

Community and Conference Announcements

COMMUNITY

Celebration: We would like to invite all Tabor friends to a celebration for Carson Voth for earning his Eagle Award, which is the highest achievement in Boy Scouts. The Court Of Honor will be at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, 1200 Boyd Ave. in Newton on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 7:00 p.m. with a reception following. Trinity Heights UMC is the hosting congregation for Troop 127, which Carson has belonged to for the last 10 years.

Blood Mobile at Goessel Mennonite Church: As your December calendar fills up, remember to schedule time on Dec. 30 to continue the gift-giving spirit of Christmas and schedule time to donate blood, volunteer, or provide cookies. The time is from 2:00-6:00 and we especially invite all college students who are home for the holidays to join us as we try to reach our goal of 35.

AGAPE Inc. Annual Meeting will be held January 9, 2012, at 1 p.m. Community members are invited to attend this important meeting. Items of business include the election of a Board of Directors. Volunteers are needed for board positions. At present there are six positions to be filled on the slate. This is the time to volunteer for vitally needed work. At present we are serving home delivered meals to 10 persons who need this service. Please volunteer to Norman Schmidt 367-8140.

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."

Book Signing: Lisa Weaver, (daughter-in-law to former Tabor associate pastor, Edna Dyck) co-author of "On the Zwieback Trail," a new Russian Mennonite history, written in alphabet book format for all ages, will be signing the book and talking about the book project Thursday, Dec. 29, 6:30-8 p.m. at Kauffman Museum (talk at 7 p.m.). This event is free; call the museum at 316-283-1612 for more information.

Take Action Against the Death Penalty: Our representative Bob Brookens is currently on the house committee to repeal the death penalty. It is important that you email your comments to him soon. His email address is brookens70@sbcglobal.net. We need to let Bob know that we don't support the death penalty. It costs lots of money, does NOT deter criminals and our society would be much better without it.

CAMP

Young Adult Snow Camp at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is February 24-26, 2012. Worship times this year will be led by the Dwell unit participants, a part of the DOOR Network in Denver. The weekend will also include challenging (yet fun) group games and many chances to enjoy the beauty of creation. The cost is only \$65. To register, visit www.mmc.org for a registration form, or call RMMC at 719-687-9506.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Kits for Christmas: *A gift of joy with some assembly required*

Share the joy of Christmas with others around the world. MCC urgently needs 10,000 school kits and 10,000 hygiene kits to replenish its supply. Shipments to places like drought-affected East Africa have largely drained MCC's warehouses. Please consider donating a kit this Christmas (details about MCC kits can be found at mcc.org/kits). 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.

HARVEY COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER

It's Wintertime! You can feel it in the air!

The Harvey County Homeless Shelter needs daytime help during the winter. The shifts needed are:

- **8am-1pm** and **noon-5pm** both **Saturdays** and **Sundays**
- **same hours Weekdays when bitter cold/ice**
- **Noon meals** are needed during these times as well.

We are compiling a list of "On Call" volunteers to get us through the Winter.

If you can help, please email mary@hchs-ks.com or call us at 283-7711

Families: Right now in the shelter we have 7 children, 4 of which are under 2yrs old. Most of these families are new to the area and do not know people or places that will let them come during the day. This creates a need for the shelter to be open - so these babies can have access to their necessities and have the security and consistency of " home base."

Bitter Cold/Snow/Ice: While the weather stays bearable, we will only be open during the days for families with children, and on Sundays for everyone. When the weather turns for the worse, we will need to stay open for everyone both Saturday and Sunday, and possibly during the week as well.

Christmas Holiday: We will no doubt be open longer hours over the Christmas break and need more volunteers during the Christmas break.

Meals: Along with our longer hours comes the need for lunches, like nice warm soup n sandwiches, etc.

Prayer: Pray, Pray Pray! Staff, Volunteers AND Residents get a little squirley when couped up! We can ALL use prayer.

Thank You for ALL who continue to support us in so many ways and to keep our Shelter going to provide warmth and security for our little ones and our lost souls.

If you are willing to volunteer to help staff the shelter during the day or help with lunches, please email mary@hchs-ks.com or call us at 283-7711

COLLEGES

BCWA SAYS GOOD-BYE TO LONG-STANDING EVENT - After careful review of participation at recent WEB Day events and our mission, the Bethel College Women's Association Council announces that WEB Day is being discontinued in its present format. Deep appreciation is extended to our past attendees and presenters for participating in these occasions that were educational, enriching, and entertaining. The Council is already making plans for a different type of event that will continue to bring people to campus to "develop, promote and intensify the interest in the wellbeing of the Bethel College community." Be watching for announcements this spring!