

# Tabor Mennonite Church

September 16, 2018

## Note of Thanks

Thanks to Karina Brandt, Sarah Booth, Jill Litwiller, Michelle Unruh, Mark Schmidt and Carrie Unruh for their participation at Camp Mennoscah this past summer. Their help was valuable to the camping ministry to children and youth as mentors and living examples of a Christian Life.

THANKS to all of you Tabor folks who helped drive the tractor shuttle at the KS State Fair on Thursday. The KS MCC Sale Board much appreciates your time and effort. THANK YOU.  
~Jerry Toews

## Congregational Announcements

**Ray and Brenda Hurst** plan to join us at noon on our Service Day, this Sunday, Sept. 16. After lunch they will be at Russ and Barb Abrahams house until 4:00 if you want to stop by to chat.

**Call to Commitment:** 2019 Commitment Sheets are now available to be filled out online: <https://goo.gl/forms/Efluf6ZSv4C95H8D3> or using a paper form. Please take time to read through the entire form, process and pray about how you would like to be involved in the ministries of Tabor Mennonite in this coming year, and then mark all the ways you are already committed to serving or are interested in serving in the coming fiscal year (Dec. 2018-Nov. 2019). If you have any questions, please contact a Pastor.

**Deacon Discernment:** Deacons are in the process of discerning two new persons to join the Deacon Team. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in serving the congregation in this way, please speak with a current Deacon or Pastor.

**Narrative Requests** are due in the church office September 25. Reports by email are appreciated: [kfunk@tabormennonite.org](mailto:kfunk@tabormennonite.org)

**New Hope Shelter:** Tabor's week to serve at New Hope Shelter is coming up September 12-18. Contact Barb Abrahams or Austin Unruh to volunteer or if you have questions. Thanks for your continued support of the homeless shelter.

### Tabor Mennonite Women:

**TMW** will have a project of tying comforters in the church fellowship hall on Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 1-4 p.m. Bring some goodies to share for our snack. **TMW** haven't had regular offerings throughout the summer. Please put your offering in Denise Nickel's mailbox for our summer offerings.

**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! *This challenge is for all ages. Younger children may choose to read (or have their parents read to them) all of*

*the Acts stories in the Shine Story Bible to complete the challenge.* 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:** 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.

**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!

**Attention Young Adults!** There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College-Pre Family) Fall Get Together on Sunday, Sept. 30. We will meet at 5:30 pm at Rene and Kristin Kaufman's home, near Moundridge. Please bring a side dish to share and a lawn chair. This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact Kristin Kaufman- [kristin.unruh@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.unruh@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**The 6th annual 2 and 6 mile Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk** will be Sunday, October 7 at 1:30 p.m. leaving from Goessel Mennonite Church. Mark your calendars and see your recruiter Kevin Nickel to sign up to participate. Donations will go to support MCC and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

**Position needing to be filled before October 15:** Chairperson for the Mennonite College Scholarship Task Force. Job description: Coordinate annual fund raiser meal. Be the contact person for Sundays when Mennonite Colleges visit, which usually involves planning and hosting a brunch or potluck and asking college alumni to help. Chair meetings with the Task Force (parents of current college students and other volunteers to the Task Force) when needs arise or at fund raising times or to plan new goals and visions that the Task Force want to set. Communicate with the Scholarship Coordinator (Gayle Funk). SEE GAYLE FUNK IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS or think that this might be a mission for you!

## Conference Announcements

### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for church planters in WDC, as they seek to nurture the seeds of new communities of faith.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox and their daughters, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are beginning another school year in Spain. Pray for the girls as they relate to classmates, and for Brian and Noelia as they work with parents and students in the English school they established.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Give thanks for AMBS students and teaching faculty members as they begin a new semester together. Ask God to bless their study, worship and fellowship.

- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the Worship Planning Committee as they meet in Kansas City on September 21-23 to plan worship for MennoCon19.

### **Camp Mennoscah:**

—Fun times at Work & Play Camp, Sept. 21-25! 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.

—Come to camp on Sunday, Sept. 23, as we dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Register online to let us know you're celebrating with us!

—Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats: October 26-28 and November 2-4.

