

# Tabor Mennonite Church

September 2, 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.

**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.

**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 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](mailto: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.

**Fellowship and Camp in the park:** In conjunction with Service Sunday on September 16, the Tabor Fellowship Planning Team invites anyone interested to come fellowship and camp in the park on Saturday evening, September 15. We plan to have the fire going around 5:30pm, so feel free to bring food (e.g. hot dogs) to roast for supper and we will also provide S'more fixings for dessert. We will provide some lawn games, but invite you to bring more. If you camp overnight, or want to come to church early on Sunday (8am), please also bring breakfast foods. If you have any questions, please talk to one of us on the Fellowship Team.

**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!

**Help Needed:** Tractor drivers to pull the shuttle thru the parking lots at the KS State Fair on Thurs., Sept. 13. 1-4 shift pm or 4-7 pm shift needed. The Mennonite churches of KS get drivers for all the days of the State Fair for a reduced price for renting the Fairgrounds for the MCC Sale. Contact Jerry at 620-367-8257 or email: [jtoews62@gmail.com](mailto:jtoews62@gmail.com) It's a boring job, BUT very helpful.

**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, September 7-9 at Camp Mennoscah - There's still time to register. There's something for everyone. Yoga, swimming, art, spiritual direction and much more! Don't miss it! Open to all women and girls grade 3 and older. Registration information at: <http://mennowdc.org/women-girls-retreat/>

**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.

**At the 'recent' blood drive** a lack of Red Cross staff limited us to 2 beds so numerous donors were turned away. Thanks to the 20 people who took the time to wait and donate blood. We expect the next drive, Monday, Oct. 29, to be full-staffed, but please sign up early so Red Cross can see the dedication of people in Goessel to save lives and plan accordingly.

## Conference Announcements

### Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for participants and leaders who will gather next weekend at Camp Mennoscah for the Mennonite Women and Girls' Retreat.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: The Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala invited Deb Byler of MMN to empower women leaders. Pray for her as she helps organize an October meeting for women in areas that are far from Carcha, the church's administrative center.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Research shows that children under the age of five suffer greatest from child abuse and neglect. Pray that resources such as Dove's Nest, GRACE and Everence may be utilized to provide safe, healthy environments to enhance faith and learning.

### Camp Mennoscah:

—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.

—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.

—Camp Mennoscah is 70 years old--and thriving! Sunday, September 23, we will dedicate The Whale playground and celebrate Camp Mennoscah's 70th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. 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.

—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).*

**The Annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride** will be held on Sat. Sept. 15, originating at the Mennonite Central Committee offices, N. Newton. This year's ride will raise funds for an MCC water development project in Guatemala. Contact the church office for informational brochures, or go to the MCC website: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride](http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/mcc-flatlander-bicycle-ride). 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.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** is seeking weekly volunteers for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2018! Join us as individuals or groups to help those affected by disasters. We are working in the following locations: Lake County, CA; Pine Ridge, SD; Victoria County, TX; La Grange, TX; Fort Myers, FL; West Virginia; Williams Lake, BC; and Puerto Rico. Serve with a positive and Christ-like heart using your trade skills or learning new skills on the job. To serve with us, contact Deanna Frey by calling 1-800-241-8111 or emailing [dfrey@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:dfrey@mds.mennonite.net). For more information about our current projects, visit [mds.mennonite.net](http://mds.mennonite.net).

**Newton Et Cetera Shop** is hiring an evening clerk & housewares manager for 30-40 hours/week. 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](mailto:generalmanager@newtonetceterashop.com), or at [newtonetceterashop.com](http://newtonetceterashop.com). Applications are due Monday, September 10, 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](http://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](mailto:russell.adrian@hesston.edu) or 620-327-8143 to join the choir or for questions.

### **Bethel College:**

—Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Sept. 3, but continues most Mondays from noon-1pm in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, [2nathankoontz@gmail.com](mailto:2nathankoontz@gmail.com), or Melanie Zuercher, [mzuercher@bethelks.edu](mailto:mzuercher@bethelks.edu).

—Sun., Sept. 9 – KIPCOR Film Series presents two short films about immigration, To Breathe Free and Locked in a Box, 3 p.m.; talkback follows with Harold Schlechtweg, advocacy director for the International Rescue Committee, and Sandrine Lisk, an attorney with Immigration Law Office, both in Wichita; Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College

—Bethel College and Tabor College welcome WDC members to go on the study tour to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel, Jan. 2-22, 2019. Peter Goerzen (Bethel) and Doug Miller (Tabor), both WDC members, will lead the group. Please contact Peter ([pgoerzen@bethelks.edu](mailto:pgoerzen@bethelks.edu)) or Doug ([doug@tabor.edu](mailto:doug@tabor.edu)) this week if interested.

**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](mailto:michelle.ramer@everence.com).

**The Kidron Bethel Parkinson's Support Group** will meet in Menno Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 2:00 p.m. We will view inspirational videos featuring persons with Parkinson's Disease, followed by small group discussion and response. All are welcome.