is around the bend! Sign up for **Summer Youth Camp** at Camp Mennoscah! It's an amazing time to find friends and meet God!

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.

Is the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 on your calendar?

Registration remains open. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a Verb" with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

This summer's **Mennonite Church USA Convention** will feature a new way to involve high school youth and young adult representatives in the delegate sessions. Called "Step Up," the goal is to prepare young people who have an interest in being involved with the broader church for future involvement as denominational delegates and leaders. The program will include interactive seminar sessions and attendance at and participation in delegate sessions. Conferences and constituency groups have been invited to nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net.

Bethel College: Today (Sun., April 9) – Bethel College Women's Chorus spring concert, 4pm, Administration Building Chapel.

The Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies at Tabor College is sponsoring two events on Saturday, May 6. A local Faith Heritage Tour and fasma lunch, Saturday, May 6, 12:00 to 5:15 pm will begin at Tabor's Historic Church and circle through Marion County visiting various historic sites: Gnadenau, Ebenfeld, Brunk, Durham, Tampa, Pilsen (cost \$30). The CMBS Annual Spring Dinner Meeting May 6, 6:30 pm, Tabor College Chapel (cost \$16) will feature "Frontlines of Conscience: An Account of Four Hutterites Sentenced to Hard Labor at Alcatraz 1918-1919" by Duane Stoltzfus, Goshen, IN. Please RSVP to Peggy Goertzen, CMBS (620)947-3121 ext 1211/1212 or peggyg@tabor.edu by May 1.

Seminars simplify Medicare and Social Security: Everence Financial will provide information about Medicare and retirement income at three upcoming seminars. The Medicare seminars will be held on April 17 and May 1 and will include what Medicare covers, the differences between plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. The retirement income seminar, held on June 5, will help you determine if you have enough money to retire, what to do if the market doesn't cooperate and how to know if your savings will last. Seminars are held at 7 p.m. at the Everence office in Hesston. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (620) 327-4043 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.