

Tabor Mennonite Church

August 26, 2018

Congregational Announcements

Acts Reading Challenge: If you read through all of Acts in one sitting or at least over the course of 1 week, not only will you receive treasure in heaven, but if you let Pastor Phil know that you have completed the challenge, he will give you an organic, fairly traded chocolate bar! If you really want a challenge, compete for the grand prize by reading through Acts multiple times in multiple translations! May God challenge and inspire us through the reading of the Word.

Faith Testimonies: Beginning on August 19, we dove into a study of Acts, which focuses on the birth of the Christian church and includes many stories of faith and conversion throughout. As we reflect on the spreading faith in Acts and as we participate in Western District Conference's "Year of Evangelism," we invite anyone who has a faith testimony that they would like to share in church to please contact one of the Tabor pastors. We would love to include a faith testimony for many of the Sundays of our Acts Worship Series, which will continue until Lent 2019.

MennoGrass 2018: Plan to join us in the Tabor park on Sunday evening, August 26 for MennoGrass! Supper will be served beginning at 5:30pm and music will be from 6-8pm. Our two groups this year are **Hopeful Blues** and the **Smoky Valley Bluegrass Band**. Please bring lawn chairs, table service, and a side or dessert. Let someone on the Fellowship Team know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Karina Brandt to Share: During Faith Formation on September 2, we invite all Youth through Adults to remain in the sanctuary to hear from Karina about her year of service with Mennonite Mission Network in Ecuador.

Tabor Church is sponsoring a Community Service Sunday the morning of September 16. If you or someone you know needs help with a certain project, place a note in Kim Funk's mailbox or send your request by email to: tabor@tabormennonite.org or phone 620-367-2318 no later than September 1. The time allotment for any project will be 2-3 hours (9:00-noon). Final decisions on all requests will be made on Sept. 5.

All teachers, helpers and anyone involved with children at Tabor. There will be an in service on September 5 from 7 - 8 pm for all adults who help with children including those adults who help in the nursery. Please plan to attend to not only sign the Safe Sanctuary Covenant, but also learn more about what will be happening this year.

Bible Study: Everyone is invited to join the Tabor weekly Bible study, which continues on Wednesday evenings from 8-9pm. Each week, we will study the passage from Acts that will be the focus during the following Sunday worship. If you have any questions, please visit with Pastor Phil. We hope to see you there!

Garden Produce: There is a table in the foyer where you may leave your donation of excess produce from your garden. If you would like to use the produce, help yourself. You are welcome to leave a donation for the food pantry.

Be Brave, Be Bold, Be You! Women & Girls Retreat 2018 - The schedule and registration forms for the 2018 Women & Girls Retreat, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah, are now available on the table in the foyer. Rachel Ringenberg Miller, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, will be the featured speaker. Many interesting and fun seminars are planned, along with plenty of time to relax and connect with nature and friends. This retreat is open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration forms are due August 27.

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. If you can help supply this life-saving resource please schedule an appointment between 1:00-6:00 on Mon. Aug. 27 at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Workers are needed at the reception desk, donor escort, or in the canteen and you can sign up in the lobby. THANKS

The Second Monday Family History and Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, September 10, 7:00 p.m., in the Goessel City Building Community Room. Karen Wall will present "Voices of Freedom, The Story of the McWorter Family," sharing research she did in discovering her grand-daughter's heritage. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet this week to support church plants and encourage partnerships between existing and emerging congregations.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Paul and Serena Manickam of MMN, along with two Colombian missionary families, work with the Iquitos Mennonite Church in Peru to offer a children's ministry, education, and gardening. Pray for grace and wisdom as this cross-cultural team responds to God's call to make earth more like heaven.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for new and returning students as they arrive to the Goshen College campus and as classes begin.

Camp Mennoscah:

—The slides and cable climber for the **Whale playground** at Camp Mennoscah are here! We will be looking for volunteers to help add the play components as soon as work dates are set. The Whale will be dedicated on September 23 at 5pm as part of our annual meeting and Work & Play Camp. You are invited!

—Come one and all to **Work & Play Camp!** From Sept. 21-25, we will be working and playing and having a grand time working on projects. This is our service-oriented retreat with tasks for all skill levels and ability. All ages are invited to come for a full or partial retreat. No fees but donations are welcome. Register online.

