

# Tabor Mennonite Church

September 23, 2018

## Notes of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who participated in Service Sunday last week. Together, we cleaned up four yards in the community, worked at the museum in Goessel, held a worship service at Bethesda Home, made freezer meals for food pantry clients, prepared the noon meal, made cards of encouragement for individuals, cleaned and priced books for EtCetra Shop, cleaned toys in the nursery, and safety tested playground equipment. It is amazing how much work can get done in a short amount of time!

~Tabor Outreach Team

A big "Thank you" to the volunteers that came out to the Museum Sunday morning. The young men that helped rid the Wheat Palace of dead bugs and cob webs helped to make it look presentable again. The prep work of scraping paint is not fun, but very necessary for a good looking and lasting paint job. The individuals that worked on the Friesen House pillars were much appreciated. Thank you again.

~Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum

## Congregational Announcements

**God's Country:** If you are interested in reading and discussing Brad Roth's book, *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*, please let me (Pastor Phil) know via email, phone, or in-person. I will be out of state this Sunday, Sept. 23, but can start ordering the books in preparation for Sunday, Sept. 30.

**Opportunity to Help:** We will soon be ready for painting in our newly remodeled classrooms. Please contact Kenton nickel if you are interested in helping.

**Faith Testimonies:** How are you living out or sharing your faith? How does your faith impact how you spend your time and other resources? We would love for many Tabor members and attenders to respond to one of these questions by sharing a brief (3-5 minute) Faith Testimony during a Sunday morning worship service. Please contact a Pastor if you are interested in sharing.

**Wednesday Evening Ministries:** Everyone is invited to participate in Wednesday Evening Ministries beginning on October 3. Meals will again be served beginning at 5:45 pm. Regular activities include: Faithful Fitness, Children's and Adult Choirs, Faith Friends, Faith Adventure, Youth Explorers and Youth Group. Tabor's weekly adult Bible study will continue to meet from 8-9pm to study the passage from Acts that will be the focus during the following Sunday worship. Look for more information about October 3 when we will kick off for the fall. We hope to see you!

**Supporting our Mission Partners:** We will receive a special offering to support our Mission Partners, Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and sons John-Clair and Jacob, on World Communion Sunday (October 7). We have committed a minimum of \$1,500 to our Mission Partners and still need to collect a little over \$1,000 to meet our commitment. During our worship service on October 7, we will also highlight the work of our Mission Partners during the Faith Testimony time.

**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.

**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.

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

**Tabor Mennonite Women** haven't had regular offerings throughout the summer. Please put your offering in Denise Nickel's mailbox for our summer offerings.

**Tabor Food Pantry:** Current needs are: canned fruits, mixed vegetables, meats, tomatoes, and spaghetti sauce; spaghetti noodles, pasta, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, rice, instant potatoes, cake mix, peanut butter, applesauce, jelly. Also needed: toilet paper, laundry soap, dish soap, toothpaste, paper towels, kleenex. Thank you for your continued support of the Tabor Food Pantry.

**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 Harvest Giving Walk** will take place at Goessel Mennonite Church Sun, Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m. Pick up a Walk envelope today or find someone who is walking and generously support the Tabor Food Pantry and the MCC's Network of Peace-building Schools that will help to "train and support students and teachers to become active mediators in their schools and communities." Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry. (Please make checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk.)

**Position needing to be filled before Oct. 15:** Mennonite College Scholarship Task Force Chairperson. *Job description: Please see last week's announcements.* 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 WDC's Immigration Task Force, as they network congregations and provide resources for faithful responses to immigration concerns.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Martine Audéoud, Gary Wittig, and their son, Samuel, have made their home in France to care for Martine's father. Pray for Gary and Samuel as they adjust to a new culture, and for Martine as she serves with MMN as a seminary teacher in Ivory Coast.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Hesston College community, alumni guests and others who gather on campus this week to celebrate homecoming. May time spent together produce opportunities to connect with the college and each other.

### Camp Mennoscah:

—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.

—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.*

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

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

**As part of WDC's Year of Evangelism**, join brothers and sisters in Christ for: Telling the Jesus Story, a seminar focused on testimony, to be held Oct. 26-27 at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX. Keynote speaker: John Garland, pastor of San Antonio Mennonite Church. A van from the Newton area is an option for traveling together with others. More information and registration at: [mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/](http://mennowdc.org/year-of-evangelism/)

**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.

**Come to Hesston College for Homecoming 2018:** Celebrating 60 years of Lark Intercollegiate Athletics. The weekend, Sept. 27-30, will be filled with events for all ages for alumni, friends and the public. Highlights include alumni athlete/coach presentations, recognition of Kansas City General Hospital nursing graduates, Two-Mile Run/Walk, free picnic /kids' festival, naming of Sieber Field soccer field and headline entertainment by bluegrass favorites, The Steel Wheels. Full schedule and registrations at [hesston.edu/homecoming](http://hesston.edu/homecoming). Steel Wheels tickets at [hesston.edu/bookstore](http://hesston.edu/bookstore).

**Hesston College Theatre** presents its fall comedy, *The Misanthrope*, for four performances Oct. 4 to 7. The play, by Moliere, is a 17th century comedy with a playful 21st century twist. Showtime on Oct. 4 to 6 is 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Oct. 7. All performances are in the Keim Center Black Box Theatre on the Hesston College campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased in advance through the Hesston College Bookstore at 620-327-8105.

**Fall Festival at Bethel College** – Oct. 4-7 with most events Sat., Oct. 6; presidential inauguration for Jonathan C. Gering Sunday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m., Memorial Hall; see [www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/](http://www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/)

**Bethel College Music and Theater present Little Women** – Fri., Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 6, 3:30 p.m., Sun., Oct. 7, 3 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Tickets at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or a minimum of one hour before show time in the LFAC ticket office, subject to availability.

**Fall Festival at Bethel College** in North Newton will be on October 6!  
--Donations needed for baked goods for the Market in the Round  
--The Bethel College Women's Association Council donations of pies  
--The Bethel College Women's Association will again feature a Silent Auction in the Fine Arts Center. *For details on all, please see last weeks announcement.*

**Generosity and Estate Planning session:** Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m. – Meridian Center in Newton. Content will include some nuts and bolts talk from attorneys, finance and tax professionals, and a significant input regarding our spiritual call to generosity and planning. Contact Sandy Popp at the Everence office 877-893-8647 to confirm your reservation – or call Pete Flaming cell # 316-217-1585. Don't miss this great opportunity!

**Prayers for Peace**, a service planned by the Newton Mennonite churches, will take place on Sunday, October 7, 7 pm at New Creation Mennonite Fellowship. You are all invited to this time of scripture, prayer, music, and reflection.

**Everence will offer its popular retirement workshop**, Your Medicare options, on Tues., Oct. 2, at 6:30 pm. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff at MCC Central States Office, 121 E. 30th, N. Newton. Refreshments will be served. 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 Kansas Poor People's Campaign** will host a Kansas People's Hearing on Mon, Oct. 8, 6:30 pm at the WSU Metroplex (5015 E 29th St N., Wichita). This event will be another opportunity to further lift up voices in our State that typically do not get heard. National Co-Chairs Revs. William Barber & Liz Theoharis will be present and supporting the continued work of combating Poverty, Racism, War Spending, & Destruction of Mother Earth! For more information, visit the Kansas People's Hearing Facebook Event: [www.facebook.com/events/2105106039706562](https://www.facebook.com/events/2105106039706562).