

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 11, 2018

Congregational Announcements

Olympic Couple's Competition: Come join us on February 18 from 3-5pm in the Tabor Fellowship Hall for a fun couple's competition featuring Olympic style minute-to-win-it games! Sign up on the bulletin board with your partner. Couples of all ages and stages are welcome, whether married, engaged, dating, single friends, etc... Childcare will be provided in the parsonage basement. Olympic medals will be awarded for each event! We look forward to seeing you there!

Tabor Mennonite Women

—Coming to your mailbox soon! A schedule of events that we hope many of you would love to attend. And, a sign up sheet for you to help in a variety of ways.
—Our first event will be a fun evening of hearing Carol Duerksen interview exchange students from Spain and Germany. This event will be on Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.
—We are looking for a couple volunteers to join Violeta on the social committee. Please contact Barb Banman for more information.

Tabor Church's week of service at New Hope Shelter is February 14 to 20. We are asked to fill the 5-11 schedule each day and also the 11 pm to 8 am schedule on Friday and Saturday, February 16 & 17. We need 2 volunteers for each shift. Please sign-up on the sheet posted in the foyer. Your help is appreciated so very much and shelter residents will tell you that when you are with them. They are all very appreciative. If you have questions, please let Austin Unruh or Barb Abrahams know. We have a sheet that can guide you through the evening activities and tells you what to do when, during your shift. If anyone is interested, we can give you a copy of that. This can be helpful when you are volunteering. Thanks to all of you!

Stories & Stuff is meeting on Thursday, February 15 at 10am. Bring a friend and come for good fellowship and tasty food!

2018 Tabor Church Directory will be printed soon. Please email updates/changes to kfunk@tabormennonite.org or place in the secretaries mailbox.

Contact person for Mennonite College Task Force needed. Coordinate annual fund raiser meal, Mennonite College visits, Chair meetings with the Task Force when needs arise, communicate with the Scholarship Coordinator (Gayle Funk). Contact Gayle Funk or the church office with questions or to volunteer.

2018 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) with the theme "Before the unthinkable happens: Confronting our role in injustice," Feb. 23 to 25 on the Hesston College campus. See more information and register at hesston.edu/avds. **Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Cost for registration is \$75 but Tabor Deacons will help offset registration costs.**

Attention Young Adults! There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College- Pre Family) Pizza and Bowling Night on Saturday, February 24. Meet at the Newton Pizza Hut at 6pm for supper and then bowling afterward at Play-Mor Lanes. Please bring money for supper and bowling. This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Unruh- kristin.unruh@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Between Me & You, Lent to Easter devotionals are made available to families through MennoMedia. Copies for families with children were placed in mailboxes. Additional copies are available, for anyone who would like one, on the table in the foyer.

Rejoice is a daily devotional made available by our Education Co. to anyone who would like one. The March - May issue is now available on the table in the foyer or on the north facing mailbox shelf. Please feel free to take one for your personal use.

Commodities for February will be distributed on Friday February 23, 2018 at Goessel Mennonite Church from 5-6 p.m. Contact Jenny Girard for questions at 620-747-0046.

Red Cross has a URGENT need for all blood types! More than 500 drives have been cancelled due to weather and on top of that, illness has kept people from donating. Currently, blood donations are put to use as soon as they are collected. The next drive at Goessel Church is Wed. Feb. 21 from 2:00-6:00. Make an appointment on line at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Goessel), by talking to Rosi (367-2418), or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767).

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Gifts Discernment Committee as they begin to consider nominees to fill leadership roles on WDC's Executive Board and commissions next year.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Join MMN in praising God for the growth of Christ's body in Israel. A mission worker reports that when the nation was founded in 1948, only 12 Jewish people counted themselves believers. Now, there are about 25,000-30,000 believers in approximately 300 Arab and Messianic congregations.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Thank God for Bethel College alumni who share their musical gifts with the college community, such as Roseann Penner Kaufman, organ, presenting a recital, "Moved by the Spirit," in Bethel's chapel this afternoon.

The WDC/SCC Women's Spring Supper will be at 6 pm on Thurs., March 15, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, 629 Crescent Drive in Hesston. Meal for \$10 by Whitestone Mennonite Youth with payment to them. Program at 7 pm with Joanna Gerber Pinkerton, daughter of Mennonite missionaries in the Belgian Congo, on Faith in Every Day Life. Music, Sadie and the Larks, from Hesston College. Offering for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDWM and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or western-districtwomen@gmail.com

Camp Mennoscah

— **Recruiting summer staff!** Hesston, Tabor, Bethel, McPherson Colleges Feb. 12 -15 respectively. Summer staff applications are available online at campmennoscah.org/application. Pizza gathering at Papa John's in Newton, Feb. 14 at 6:15pm-ish. Please let us know you're coming!

