

Tabor Mennonite Church

March 4, 2018

Build Tabor 2018! Planning has begun for our building addition and construction will start this year! If you want to be involved in some way, or have ideas for the new space, please talk to a member of the building committee: Kenton Nickel, chr., Brent Abrahams, Gayle Funk, Donavon Schmidt, and Emil Schmidt. Let's build Tabor together!

Congregational Announcements

Camp WaShunGa: The annual fundraiser meal for our Jr Highers to attend Camp WaShunGa will take place on Sunday, March 4 at the Goessel High School cafeteria. Serving will begin at 11:30 am. Support our Jr. Highers!

The Youth Group will be assembling College Care Packages on Wed., March 7 to offer a little encouragement as students approach the middle of the semester. Everyone is invited to bring something for us to include, such as a non-perishable snack or small trinket. We will assemble 9 care packages. Thank you for your generous support of our young adults!

Tabor Mennonite Women: If you are planning to go to the Comforter Blitz in Yoder March 5, 6 or 7, please sign up on your preferred time and we will try to have a car pool. See Barb Banman if you have questions.

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

Camp Mennoscah has 8 summer camps for youth in grades 3-12 (fall 2018) and we want you to come. We're discovering amazing adventures in God's love and seeking God in creation and community. Register for your adventure at [Camp Mennoscah at campmennoscah.org](http://campmennoscah.org). Early registration discount until May 1 when full camp fees are paid! *Tabor Church Christian Ed Co will again be offering scholarships to Camp Mennoscah and Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp campers. Sign up on the bulletin board indicating the week of camp your child will attend.*

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations as they seek to follow Jesus' way of peace in response to the many forms of violence in our communities, nation and world.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber of MMN, serving as a resource person, requests prayer for a restful gathering for those who have given their all to congregations for several stress-filled years.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for a meaningful discussion on culture, empathy and respect when KIPCOR at Bethel College shows the film *The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change* this afternoon.

Healthy circulation in Western District Conference (WDC) results from wide input from our congregations! Pray for WDC Gifts Discernment Committee as they begin once again to gather names of those willing to serve on WDC committees. Contact your pastor if you have suggestions for names.

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, \$10, program 7 pm. Offering for AIMM, Women's Literacy training in the Congo. Checks made to WDW and memo line AIMM. Reservations due by March 8 to Marlene Faul, 316-283-3342 or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com

WDC Year of Evangelism event: March 18-19: the Mennonite churches of Beatrice, NE will host "Faith, Hope, and the Mission of Rural and Small Town Churches." Brad Roth, pastor at West Zion, Moundridge, KS and author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church* will be the speaker. Detailed information can be found at: <http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/>.

Camp Mennoscah

—**Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction!** Approximately 70 people showed up to raise the roof with song, \$3,376.15 was raised for fun afternoon activities at camp, and many of you went home with tasty additions to your next meal. Our hearts are filled and we are thrilled to have your support of our summer youth camps. Thanks for having dessert with us!

—**Youth Volunteer Weekend** for grades 7-12 is March 16-17!

—**Kitchen helpers needed** for our summer youth camps. 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.

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Newton Community Chorale will give "A World Cup Tour" concert Sunday, March 4 at BCMC at 7 pm.

The Parkinson's Support Group at Kidron Bethel will meet in Menno Hall Tuesday, March 6, at 2:00 p.m. Tony Helfrich, Director, will give a presentation on "Exercise Options at the North Newton Wellness Center." All are welcome.

Mennonite World Review: Marathana Prothro will present "Looking for Truth in a Fake-News World" at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Kauffman Museum in North Newton. The program part of the annual corporation meeting of Mennonite World Review Inc. All are welcome to the business meeting at 7 p.m., or just for the 8 p.m. program. Prothro is assistant professor of communication at Bluffton University and a member of the MWR board of directors. She formerly served at Hesston College and Mennonite Church USA in Newton.