—**What a celebration we had!** The annual Camp Sing for Camp Mennoscah was August 12th. Approximately 220 people celebrated a successful youth camp season with us in song, laughter, and popcorn. It was so much fun! \$2313.90 was raised to help cover the \$63 per camper gap between camp fees and the actual cost of camp. Want to help out? Go online or call to donate!

—**Mental Health Spiritual Retreat at Camp Mennoscah**, Sept. 2-3! This retreat is for individuals affected by mental illness, including family members and friends. Come support each other, have fun and enjoy being at camp.

—**Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old--and thriving!** Come out to camp on Sunday, September 23, as we dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Events are part of the Work & Play Camp starting on Sept. 21. Annual Meeting events begin with worship at 10am on Sunday with the Whale playground dedication at 5pm and annual meeting following. Register online to let us know you're coming to celebrate with us!

—**Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** coming up soon! The Fall Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats are October 26-28 and November 2-4.

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.

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp: Come to the mountains for Labor Day weekend (Aug 31-Sept 3) at for the annual Labor Day Work & Play Retreat. This retreat is offered at no monetary cost to you - only your time! The retreat begins Friday evening around 7:00pm. The Saturday work projects include helping prepare meals/doing dishes, cleaning facilities and camp grounds, and other winterizing projects to prepare camp for the coming snow season. Sunday will be the day to play and enjoy camp (hiking, kayaking, disc golf, napping, etc). 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!

The Annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Sat. Sept. 15, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) offices, 121 East 30th, N. Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Guatemala. Rides of approx. 35, 45, and 65 miles, as well as a shorter family ride, are planned. Contact the church office for informational brochures, or go to the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride for information and to register on-line. Both bikers and contributors are needed! If you are not a biker but wish to contribute to this MCC project, make your check payable to MCC; write "Flatlander Bike Ride" on the memo line; and send to: MCC, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117.

Newton Et Cetera Shop is hiring an evening clerk & housewares manager for 30-40 hours/week. In cooperation with the larger management team, this person receives and processes donations; trains and supervises volunteers; prepares volunteer projects and work spaces; helps manage the sales floor; and participates in

regular system evaluation and store planning. We're also hiring a clothing sorter & receiver for 12-16 hours/week. Both full job descriptions and applications are available at the store (619 N. Main in Newton), via e-mail at generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com, or at newtonetceterashop.com. Applications are due Monday, September 10, 2018, and can be submitted in person to the general manager or by e-mail. Newton Et Cetera Shop is an equal opportunity employer, committed to employment equity. Newton Et Cetera Shop values diversity and encourages all qualified candidates to apply.

Area singers are invited to join a mass choir for **Hesston College's Masterworks concert** Saturday, Sept. 22. The concert, entitled "Grant Us Peace," will be a performance of Vaughan William's "Dona Nobis Pacem" in celebration of the International Day of Peace. The rehearsal schedule can be found at hesston.edu/peace. Choir members are requested to make a \$20 donation if possible to help cover the cost of music. Contact russell.adrian@hesston.edu or 620-327-8143 to join the choir or for questions.

Seminary and Theological Graduate School Virtual Fair: Thursday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT. Want to learn more about Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary but can't make it to our Elkhart, Indiana, campus? At this free online event, you can get answers to your questions about AMBS from faculty, students and Admissions staff. Register today! ambs.edu/visit

Develop skills for holistic leadership! AMBS's Master of Arts in Christian Formation program equips students for congregational leadership in faith formation, spiritual direction, long-term visitation and spiritual companionship, and congregational teaching and training. Need-based financial aid is available! ambs.edu/academics/ma-christian-formation

Offender Victim Ministries is offering a FREE training for new and current volunteers to learn more about Neighborhood Accountability Boards in Harvey and McPherson counties. Join us Saturday, September 8 from 9:30am-4pm at the Harvey County Courthouse Community Room (lower level), 800 N. Main, Newton. Lunch included.

Saturday morning retirement workshop to be held in September: Everence will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Medicare, Social Security and retirement income planning. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff and will take place at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, North Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.