

Community and Conference Announcements

COMMUNITY

AGAPE IS IN DANGER OF CLOSING ITS DOORS: This notice is from the board of the Agape Senior Center. Our letters, notices and pleas have not yielded the volunteers needed to keep the center going. It is the decision of the Board that if we do not receive volunteers for the following needs we will proceed with the process of closing Agape Senior Center. The immediate need is for the following: 1. Board members willing to take responsibility for a function of the board such as fund raiser, secretary, treasurer, chairman, grounds maintenance, building maintenance, publicity. 2. Volunteers to take charge of serving meals, setting up home delivered meals, cleaning up after meals, driving to Hillsboro to get meals. 3. Site council members (help the site manager to plan activities and programs). 4. More people eating lunch at Agape. The Agape board needs to hear from persons wanting to volunteer by December 9, 2011. Persons volunteering for board membership should contact Norman Schmidt at 367-8140. For other volunteer positions contact Jenny Girard at 367-2275.

WANTED: Individual to perform maintenance duties as needed at Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum. The goal of the position is to maintain the museum grounds and buildings so that both are safe and attractive for museum visitors and patrons. Responsibilities include but are not limited to minor electrical and plumbing needs, minor painting and construction projects, and other routine maintenance of the 8 museum buildings. This is a paid position. A job description is available at the museum office. You may also call the museum at 367-8200 or museum board president Donavon Schmidt at 367-2391. The museum's present maintenance man, Dennis Duerksen, is retiring at the end of this year; he is willing to help the new maintenance person "learn the ropes."

The Prairie Window Concert Series at the Dyck Arboretum's new Prairie Pavilion in Hesston will feature The Greencards, appearing on November 20, at 4:30 p.m. Past Grammy nominees, their music includes 'newgrass', rock, folk, and Latin American sounds. Reserved seating: Adults: \$20, Children \$12 by calling [\(620\) 327-8127](tel:6203278127). Proceeds benefit the arboretum's mission that promotes environmental landscaping with native plants. Soup, homemade bread, and dessert catered by Claire Williams and Paula Sims served as options during intermission.

Celebration of Hope Dinner & Theater: The Harvey County Homeless Shelter & Newton Community Theater Present an Evening of INSPIRATION and JOY Thursday & Friday, December 1 & 2, 2011 Hesston Mennonite Church, 6:30 pm. Reserved Seats-\$20 per person. Call 316-283-3729 for Reservations. Call 316-283-7711 for Sponsorship Opportunities.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MCC Christmas Giving: This Christmas, begin a new tradition. Share the joy with others around the world by selecting a gift from MCC. Simple gifts make a big difference. The gift of **education** provides a brighter future for children and communities. The gift of **friendship** helps MCC reach out to newcomers, showing God's love for all. The gift of **peace** helps people build understanding and harmony where they live. Explore all the MCC gift options and discover more ways to share the joy at mcc.org/christmas or make checks payable to MCC and send them to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Articles & Bylaws--Camp Mennoscah is drafting what we hope will be a final version of the articles and bylaws for incorporation. While we are working hard to make Camp Mennoscah a separate non-profit organization by February 1, 2012, we know there are many things yet to do. These things we know: Our mission will stay the same. Our programming will keep the same goals and our staff will continue to strive to offer you the best Christian hospitality we can. Call us at [620-297-3290](tel:6202973290) if you have questions or concerns. Tell a friend and help spread the word!

WDC Continued

Shovels, Sheets, & a Steam Cleaner - Feeling thankful for the many things you have? We are, too! But we certainly wouldn't turn down a few snow shovels, double/full-sized sheets (fitted and flat), and a steam cleaner for those grimy carpets of ours. If you want to help make us feel even more grateful with a gift of any of the above, contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). Thank you for being part of our camp family!

A Damascus Road Training event will be hosted at Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, KS February 16-18, 2012, with a registration deadline of January 23. Damascus Road Training is an initiative of Mennonite Central Committee U.S. It lays the groundwork for dismantling systemic racism in congregations, conferences, and communities. For the full registration brochure go to: www.mennowdc.org - Upcoming Events.

Are you a Thoughtful Christian? Visit this on-line resource site at www.thethoughtfulchristian.com and choose any study you want for FREE until Dec. 22. After that, they will no longer be offering subscriptions. Find hundreds of studies to choose from for youth and adults based on current issues and topics as well as movies, holidays and biblical studies. Once you find some you like, email Marlene B at crlib@mennowdc.org and make your request!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Calling everyone ages 14-22: Are you looking for a fun and meaningful way to serve for a few weeks this summer? Youth Venture locations for 2012 include Bolivia, Botswana, France, Honduras, Alaska, California, Florida and Texas! Learn more at Service.mennonitemission.net or contact Jill Schmidt at JillS@mennonitemission.net.

The Gather 'Round curriculum, produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is accepting applications to write for Preschool, Primary, Middler, Multiage, Junior Youth, or Youth age groups for 2013-14. Writers produce well-written, age-appropriate, and engaging material for teacher's guides, student books, and resource packs. All writers will attend an orientation March 19-23, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois. See Job Opportunities at www.gatherround.org. Application deadline: January 9, 2012.

COLLEGES

Hesston College Theatre presents "The Boys Next Door" November 20 at 3 p.m. in the Northlawn Studio Theatre. "The Boys Next Door," by Tom Griffin, tells the story of four developmentally disabled men who live together in a group home in a New England city and their "burned out" social worker, Jack. For tickets, contact the Hesston College Bookstore at [620-327-8105](tel:620-327-8105).

Martha Becker Yoder, a pastor and artist from Parnell, Iowa, will speak about her exhibit "**Reflecting on Images of Revelation**" today (Nov. 20) at 4 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center at Bethel College. The event is free and open to the public and will include a reception with the artist after the talk. Yoder's work is currently displayed in the Fine Arts Center Gallery in conjunction with the Worship and the Arts Symposium.

The Bethel College Wind Ensemble's second concert of the fall will be November 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in the Fine Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public, with a freewill offering taken to support music study and performance at Bethel.

Hesston College Music Department presents Part I of Handel's "Messiah" in a Thanksgiving Masterworks Concert on Thursday, November 24, 8:00 p.m., at Hesston Mennonite Church. No admission charged. An offering will be taken for the Student Emergency Fund.