

Tabor Mennonite Church

February 17, 2019

Congregational Announcements

Building Dedication: We are tentatively planning to have a Building Dedication Service on Sunday, June 30, 2019. We hope that everyone can attend this celebration! Please check your calendars and let church staff know if there are major conflicts with this date.

How Firm a Foundation: The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and the Bethel College Concert Choir will present a collaborative concert event this evening at 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17, here at Tabor, in the new Fellowship Hall!!! The program, "How Firm a Foundation" will feature the choirs individually and combined, and will also include the Tabor Church choir and hymn singing with the audience. Bringing these two choirs together for a concert is a dream come true for their directors, and it will be a very special evening indeed. The concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be collected for the Tabor Mennonite Church fellowship hall building fund.

The annual Camp Washunga fundraiser meal is coming up! Join us at the Goessel High School cafeteria on March 3 for a delicious meal of lasagna, salad, green beans, bread and dessert. Cost of the meal is by donation and we will begin serving at 11:30 am. Thanks for your support!

A membership meal is being planned for Sunday, April 7, from 12-3 pm. Please let a pastor know by the end of March if you are interested in joining Tabor as a member.

Acts Reading Challenge: There's still time to take on this 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.

Lost and Found items are located on a table by the coat racks. Please claim your items by February 17. Unclaimed items will be donated to Et Cetera Shop in Newton.

Rescheduled: On February 24, the Alexanderwohl peace committee invites you to our dessert potluck at 7:00 pm. Our speakers will have an environmental focus. Sarah Balzer, a junior at Bethel College, won the national C. Henry Smith Oration Contest. She will share her speech on how plastics create many environmental justice issues, and invite questions/discussion. Maynard Knepp will then share how the MCC Center works with recycling, and their dreams for expanding it. Everyone is invited to attend -- bring your favorite dessert to share.

Blood Drive: Each year in Feb. we focus on love and one way you can show you care and use your heart on Mon. Feb. 25 is to donate blood between 1:00-6:00 at Goessel Church or volunteer for an hour at the drive. Reserve a time at redcrossblood.org or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Do you wash dishes? If so, please save your dish soap bottles for Vacation Bible School 2019. They can be placed in the box in the Faith Formation Supply Room or given to Pam Abrahams.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for the WDC Church Planting Commission as they meet this week to work on guidelines for church planting, and for Byron Pellecer, WDC Associate Conference Minister who provides coaching and mentoring for church planters.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network are serving at La Casa Grande children's home in Benin. Pray for good health and open hearts as Diana and Felipe teach English, assist with gardening, and share God's love with each child.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for AMBS Admissions Team members as they connect with prospective students who are exploring options for biblical and theological graduate studies and discerning where God might be calling them.
- ★ Mennonite Church USA: Pray for Illinois Mennonite Conference as they hold their annual business meeting at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Mennonite Central Committee:

—All are welcome to join the fun at the 12th annual MCC Comforter Blitz on March 4, 5 and 6 at the Journey Yoder Campus, one mile north of Yoder, Ks. Times are Monday, 9:00am to 5:00pm Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm and Wednesday, 9:00am to 4:00pm. Come and have a good time while helping others. No sewing skills are required. Lunch is available by donation each day, or you may bring your own sack lunch. Bring snacks to share during the work day. This event is hosted by Kansas Friends of MCC.

—MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups, individuals and summer staff. Make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky or West Virginia. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

Mennonite Disaster Service: We will soon begin scheduling for our spring & summer projects. If you are available to serve from April – August 2019, please contact your Volunteer Coordinator and inform them of your availability.

Camp Mennoscah:

—Youth Volunteer Weekend (grades 7-12) is March 15-16 at Camp Mennoscah! Full scholarships available.

—Spring Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats March 8-10 or March 15-17.

—Camp Mennoscah annual Hymn Sing and Dessert Auction at Bethel College Mennonite Church, February 24 from 4-6pm.

—Online registration for Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah is open! In fact, registration is open for all upcoming camps and retreats, so power up your computer and register for all sorts of relaxation and fun! Call us at 620-297-3290 with questions.

Information for all retreats at Camp Mennoscah or to register:

Online at www.campmennoscah.org Telephone: 620-297-3290.

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Women's Retreat at RMMC: Plan to attend the new Women's Retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, March 15-17. Retreat, hike, explore, rest, fellowship, laugh, and so much more. This weekend is geared towards women ages 18 and older. The worship sessions will be led by Anita Amstutz. She will guide each session along themes from her book, "Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath", calling us back to the living waters that Jesus offered the Woman at the Well. Register online today (www.rmmc.org).

Bethel College: Sun., Feb. 17 – KIPCOR Film Series presents More Than a Word, which examines the controversy over Native American-themed sports mascots and nicknames, 3 pm., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center. Talk-back follows with Edward Valandra, Ph.D., Sicangu Titunwan (Lakota), and Sherman Padgett, former principal of Wichita North High School (the "Redskins").

Hesston College: Recounting the tender, dynamic and familiar story of the parent-child relationship, Hesston College Theatre will present five performances of the musical Big Fish, Feb. 27 to March 3, in the Keim Center Black Box Theatre. Show times are at 7 p.m., Feb. 27 to March 2, and 2 p.m., on Sunday, March 3. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended as seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased online at hesston.edu/big-fish-tix or at the Hesston College Bookstore in Erb Hall during regular business hours or by calling 620-327-8105. Big Fish is a family-friendly musical for all ages.

Everence® will host an all-inclusive retirement planning workshop on Saturday, March 2, 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 Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., N. Newton. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
April 12 & 13, 2019
www.kansas.mccsale.org

—**MCC is one of the MOST efficient run Humanitarian Air Organizations in the World** where 93 Cents of every dollar donated goes to where the problems are. This can only be done with the help of the MANY volunteers who give several years of their lives to work for MCC around the world.

—**Keep saving your coins** and paper during the week to help the Children's Coin Offering. Last Sunday \$46.91 was collected.

—**PLEASE** call Jerry 620-367-8257 when you are ready to **have photos taken of items you have made or want to donate** to this years sale so we can get them advertised on the website. Scroll around the website or see us on facebook.

—**Money raised at the MCC Sale provides desperate families BOTH Spiritual Hope as well as Hope for Survival.** \$10 provides a brood of chicks and training how to care for them. Chickens provide eggs and meat and can be sold to boost family income. \$50 provides one goat. Goat herds are like savings accounts, giving families the capital that they need to pay school fees or medical bills or a failed harvest.

—**Please help contribute to Pre-Sale Expenses.** Make your checks out to MCC and put them in boxes of our contact persons.

—**Looking for your donations** of old cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, mowers and most ANYTHING of value for the KS MCC Sale this coming April. If you are thinking of buying a new car, consider donating your old car to the MCC Sale. Vehicles do not need to be running. We will pick them up, clean them up, and get them running. Your donations can change peoples lives and give them hope. Call Jerry Toews 620-367-8257.

—**Quilters Corner Opportunities:** Volunteers are welcome and needed each Tuesday evening 7-9 pm at the MCC Center in North Newton to help sort and price items for the Sale as well as each third Saturday of the month (Feb 15, Mar 15) any time between 9 am - 3 pm. Quilting donations are also welcome and needed i.e. quilting fabrics, quilting supplies, vintage linens, unfinished quilting projects, etc. Questions, contact Ann Yoder Smith, 919-604-3282, rws.ays@gmail.com.

—Deadline for your **quilt donations** to be listed in buyers guide is March 11.

For more information on all of the above, please see our sale contact persons: Jerry and Leann Toews, Archie and Kristin Schmidt and Eric Litwiller.