— **2018 catalog is available. Copies can be found online or on the table in the foyer.** Our summer theme is "Beyond Belief! The Universe of God" and we'll be learning how God's endless love launches amazing adventures.

—**Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are here! Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4.
—**Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction** for "Creation, Craftiness, and Cooling Off"! 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, February 25, at Whitestone Mennonite Church, Hesston. Funds raised will go toward the Camp Mennoscah general fund. Come and join us!

Information for all events at Camp Mennoscah 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.

Do you know high-school students with gifts for leadership and ministry?

AMBS's Explore program gives students in grades 10–12 the opportunity to explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and biblical engagement and listen for God's call. The program includes a 100-hour congregational internship and a Group Experience (July 3–18, 2018). Tap a shoulder! Applications are due Feb. 15. ambss.edu/explore

MCC Annual Meeting: Everyone is invited to join the board and staff of Mennonite Central Committee Central States for our annual meeting on Friday, February 23 at 10:30am at the MCC Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117).

MCC SALT positions now available! Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply, don't delay the deadline to sign up is Feb. 15!

"Writing to Save Your Life" workshop offered on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at Pine Village Wellness Center, Moundridge. Learn how writing can be used as a tool for healing and transformation. Katherine B. Wiens M. Ed, LPC author of *Bars, Dumps and Other Childhood Hangouts*, will share her insights and experience in using writing as a healing tool. Joanna Pinkerton, freelance artist and creator of the book *Scripture Doodle* will explain her new creative process "Until We Have Wings" using art and writing to work through the grief process. The \$20 workshop will be from 9am–12noon. The \$10 bonus, hands-on workshop 1-3pm will be opportunity to apply what was introduced in the morning session. For info or to register, contact Barb Orsi (barborsi@yahoo.com 316-300-0287) or Kathy Goering (kjgo@mtelco.net 316-371-6189). Sponsored by the StoryTellers of the Great Plains.

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2018-19 academic year is May 15, 2018. For details and application form, see <http://mennohealth.org/SET/>, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

Bethel College Alumni Choir concert, Sunday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m., at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church in Newton.

Verenike supper at First Mennonite Church, 427 W 4th in Halstead, February 24 from 4:30-7 pm. Cost by donation, proceeds go to church missions.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
Praising God Through Service
Sale Dates: April 13 - 14, 2018
www.kansas.mccsale.org

REMEMBERING 50 years of the Relief Sale in Kansas

In 1974 the Quilt and Comforter Committee reported 208 numbered items that brought a total of \$18,096 to be used by MCC. The highest price received for a quilt was \$820. The amount sent to MCC in '74 was \$68,400.23 which was a substantial increase from the '73 donation of \$45,787.43. Sale day, April 6 of 1974 was described as "No rain but lots of wind" with the Sale held at the Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. The indoor auction was started after music by the Ebenfeld Mennonite Church Men's Quartet and words of encouragement and prayer by Pastor Paul Isaac of Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman. The outside Sale of farm machinery and miscellaneous items began at 10:00 AM. The 5th Annual Open House on Friday was considered a great success. The Sale went beyond expectations thanks to the people who came with generosity in their hearts. Chairman Kroeker thanked people in his report with the phrase "May our Lord bless you richly as you do it 'in the name of Christ'".

Sale Announcements

—Children's Coin offering brought in \$54.71. EXCELLENT, THANKS for helping. Bring your coins and paper money to church each Sunday to help along.

—Thanks for putting your Pre-Sale Expense checks into our church boxes. Keep it up. More is needed to meet the \$80,000 budget. MANY small gifts make it happen. Do what you can.

—We are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the KS Relief Sale this year. LOTS of special events are being planned with Special emphasis on helping elevate all types of World Suffering thru Positive MCC Programs.

—MCC is one of the MOST efficient run Humanitarian Aid Organizations in the World where 93 Cents of every Dollar goes directly to where the suffering is. That is a VERY good "bang for your buck".

—Plan what YOU can make in your shop, or kitchen to donate to the 50th Anniversary Sale.

—Sign up for the Delicious Lasagna Fellowship Meal on Sun., Feb. 25.

For more information on any sale announcements, please see Tabor liaisons, Kristin and Archie Schmidt, Eric Litwiller, or Jerry and Leann Toews.