

Tabor Mennonite Church

June 23, 2019

Congregational Announcements

Children's Faith Formation:

—**June 23** it will be the **mom's turn** to join us in some fun games to see how well their children know them! We will share how Jesus had a very special mom!
—**June 30** is the **farm adventure** as we talk about how Jesus loved animals. It will be important to have as many parents as possible available to transport the children to Maynard and Carol's farm.

Donations requested for Children's Day Camp: Our theme for July 23 is "Service," and the children will assemble Hygiene Kits for Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider donating any of the following items:

adult-size toothbrush (in package) large bar bath soap (in wrapper),
nail clipper (good quality) wide-toothed comb (6-8 in),
hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in. x 26 in).

We are also collecting gently used children's books and puzzles (25-100 pieces) to donate to the Et Cetera Shop. Place hygiene kit items and puzzles and books in the blue tubs, both located beneath the coat rack.

There is still time to register children entering 1st-5th grade for this Free Day Camp, sponsored by area churches. Brochures with dates and complete information can be found on the shelf beneath the mailboxes.

Building Dedication: For our dedication service on August 25, the worship planning team would like to have a volunteer choir share music that morning. This choir is open to all who would like to participate. You do not need to be a regular choir member to be a part of this choir. In fact we encourage anyone, including 5th graders on up, to join us! We will rehearse on July 7 and August 4 during the finger food fellowship times. If you have further questions, please contact Marcene Entz.

Mennonite Church USA Convention will be held in Kansas City July 2-6. Delegates from Tabor are Pastor Phil Schmidt, Eric Litwiller, and Jose Suastegui.

Western District Annual Assembly is coming up on July 26-27 at Bethel College! Please see <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2019annualAssembly> for more information. If you are interested in attending as a Tabor Delegate, please sign up on the page in the foyer by July 9. Tabor Deacons will cover half of the \$95 registration fee.

You are invited for dessert at Alexanderwohl, Sunday, June 23 at 6:30pm to hear Pastor Caleb Yoder and Kris Schmucker share stories and learnings from the Mexico border in South Texas as part of the MCC Borderlands Learning Tour. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy refreshments together, grapple with a complex justice concern and come away challenged.

Summer is a great time for students to donate blood and help save lives!

You can donate at age 17 (or 16 with parental consent). Sign up at redcrossblood.org for the drive at Goessel Church on June 25 from 1:00-6:00.

Art Show: Four local artists have works on display at the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum Immigrant House until Sat., July 6. Come to the museum and see what happening in the Goessel Art World. Ruth Goertzen is exhibiting 18 of her quilted fabric works of art. Carol Eck enjoys nature in her watercolor paintings. Darlene Schroeder also has many watercolor paintings with many different subjects. Fern Bartel has acrylic painting and photography prints. You are invited to the museum during regular summer hours. Members are free and regular admission does apply.

The children's activities of Uncle Milt's Shed at Threshing Days is in need of a large number of empty Pringles chip cans and tractor calendars (especially John Deere) for craft projects. 125-150 kids are anticipated. If you have these items to donate, please drop them off at the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum in Goessel during business hours by Friday, July 12. Contact Susan Nafziger (620-367-4623 or nafziger@mtelco.net) if you have questions. Thanks!

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC members who spend time at Camp Mennoscah this summer as campers, counselors, staff and volunteers.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Noelia Fox of MMNserve the Anabaptist community in Burgos, Spain. Pray for them as they work with young couples in the church and in the community, and as they model Christian family dynamics in parenting their three daughters.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Give thanks for the technology that has made it possible for AMBS to offer a new fully online Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism. May this new distance education program enable people to pursue theological studies who might not have been able to do so otherwise.

Western District Conference:

—There will be many workshops to choose from Saturday morning and afternoon at Western District Conference Annual Assembly, July 26-27 on Bethel College campus in North Newton. Here is a small sample: Mennonite Women's Vocies: 1972-2006; artists' perspectives and personal stories on the Arizona and Texas/Mexico borders; faith formation workshops by Shana Peachey Boshart (MC USA) and Springs Forth!; conversation about creation care, and much moer. Join us! For more information, go to: <http://mennowdc.org/annual-assembly/#2019annualAssembly>

—Check out Nancy Funk's favorite reads from the Conference Resource Library at this link: <https://mennowdc.booksys.net/opac/crl/index.html?mode=main#search:ExpertSearch?BookbagID=518&ignoredefaultlocation=true>

—A huge "thank you" to everyone who visited the Conference Resource Library last week for the Book Sale. We're glad so many items found new homes and thankful for your generosity; we raised \$275 for new resources!