*Information for all events at Camp Mennoscah or to register:*

*Online at [www.campmennoscah.org](http://www.campmennoscah.org) Telephone: [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290).*

*Email: [office@campmennoscah.org](mailto:office@campmennoscah.org).*

*Contact: [olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org](mailto:olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org).*

### **Mennonite Central Committee;**

—**The worst monsoon flooding in a century** has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. As displaced people are returning to their homes, Mennonite Central Committee is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at [mcc.org/india-flooding](http://mcc.org/india-flooding); by phone at 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

**Become a Doctrine of Discovery trainer!** Register now for the October 8-10 training taking place at MCC in North Newton. Using the framework of the Doctrine of Discovery we will explore taking of land from Indigenous people which led to the justification of the global slave-trade of the 15th and 16th centuries, and the Age of Imperialism. Participants will be equipped with the following educational tools which they can utilize to further educate others on the Doctrine of Discovery:

- The Loss of Turtle Island - a participatory learning experience that depicts the historic relationship between European settlers - including Mennonites - and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America.

- The Doctrine of Discovery - an analysis of the theological, philosophical and legal framework established by the Christian Church that gave European governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize Indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous peoples.

Registration: [https://mcc\\_us.formstack.com/forms/dod\\_train\\_the\\_trainers](https://mcc_us.formstack.com/forms/dod_train_the_trainers).

Questions? Please contact [ericalittlewolf@mcc.org](mailto:ericalittlewolf@mcc.org) for more information.

**M-2 Prison Visitation Volunteer Opportunity:** Jesus calls us to visit the prisoner! At Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be on Monday, Sept. 17 at 12 pm at HCF or Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church, N. Newton. Please contact Ben Kreider for more information at [ben@offendervictimministries.org](mailto:ben@offendervictimministries.org) or (316) 281-5244.

**Join Hesston College and thousands of others around the world in celebration of International Day of Peace**, Sept. 21, with several days of activities promoting peace. The cornerstone event will be the "Grant Us Peace" masterworks concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The free program will feature Ralph Vaughn Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem* by a college/community choir and professional orchestra. Go to [hesston.edu/peaceday](http://hesston.edu/peaceday) to see more Peace Day activities in which the public is invited to participate.

**Fall Festival at Bethel College** in North Newton, KS will be on October 6!

--Donations needed for baked goods for the Market in the Round for at Bethel College Fall Festival: 1 dozen Zwieback, Peppernuts (2 cups in ziplock bag), cinnamon rolls, cookies, bars, brownies etc). Baked goods can be dropped off at Luyken Fine Arts Center on Friday evening (10/5) or Saturday morning (10/6).

--The Bethel College Women's Association Council is seeking donations of pies for the Pie by the Slice Booth. We are hoping to reach our goal of 70 pies! Pies can be brought to the Student Center on Friday (10/5) between 4-7 pm, or by 9 am to the Pie Booth Saturday morning (10/6). 9" disposable tins are suggested, and please, no cream pies!

--Support Bethel College with your winning bid! The Bethel College Women's Association will again feature a Silent Auction at Fall Fest. Stop by the Fine Arts Center lobby from 9 am-1 pm to bid on artwork by Susan Bartel and Bob Regier, jewelry by Gail Lutsch, a table runner by Carol Peters, and vintage Mary Lou Goertzen plates. Or, bid on a unique experience such as Dinner for 8 with President Jon Gering and Deborah Gering in Goertz House; season tickets to a BC sport of choice, plus a meet and greet with coaches; an "insider chat" with Wichita Symphony conductor Dan Hege, a Bethel grad; or a stay at Jerry and Leann Toews' B&B including tours of amazing mechanical and furniture collections. Bids close promptly at 1 pm. Come see us in the Fine Arts Center lobby to bid on these great items!

**3rd annual Community Hog Roast** will take place September 23, 5-8 pm, at Grace Hill Mennonite Church (10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater, KS). Everyone is invited to an evening of outdoor fellowship with food, yard games and music provided by the Ken Regier family. A free will donation will be accepted to support area food banks. Everyone is welcome!

**Generosity and Estate Planning workshop** to be hosted by Everence: Everence, alongside 14 sponsoring agencies, will host a workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Topics will include the spiritual call to generosity and intentional planning, tax and estate planning tools, and insights into planning a move to a life plan community. Speakers will include Michele Hershberger, attorney Cynthia Wiens, Arlan Yoder CPA, and representatives from Bluestem communities. This workshop will take place at The Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct, Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Sandy Popp at (316) 283-3800; (877) 467-7294 or [sandy.popp@everence.com](mailto:sandy.popp@everence.com)