

Tabor Mennonite Church

September 22, 2019

Congregational Announcements

Supporting our Mission Partners: Please note that we will receive special offerings on October 6 and 13 to support the work of our Mission Partners, the Smith Derksen family.

Please consider helping on Wednesday evenings this year. We are still in need of teachers for the 3 and 4 year old class and the 1st and 2nd grade class. Contact one of the pastors or Doris Unruh if you are interested.

Healing Testimonies: As part of our Fall Worship Series focused on "Healing," anyone who has experienced healing in their life (physical, mental, spiritual, relational, etc...) is invited to consider sharing a faith testimony during one of the worship services. If you are open to sharing a healing testimony, please let Pastor Phil know.

Community Junior High Event: Junior High Youth (6th-8th grade) along with parents and families are invited to an evening of S'mores and Fellowship on Sunday, September 29 at 7pm at the home of Ben and Tina Schrag (715 29th Ave., Canton). Please bring lawn chairs. This will be the first of several community Junior High events that will take place throughout the year.

Circles Graduation Celebration: You are invited to join in celebrating the first group of Goessel graduates who completed the Circles "Getting Ahead" class with Mark Rogers. Circles USA is focused on "Building Communities to End Poverty" (see <https://www.circlesusa.org/> for more information). The graduation celebration will be on Sunday, September 29 at 5pm at the Bethesda Chapel in Goessel. We hope to see you there!

Circles Ally: Are you interested in learning more about being a Circles Ally in Goessel? If yes, please talk to Pastor Phil and plan to attend a special class that will be taught by Mark Rogers in October. On October 6 and 20, the class will be at 11am. On October 13 and 27, the class will be at 9am. The class will meet at Bethesda.

The Harvest Giving Walk will take place at Tabor Church Sunday, October 6 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 MCC's Central American Migrants program. "With many Central American families fleeing violence and poverty in their home countries, MCC is providing food, shelter, legal assistance and psychosocial support to vulnerable migrants. MCC also provides vocational training to returning migrants and supports projects to address the root causes of migration." Walkers are invited to bring an item for the Tabor Food Pantry or MCC's Immigration Detainee Care Kits. (Detainee kit information is inside the walk envelopes. Please make checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk.)

The Mennonite Heritage and Agriculture Museum:

—TIME to Celebrate Russian Mennonite Clocks and more at the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum. 3 Clocks from the museum collection and 4 owned by Jerry and Leann Toews. Also on display are Kitchen/mantel clock from the '20's and '30's along with clocks handcrafted by Orie D. Voth. This special exhibit will run through Sept. Regular admission applies to non members. Hours: Tues. - Sat. 10 am to 5 pm.

—The Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum is sponsoring the Fall 2019 Heritage Lecture on Saturday, October 5 at 9:30 am at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. The topic is: Seagoing Cowboys and Tractors to Poland. Hear their stories of bringing cattle and tractors to a starving and war-torn Europe '45-'47. This event is free and open to the public. Donations to the museum are welcome.

Save the Date – November 3, 2019 for the **Bethesda Pillars Banquet** featuring the Ring Theory men's barbershop quartet, and a celebration of 120 years of ministry with photos, trivia questions with prizes, and more. Tabor Mennonite Church fellowship hall. More details to follow.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for WDC youth pastors, mentors, sponsors and other leaders as they nurture faith formation and support young people in our congregations and communities.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Today is Peace Sunday. Join MMN in praying for and working toward A Peace that surpasses all understanding.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Goshen College - Pray for the Goshen College community as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and recognize the heritage, culture and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx people.

Camp Mennoscah:

—Sunday, September 22, for Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting! All are welcome to attend. Self-guided camp activities available beginning at 2:00 p.m., with a BBQ chicken supper beginning at 5:30. After supper, staff will share about the past year, and campers will reflect on their camp experiences. Also, enter your name to win one of several Camp Mennoscah prizes! Register to let us know you're coming!