Mennonite Church USA convention is just around the corner. Are you attending? Mennonite Mission Network has lots of ways pastors can connect to resources. Check out our seminars featuring church planting, discipling, engaging in service no matter your age, healthy boundaries in relationships, conflict resolution, and more. For the young at heart, come to the booth and play an escape room game or eat some popcorn while chatting with our recruitment coordinator, Lauren Eash Hershberger, to think about ways to involve your youth in service. We can't wait to see you there!

Service Adventure is looking for more applicants for the 2019-2020 service term. Service Adventure can provide high school graduates with the next step in their educational path. Youth ages 17-20 serve and live in community with mentors where personal growth and leadership development happens. Scholarships are available for those who plan to attend a Mennonite college following a year with Service Adventure. Contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@mennonitemission.net for more information. Or check out the website at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/Service%20Adventure>

Camp Mennoscah:

—We are having great fun! Summer Youth Camps at Camp Mennoscah are going swimmingly and we are thrilled we still have 6 weeks of camp left. Campers are welcome to register for a week of faith, fun, and fellowship on the theme of Peace Works: Empowering Peacemakers. It's an awesome time with worship, swimming, crafts, nature, and lots of friends! Register today!

—Family Weekend is (almost) now! Join us June 29-30 at Camp Mennoscah for a time with family and friends in God's great creation. The weekend is lightly scheduled to allow you to spend time with your family and friends doing all sorts of camp-themed activities—swimming, crafts, canoeing (river conditions permitting), smores, worship and campfire. Register online call us!

Contact and registration for Camp Mennoscah:

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

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Central Committee:

—**Lunch & Learn at MCC on Tuesday, June 25 from noon-1 p.m.** Please plan to join us for lunch and to hear from Bruce and Betsy Headrick McCrae, MCC Area Directors for Central and West Africa (Rwanda/Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Chad and Burkina Faso). They will share about the variety of programs MCC is working on this region of Africa with a focus on peace programs. RSVP to patsydirksen@mcc.org, 316.283.2720, on MONDAY, June 24 by NOON to reserve your lunch!

—**MCC Volunteer Appreciation on Wednesday, June 26 from 5-7 p.m.** Join us for this indoor picnic for all MCC volunteers! Have you volunteered at meat canning, an MCC thrift shop, at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, tied knots on a comforter, worked in the Material Resources Center? If you said yes to any of that, then please make plans to join us on WEDNESDAY, June 26 for this annual THANK YOU event. We'll enjoy an indoor picnic (hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, chips and watermelon and soft serve frozen yogurt). We can't wait to see you on Wednesday at MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30th, North Newton), contact patsydirksen@mcc.org, 316.283.2720 with questions.

Mennonite Disaster Service: The impacts of disaster have been widespread across the country this spring. There has been flooding in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. Tornadoes and strong winds have also been prevalent in these states as well as in the south and Ohio and Pennsylvania. Local MDS volunteers are responding in many of these areas. They are mucking out homes and clearing debris. We are grateful for how so many local units are stepping up and helping their neighbors!

Concert: On Saturday evening, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. The Walking Roots Band will be giving a concert at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. A free will offering will be collected to help pay travel and tour expenses.

Bethel College: Fri., June 28 – Kauffman Museum will host an opening reception for a temporary exhibit, "Walk A Mile," an expressive arts project that features art created by EmberHope Youthville's residential children, 4-6 p.m. "Walk A Mile" will be on display at the museum – free of charge in the outer lobby – June 29-July 22. For more information contact Michael Reinschmidt, mreinschmidt@bethelks.edu or 316-283-1612.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:

—**Sign up for a fall course at AMBS!** Hybrid course options include Teaching and Learning for Transformation and Spiritual Practices: Voice and Identity. Online options include Creation Care: Theology, Ethics and Spirituality; History of Christianity in Africa; Psalms; and more. We're also offering 13 campus courses. Nonadmitted students get 50 percent off their first course for credit! ambs.edu/onecourse

—**Seminary scholarships for VSers.** Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers tuition discounts and scholarships (\$1,500 per academic year) to current and former voluntary service workers. Enrollment must occur within five years of completion of the VS assignment. Sign up for a course now, or tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/vs