

**Community and Conference Announcements**

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**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.

**Book Signing:** Lisa Weaver, author of "On the Zwieback Trail," a new Russian Mennonite history book written for all ages, will be signing the book and talking about the process of creating it, Thursday, Dec. 29, at Kauffman Museum, 6:30-8 p.m. (talk at 7 p.m.). The event is free and the books will be for sale in the museum shop (with all other cookbooks 20 percent off that night only).

**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](mailto: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.

**WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**Save the date!** Our WDC Annual Assembly will be held July 6-8, 2012 at the Magnuson Hotel & Meridian Convention Center in Oklahoma City, OK.

**CAMP MENNOSCAH**

**It's time to think about summer!** Camp Mennoscah still has a few weekends and many weekdays that are available for groups and families. Ask about our new rental facility--Bluestem! It's just the right size for a smaller group. Contact Camp Mennoscah with any reservation questions at [camp\\_mno@mennowdc.org](mailto:camp_mno@mennowdc.org) or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). We can't wait to see you!

**Bluestem needs you!** Our Camp Mennoscah Bluestem house is just about ready for use, but we are still searching for various household items. There is a wish list at [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org) in the Camp section. Questions? Just give us a call at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). We'll work with you to find ways to get in-kind donations to Camp Mennoscah.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA

### Church Relations Associate

Mennonite Mission Network has an immediate opening for a half time Church Relations Associate. Candidates must have a passion to connect with God's reconciling mission to the world and the ability to relate well with people and listen perceptively. Strong candidates will be extroverted with an outgoing personality and externally driven to meet and talk with pastors and church leaders about mission. A good understanding of communications theory and strategies as well as resource development and fund-raising are needed. Experience in marketing, development or public relations is recommended. Ability and willingness to travel at least one week per month is a must. Women and persons of color are encouraged to apply. Newton, KS, based or residence in the assigned territory (western USA) is ideal. Committed to denominational and agency goals of anti-racist action. The position description can be read online at [www.Mennonitemission.net](http://www.Mennonitemission.net). Interested persons should send a letter of interest and résumé to [staffrecruitment@Mennonitemission.net](mailto:staffrecruitment@Mennonitemission.net) or to Linda Krueger, Human Resource Coordinator, Mennonite Mission Network, Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mary@hchs-ks.com) or call us at 283-7711