

Tabor Mennonite Church

September 15, 2019

Note of Thanks

A sincere "thank you" to my church family for all of their prayers and words of encouragement during the time of my surgery and weeks of healing. Also to the pastors for their visits and prayers on my behalf.
~Donavon Schmidt

THANKS to all of you who helped drive tractors for the parking lot shuttle at the State Fair Thursday. Because Mennonite Churches supply drivers for the fair, a reduced rate is given for renting the fairgrounds for the MCC sale. Thanks!!
~Jerry Toews

Congregational Announcements

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.

Tabor Mennonite Women, come for an enjoyable evening crafting with Brandy Ashley on Monday, Sept 16 at 7pm. The project will be a yarn embellished wood sign to make and take. If you have some extra yard in your stash that you want to get rid of, bring it. Otherwise, all materials will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board or email Sharon Adrian sladrian49@gmail.com if you will plan to attend so we can gather enough supplies. See you there!

Tabor Church Retreat: Tabor Church Campout is coming up on September 21-22! Our theme will be "Healing Water," and Dawson Duerksen will be baptized on Sunday morning. Registration forms and a campout schedule were in your church mailboxes. If you have not returned your form, please fill one out and return to the box in the foyer by Sept. 15. Additional forms are on the shelf below the mailboxes. We look forward to seeing you there! *Camp Scholarships are available for anyone who may need help with expenses. Please contact a pastor or the church office.*

Pictorial Directory: LifeTouch will be at Tabor on Sept. 26-27 from 2-9 pm, and on Sept. 28 from 10 am - 5 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Schmidt, Kara Swartzendruber, or Nancy Funk.

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 house 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. Location will likely be Bethesda Home since this is a community effort to train allies to help support Circles graduates.

Coming soon....an extraordinary opportunity for girls in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades! Goessel Mennonite Church will host "The Diamond Girls" event, an inner and outer beauty charm course, on Sept. 20-22. The dates and times include: Friday, Sept. 20 from 7-9 pm, Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 am-4 pm and Sunday, Sept. 22 from 1:30-4:30 pm. This event will feature speakers on tasteful fashion and styles that look best for you, posture, hair, nails, nutrition, safety, fear, etiquette, inner and physical strength, journaling, and to find out how God makes a difference in our lives. Food and special touches will be included! Bring your friends!! To RSVP or for more information, please contact Kirsten Solberg at 620-367-2361.

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.

The 7th annual Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk is less than a month away. This year's route (between 1 and 6 miles) will begin at Tabor Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 p.m. Find your HGW recruiter today to get a donation envelope and start fundraising. Donations this year will go to support MCC's immigration programs and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry.

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.

The coffee bar between worship and Sunday School has been enjoyed by many since the fellowship hall has been completed. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for those that would like to help make the coffee and clean up after the Sunday School hour. A coffee cup for donations is located on the coffee bar for the coffee. If you have any questions, please talk with one of the reception committee members.

Education Supply Room Clean Out: Many items are up for grabs on the tables in the basement fellowship hall through the month of September. Take a look and take something(s) home. If you are a teacher and see things on the tables that you feel should be kept, place those items on the table in the supply room and they will continue to be stored there. Donations are not required, but if you wish to leave one, money will go for buying new supplies for the education department.

Conference Announcements

Prayer Requests:

- ★ Western District Conference: Pray for interim and transitional pastors in WDC as they provide leadership for congregations in the midst of change.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón serve the Bolivia Mennonite Church in many capacities through MMN. Pray for them as they work with young congregations, coordinate Christian education ministries, provide pastoral care, and train church leaders.
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Bethel College's annual Service Day, held on Wednesday of this week, will look at connections between poverty and violence/nonviolence, with the help of RawTools of Colorado Springs. Pray for students telling and listening to stories, asking questions and learning from those they serve.

Mennonite Church USA: Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA) The Hispanic Ministries program of Mennonite Education Agency, is raising funds to train leaders for the Hispanic Churches in the US. Marco Güete, director of IBA is hiking El Camino de Santiago beginning on September 9. Marco's goal is to raise \$31,200 to support IBA at a rate of \$120 per kilometer. See attached flyer or the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

Camp Mennoscah:

— Thank you to the many women and girls who attended the Women and Girls Retreat at Camp Mennoscah! There were many generous hands helping with dishes and cleaning. We appreciate the wonderful help—and the chance to host such an amazing inter-generational group! See you next year!

—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!

— 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.

—The annual MCC Flatlander Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, September 21, originating at the MCC offices, 121 East 30th, N. Newton. The brochure is posted on the bulletin board or can be found on the MCC website: mcc.org/get-involved/events/mc-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.

—Looking for a way to serve as the hands and feet of God? MCC has vacancies that could be just right for you!

*MCC Representative(s) for Northeast Asia: This position maintains relationships with MCC partners in Democratic People Republic of Korea and South Korea and represents MCC to churches, agencies, community groups and their leaders, and the government.

*MCC Representative(s) for Ukraine: This position provides leadership and programmatic direction to the Ukraine program. MCC Ukraine currently works in the areas of Material Resources, Education, Health, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Peace.

For more information about these opportunities -- and more! -- visit serve.mcc.org/!

The Board of Directors of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has announced the appointment of David W. Boshart as the next president of the seminary, beginning January 1, 2020. For more information see <https://www.ambs.edu/about/president-search>

Hesston College:

—In recognition of International Day of Peace, Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and Hesston High School Singers will present a Global Voice concert, Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

—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:

—The Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College will be organizing a series of free public events, Sept. 16-22, on campus and in the Newton community, in connection with the 2019 Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. Activities include film screenings, "swords into plowshares" demonstrations by Colorado Springs-based RawTools, and a lecture by Palwasha Kakar. See kipcor.org or call 316-284-5217 for more information.

—Sun., Sept. 22 – Bethel College Bible and religion department lecture by Palwasha Kakar, senior program officer for religion and inclusive societies at the U.S. Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., 7 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center

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.

Found: A stack of MCC coloring postcards and Crayola twistables were left at Camp Mennoscah this past weekend after Women & Girls Retreat. They can be claimed at the WDC offices in North Newton or westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.