

# Tabor Mennonite Church

August 27, 2017

## Notes of Appreciation

Thank you so much to everyone who helped fund my up coming trip to Ecuador. Last weeks potato meal raised \$2,394.

~Karina Brandt

Thanks to the cheery, hard-working folks from Tabor who volunteered at Camp Mennoscah this summer. Some of these generous people gave a few days. Some gave weeks of their summer. We are grateful to these folks and the many others not listed here who have donated time, skills and money to Camp Mennoscah. Some of our volunteers asked not to be acknowledged, others left the church information blank, and we may have missed a few; here are the names we have from Tabor: Karina Brandt, Mark Schmidt, Sarah Booth, Sarahanne Unruh, Carrie Unruh.

~The Camp Mennoscah Staff

## Congregational Announcements

**The Tabor Trading Post** will be open August 27 immediately following faith formation. Anyone may make something to sell or may offer a service. Children have already made flower pots, jewelry, artwork and more. Proceeds from this event support our building fund. Adults who want table space at the Trading Post should contact Carol Duerksen.

**Mennograss** will take place this Sunday, August 27. Food will be served beginning at 5:30 pm and live music will begin around 6 pm. We invite everyone who comes to bring lawn chairs, table service and a side dish or dessert to share.

**"Followers Retreat":** Join Tabor's "followers (of Jesus) retreat" on Wednesday, August 30 from 6-9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please eat supper before you come. Snacks will be provided. Our focus will be group discussion on the theme of "Commitment to the Body of Christ." Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend! Outlines for the evening were emailed to you or placed in mailboxes. Additional copies are available on the table in the foyer.

**Two deacon positions to fill:** The deacons are asking you to submit names of persons whom we could invite into a discernment process to consider serving in the role of deacon for Tabor Church. Send your suggestions to deacon chair Ron Schroeder (nanron@mtelco.net), 620-345-8703, or any of the deacons, by August 31.

**MCC Benefit:** Elma Goertz is dispersing household "stuff" (furniture, kitchen items, books, yard, workshop, etc. etc. etc.) through an open house/benefit at her home at 205 Wheat Street in Goessel. Everything will be available by donation and all proceeds will benefit Mennonite Central Committee. Dorothy, Naomi and Emily will be home to do this over Labor Day weekend, so please stop by to say "hi" and perhaps pick up a few things. Hours for this event are: Fri, Sept 1, 9am-8pm; Sat, Sept 2, 9am-6pm; Sun, Sept 3, 1-6pm; Mon, Sept 4, 9am-6pm.  
-the family of Elma Goertz

**Help Needed:** 6 Tractor Drivers to drive the Parking Lot Shuttle at the State Fair Thurs., Sept. 14. Times needed: 1-4 pm; 4-7 pm; and 7-9:30 pm. FREE TICKET. To volunteer, see Jerry Toews.

**Church Campout:** Come to Camp Mennoscah on September 16-17 for our church retreat focusing on the theme: "Stories of Hope." Please return registration forms (found in mailboxes or on the table in the foyer) to the box in the foyer. We hope that everyone can join us, even if just for Sunday morning.

**Thank you for your donations to the Tabor Food Pantry this summer.** Every time our shelves seemed to empty, groceries were donated to replenish in time for the next client. The pantry has seen frequent use throughout the summer and needs of our clients and new clients continue. Most needed are: oatmeal, boxed meals (Hamburger Helper/Rice-a-Roni type meals), canned tuna and chicken, soups, mashed and boxed potatoes, rice, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, cake mix, canned fruits, apple sauce, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, mixed vegetables (we have plenty of green beans, corn and peas), dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, and paper grocery bags. Our checking account to purchase gift cards to Keith's Foods for perishable grocery items is also running low. Cash donations are appreciated as well. Thank you for your continued support of this community ministry. Those who use the Food Pantry are very appreciative.

**Garden Produce:** If you have extra garden produce that you would like to share, please leave it on the table in the foyer. Anyone may take some home. You may leave a donation for the food pantry ministry.

## Conference Announcements

### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for Stephen Wilcox as he is installed today at First Mennonite Church in Halstead, that God will bless his ministry as a new pastor in WDC.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served MMN in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.
- ★ Mennonite Disaster Service: Please pray for those in the path Hurricane Harvey. The storm is projected to stall across southeast Texas and dump 10 to 20 inches of rain over portions of the state for several days after it makes landfall. Pray for safety and limited flooding for those in the path of the storm.

### Western District Conference

**It's not too late to register for the womens/girls retreat at Camp Mennoscah** September 8-10! Find the schedule and registration forms on the bulletin board in the foyer or online at [mennowdc.org/calendar/](http://mennowdc.org/calendar/). Offering on Sunday morning will go to Mennonite Women USA. We'll be celebrating 100 years of Mennonite Women Friday evening with a drama and hymn sing, lots of fun seminars and activities for girls age 3rd grade up and women of all ages, swimming and

water aerobics, campfire, giant coloring sheets, catered meals, spiritual directors available and Barb Krehbiel Gehring as our featured speaker on "Together: Rooted and Reaching." Come join us!

