

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 18, 2018

Note of Thanks

Thank you to my Tabor Church family who so graciously provided meals, transportation and words of encouragement for me, after my recent back surgery, when it was difficult to do for myself; also for the prayers, visits, phone calls and cards. All has been so much appreciated.
~Joyce Watts

Congregational Announcements

Olympic Couple's Competition: Come join us this Sunday, 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!

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!

Camp WaShunGa: The annual fundraiser meal for our Jr Highers to attend Camp WaShunGa will take place at noon on March 5. Support our Jr. Highers!

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.

New Hope Shelter: Volunteer training at the shelter on Monday, Feb. 19, 6:30 - 8pm. Contact Austin Unruh with questions.

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

Red Cross has a URGENT need for all blood types! 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 Stewardship Commission as they meet this week and give oversight to the financial resources and property of the conference.
Aurora Parchmont started as Associate Pastor at Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero in Pasadena, TX in December 2017, and will celebrate her installation service on February 18.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Mark and Mary Hurst of MMN serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for prospective students and their parents who are visiting Bethel College on Monday, and for all those young people across the church who are exploring the option of a Mennonite higher education.

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 westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com

Camp Mennoscah

—**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!
—**Youth Volunteer Weekend** for grades 7-12 is March 16-17!
—**Kitchen helpers needed** for our summer youth camps. The renovations of the kitchen will be complete and it will be a whole new world of cooking fun. Parents receive a camper discount up to full camp fees.

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. ambs.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!

Bethel College

—Sun., Feb. 25 – Sunday-Afternoon-at-the-Museum with Christy Davis, executive director, Symphony in the Flint Hills, 3 p.m., on “The Other Chisholm Trail: Little-Known Facts About the Great Cattle Drives,” Kauffman Museum

—Sun., Feb. 25 – Staley Lecture with Malinda Elizabeth Berry, a professor of theology and ethics at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 7 p.m., on “Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence,” Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. Berry will also speak in convocation, Mon., Feb. 26, 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium.

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.

The Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring a housewares sorter/receiver for 20-30 hours/week. The sorter/receiver maintains an active presence in the processing area, in both receiving and sorting donations. S/he will be primarily responsible for sorting through houseware donations, placing items in appropriate price categories, recycling and discarding, as needed. The full job description and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton) or via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, March 5, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail.

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

The 7th Annual Relief Sale was held April 12, 1975. It was still the Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale at that time. Ed Reimer, chief auctioneer, commenced the auction at 9:00 AM after some music, opening remarks, and prayer. According to Chairman Eldo Kroeker's report, the bidding was brisk, the items were of high quality and approximately \$100,000 of receipts were received. Attitudes were great as well. “The Lord loveth a cheerful giver” and you (the people who worked to put on the Sale) were most cheerful. Attendance was estimated at around 15,000 people. \$108,200 was sent to MCC. Two hundred sixty-six quilts, comforters, afghans and crocheted items were sold. As we celebrate our 50th Annual Sale may we remember the service and ministry provided by MCC around the world.

Sale Announcements

—This is the LAST SUNDAY to sign up for the Tabor Lasagna Meal on Feb. 25. Recommended donation of \$20 for adults, \$6 for kids 6-12 and Children under 6 FREE. Your contact people are donating the food—COME and enjoy it with us as we raise some funds for MCC.

—Children's COIN offering was \$38.20. THANKS

—The MCC Sale Website is getting started with MORE items added daily. Go check it out at: kansas.mccsale.org

—IF you have larger items PLEASE contact Jerry so he can take a picture of your item(s) to get on the website and/or sale bill. Getting pictures on facebook and the website is VERY important in helping your donations bring a good price.

—PRE-SALE EXPENSE report. \$77,000 is budgeted for Pre-sale Expense this year. Of that Kansas Mennonites have already raised \$52,000. Have YOU helped along?? We are not looking for large gifts; we are looking for mass involvement. Everyone doing a little gets us there. We only have \$25,000 to go with 8 weeks left. EXCELLENT work!!! Keep putting your checks in our boxes.

—The 1st KS MCC Sale was held at the newly built Marion County Fairgrounds in 1968 (FIFTY YEARS AGO). The auction attracted about 4,000 people and raised over \$18,000. Due to wet weather as well as new highway construction in the area, a shuttle bus was set up to haul hundreds to and from the area. Items ranged from baked goods to antiques, to livestock and quilts. Some of the 150 quilts were reported to sell as HIGH as \$1000 each. Verenike were made during the sale. HELP us CELEBRATE 50 years by making something for the sale this year.

New for the 50th Annual Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale. As we meet for our 50th anniversary Sale to raise money for the Mennonite Central Committee, the Sale Board is providing a few new events. One of those events is a program with Mini Auction on Friday night, April 13, and featuring the vocals of the Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus. A scavenger hunt for all ages is being organized to help you find things and learn about the workings of the sale. We are providing a time capsule for each Church and Sale Committee to have the opportunity to put a memory into the capsule. The capsule will be opened at the Sale in 25 years. Finally, our brothers and sisters with MDS will be putting on their MCC hats and building a tool shed on the Fairgrounds during the Sale weekend. Construction will start on Friday at noon and the blitz build will be completed by Saturday noon. Sale attendees of all ages will be encouraged to pick up a hammer or a paint brush to help with the construction. The tool shed will be auctioned as part of the General Auction. Please mark your calendars for April 13 and 14 for the 50th Annual MCC Sale!

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