The Mennonite, Inc., welcomes your original submissions for our May 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Love Across Borders. Borders can be national borders that separate countries as well as economic or cultural borders that keep people apart. In the United States today, government officials are increasingly targeting and deporting undocumented immigrants, including

“dreamers,” who were brought here as children by undocumented parents. Many of our Mennonite congregations include undocumented immigrants, sometimes referred to as undocumented immigrants, given the current context. Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than March 19. We welcome written reflections—personal stories, biblical or theological reflections, poetry and more (800-1,200 words)—as well as original photography, multimedia products (including but not limited to original music recordings, music playlists and videos) and artwork on the theme. Please note we are committed to anti-oppression reviews as part of our editorial process. We have pulled together a list of anti-oppression guidelines for writers to consider as they are developing their piece. You can also review our full editorial guidelines.

Bethel College

—Sun., March 4 – KIPCOR Film Series presents *The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change*, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

—Registration deadline for the academic conference “Mennonites and the Holocaust” is March 9. The conference will take place on the Bethel College campus March 16-17 with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelks.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.

—Fri., March 16 – Doris Bergen, University of Toronto, “Neighbors, Killers, Enablers, Witnesses: The Many Roles of Mennonites in the Holocaust,” 11 a.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College (public presentation from the Mennonites and the Holocaust conference).

—Fri., March 16 – The Mennonites and the Holocaust conference presents a public screening of *Friesennot*, a 1935 Nazi propaganda film about a Mennonite village in Russia, 7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College.

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.

Mennonite Women USA seeks a strong, visionary leader and fundraiser to direct the overall mission and vision of empowering women and women's groups within the Mennonite Church. The Executive Director supervises dispersed staff and coordinates and develops the various ministries, programs, publications and promotional material. This full time position requires working independently, but also part of a team; excellent verbal and written skills, including public speaking; and ability to build relationships with persons of diverse backgrounds. Involves travel. See job description at mwusa.org/staff. Send resume and three references to Kathy Bilderback, board chair at kabilderback@cableone.net by April 30.

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 16th Annual Mid-Kansas MCC Relief Sale (1984) was blessed with a bright sun and a cool day that caused appetites to be good. A large crowd was present and they responded to the opportunity to bid and buy in unprecedented fashion. The Beef Auction sold 45 animals and the 3rd Dairy Auction sold 13 high quality animals. Dr. Roland Krause and helpers manned the information booth housed in the MDS Service Bus. In 1984, the New Year's Cookie booth made 17,500 cookies; 1,100 people participated in the Fellowship Meals program. There were 22 quilts that brought more than \$1,000 each with the top price being \$2,400. \$345,000 was sent to MCC to contribute to God's work around the world. Chairman Galle in his annual report reminded us that we are stewards of what God has entrusted to us. He reminded us that we should “Give until it feels good.”

In 1988 a new venture was child care for kids 1-5 years of age. Teenagers and adults interacted with the kids bringing smiles to the faces of both the young and the old. The Beef Walk began at Ebenfeld Church after a time of worship and the Dairy Walk began in Kingman after devotions. The walks ended at the Fairgrounds just in time for the sale of all the animals donated to the Sale. The combined walks raised \$60,000. Rain was present on Sale day, the number of quilts was down, the number of bidders was down but the result in dollars raised was very close to the previous year with 40 less quilts. Maynard Shelly who Chaired the Publicity Committee indicated that the Sale is one of the major inter-Mennonite events. MCC received \$400,000 from the work and contributions of many. Praising God through Service.

Sale Announcements

—THANKS to all of you for the wonderful support of our delicious Lasagna MCC Fellowship Meal last Sunday. Your donations brought in \$1,880 of clear profit for the KS MCC Sale. FANTASTIC!!

—Children's Coin Offering was \$73.27!! FANTASTIC!! Keep collecting your coins during the week.

—Pre-Sale Expense Checks are continuing to come in. Have you done your part yet?

—We put the Sign Up Table in the foyer. PLEASE fill the slots for ALL the volunteer jobs needed to Help Make the KS MCC Sale a FUN Event. It takes 1000 Volunteers to put the sale on each year. PLEASE do YOUR part to help make it happen. MOST shifts are 2 hours. These LARGE Group Activities are almost a thing of the past. The MCC Sales continue their tradition of getting Large Groups of people ALL working together answering God's call to HELP OTHERS. Do YOUR part to do what you can to make certain the Tradition is there for the next generation.

—IF you are planning on being on the Tabor 5K Team let Kim Funk or Jerry Toews know. Forms are on the Sign Up Table.

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