#### **Camp Mennoscah:**

—What a roof-raising success! The annual Camp Sing for Camp Mennoscah event raised \$3465 for upgrading the sound system at Camp Mennoscah. Thank you for your generosity, your smiles, your prayers, and for supporting Camp Mennoscah!

—Camp Mennoscah invites you to our Mental Health Spiritual Retreat, September 3-4. The retreat will have time to relax, sessions on the theme of Branching Out, a hayrack ride, crafts, and great conversations. All affected by mental illness—including family, friends, and advocates—are welcome! It's going to be a wonderful time!

—It's an adventure! Camp Mennoscah's Work & Play Camp is gearing up for 5 days of adventuresome projects and people. From Sept. 29-Oct. 3, we'll be conquering mountains (of tasks) and facing down hordes (during coffee breaks) and having a grand time. The only thing that could make it better is if you were there, too! This camp is for all ages, all people who love Camp Mennoscah, and for anyone who likes the satisfaction of completing projects. There is no cost for this retreat and attendees are welcome to come for a day or the whole adventure. Please let us know that you are coming.

—Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah! There are two retreats this fall, Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 17-19, for those who are yearning for time to crop and craft. These retreats sometimes fill up and we'd be sad not to see you there. Register online or contact us for a paper form. It's always a great time!

Here's what's up with the new playground structure at Camp Mennoscah. We're going with a wooden structure similar to the previous "whale" structure because we think it better fits the Camp Mennoscah ambiance and natural setting. Our artistic architect Aaron is working with a structural engineer and things are moving forward. We do not have a timeline yet, but we will have a whale of a party when we finally have our fishy friend back. (Yes, we do know that a whale is not a fish.)

*Information for all retreats at Camp Mennoscah or to register:  
Online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org)      Telephone: 620-297-3290.  
Email: [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org).  
Contact: [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).*

**Save the Date—IBA Benefit Dinner:** The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will take place Fri., Sept. 15, 6:30 pm at First Mennonite Church in Newton. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. A short program will follow, featuring testimony from IBA students Vicky Velazquez and Jose Suastegui, a dance performance by the children of Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania and some words and greetings from our new director, Marco Güete. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity for a Sunday School class, small group or individuals to come and hear how IBA is equipping Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA for ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquiries contact Violeta Ajquejay at: [VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org) or call 316-281-4342

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**Join us for MCC Lunch & Learn** TOMORROW Monday, August 28 at MCC in North Newton! Historian Ben Goossen will discuss how narratives of Mennonite identity and history can help align Anabaptists with mainstream American culture and white privilege. To what extent do stories of martyrdom and separation from the world prevent us from engaging inequality in our own churches and beyond? Unfortunately, the RSVP deadline for lunch has passed, but please join us and bring your own lunch along! This informal talk will go from 12pm-1pm with further discussion going past 1pm if there's interest. Questions? Call Patsy at 316.283.2720. Please plan to join us!

**The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Saturday, September 16, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th, N. Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for a MCC water development project in India. Rides of approximately 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Informational brochures are available through the church office. The brochure is also available on the MCC website: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride). Or, you can register on-line at that website. Both bikers and contributors are needed! Contributions for this MCC project from non-bikers should be made payable to MCC; "Flatlander Bike Ride" written on the memo line; and sent to: MCC, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117. *A brochure is posted on the bulletin board. Additional brochures available upon request from the church office.*

#### **Bethel College:**

**The Life Enrichment Program** at Bethel College for Fall semester 2017 begins on August 30 and ends November 15. This program is designed especially for persons 60 and above. A brochure has been posted on the bulletin board.

Today (Sun., Aug. 27) – Ben Goossen will speak on "Are Mennonites German? Religion and Nationalism in the Global Diaspora," and sign his book Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era (2017), 3 p.m., Kauffman Museum (books will be available for purchase in the museum store).

Sat., Sept. 2 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at 7 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep.

**Over Labor Day weekend, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp** is having the annual Labor Day Work & Play Retreat at no monetary cost to you - only your time! The retreat begins Fri. evening, Sept. 1 around 7pm. On Sat., Sept. 2 all participants help with projects around camp for the day. These projects include helping prepare meals/doing dishes, working with the spruce beetle trees, cleaning the dining hall chairs after a very busy summer, and other winterizing projects to prepare camp for the coming snow season. Sun., Sept. 3 will be the day to play and enjoy camp. Stay till Monday morning if you're able, as we will offer breakfast before your departure. Register online for the retreat or call camp to register or with questions (719-687-9506). We hope you can join us!