—The annual removal of the dam at Camp Mennoscah will take place on October 6. The activities typically start at 2pm often with some preparations before this time. Everyone is welcome to help or watch the process. Dress appropriately for the weather and your choice of activity!

— Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats at Camp Mennoscah are November 1-3 and November 15-17. Register online.

Contact and registration for Camp Mennoscah:

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

Email: office@campmennoscah.org.

Contact: olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org.

Mennonite Central Committee:

—Comforter Mini Blitz, September 27 & 28 at MCC in North Newton! Hours for the event are Friday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find out more at mcc.org/comforter-blitz.

—Join MCC for a South Texas Borderlands learning tour, November 3-8. This learning tour will be packed with opportunities for learning about immigration. From talking with MCC partners who work in legal representation, to those that do water drops, to providing shelter to those recently released. You will also connect with people who have lived the immigrant experience, visit Mennonite churches on the border, hear perspectives from south of the border, and visit a detention center. You will have a first-hand learning experience on the impact of policy and see the hope of incredible people working to extend God's love and compassion for all. The cost for the trip is \$700, plus airfare. Please contact anahinojosa@mcc.org or jordanpenner@mcc.org for more information.

New Hope: Do you have a passion to help others? Join our team! New Hope is in search of or next Shelter Coordinator. Duties include, but not limited to: bookkeeping (Quickbooks experience a plus), volunteer coordination, course teaching, and some resident duties. Email resume to: james@newhop-shelter.org

Hesston College:

—Hesston College invites alumni and friends to campus for Homecoming 2019, Sept. 26 to 29. The weekend offers activities for all ages, including dedications for facilities part of the Be Greater campaign - Bess Mullet Softball Field, Yost Center and the Bonnie Sowers Nursing Center, The Manickam Mosey Two-Mile Run/Walk, a disc golf tournament, a kids' festival, picnic meal and athletic events. See the full weekend schedule at hesston.edu/homecoming.

—All singers are invited to sing in the annual Hesston College Masterworks performance on Saturday, November 16. This year's performance will be Song of Wisdom. Rehearsals begin October 7. For more information, go to hesston.edu/masterworks or contact Russell Adrian at russell.adrian@hesston.edu or 620-327-8143.

Bethel College:

—Fall Festival at Bethel College – Oct. 10-13 with most events Sat., Oct. 12; see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest/ or Fall Fest 2019 on Facebook.

—Help support Bethel College Women's Association by donating pies for their Pie-By-The-Slice booth at Fall Festival 2019. Bring your pies to Seminar A in Schultz Student Center from 3:30-6:30 pm on Friday, October 11 or 8-11 am on Saturday, October 12. (no custard pies please) Also, your donations of baked goods, crafts, plants and vegetables are requested (pies, bierocks, zwieback, peppernuts and cinnamon rolls are always great sellers). Bring these items to the Fine Arts Center Rm 140 beside Box Office on Friday October 11 from 1:30-4:30 pm or Saturday from 7-8:00 am. All proceeds go to Bethel College.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church (10218 SE 12th St, Whitewater, KS) invites you to our 4th Annual Hog Roast on Sunday, September 22. Food served from 5-7 pm, entertainment until 8 pm. Come for food, yard games, fellowship and music by the Flannel Folks! Freewill donation accepted for area food banks.

The annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) benefit dinner will take place Friday, October 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm at First Mennonite Church in Newton. A smothered pork burrito dinner will be prepared and served by Chef Carlos Lujano. (*Chicken and Meatless burritos available by request*). There will be a short program with some words and greetings from Marco Güete, Director. Dinner is by donation. This is a great opportunity for you to come to support IBA that equips Hispanic leaders in Mennonite Church USA for ministry. IBA is a program of Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries for Leadership Development and Pastoral Education. For any inquiries contact Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui at: VioletaA@MennoniteEducation.org or call 316-281-4342. Hope to see you there!!