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MCC Central States Annual Meeting & Worship Service

Everyone is welcome to join us at Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, Kansas, for our annual meeting and worship service on Saturday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. The program will celebrate what we call the "New Wine" - MCC's new statement of identity, approaches, priorities, values and convictions

Camp Mennoscah spring retreats are almost here! Join us for the **Scrapbooking Retreat, March 12-14**, and the annual **Retirees' Relaxation Retreat, April 26-28**. Informational brochures have been sent to past attendees and are available on the Western District Conference website at www.mennowdc.org in the Coming Events section. For more information or questions, contact Camp Mennoscah at campmno@mennowdc.org or 620-297-3290.

Mark Your Calendars! The annual Men and Boys Retreat at Camp Mennoscah is the last weekend in April, the 23rd-25th. Guys only, all ages, plan to bring a friend.

MCC is deeply grateful for the overwhelming response to the January 12 earthquake in Haiti. MCC is developing a multi-year response to utilize the over \$8 million that has been donated. Kurt Hildebrand, an MCC worker in Haiti, recently said, "Haitians...were accustomed to being considered by the outside world as a hopeless basket case that wasn't worth the effort...I want us to all think and pray very hard about how we can sustain the interest."

MCC is committed to working in Haiti long after the media spotlight fades as it has in other places – New Orleans, Sudan, Indonesia, etc. However, due to a decrease in general giving over the past two years MCC has been forced to make cuts to vital programming around the world. Please consider giving a "where needed most" donation to support MCC's work. Send checks to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117 or at mcc.org.



First Mennonite Church

The Morning Breeze!
Sunday,
February 14, 2010

Last Sunday!

Attendance: 100

Offering: \$ 5012.38 to FMC

Pastor: Weldon Schloneger

Greeters: Don & Judy Jantzen

Hosts: Lou & Ellen Esau

Music: Vicki Hinz-Ensz

Offering: Mother-to-Mother Ministry

Offering next Sunday: FMC General Fund

Audio: Steve/Justin Kyser

Video: John Thimm

Power point: Sean Coy

Upcoming Events!

TODAY! 2/14 SYF Soup Luncheon

Tuesday, 2/16 – 1:30pm WMS

2/16 – 7pm Church Board Meeting

Sunday, 2/21 – after Worship – MPSC Meeting/Luncheon

Birthdays!

Monday! Gerald Jantzen

Friday! Ruth Esau

Saturday! Kerry Jantzen



Congratulations to Amber Goossen and Tyler Schroeder who were united in marriage here last night. The roses in the front of the sanctuary this morning are from the couple.

Sunday, February 28, 2010 please plan on joining in our celebration of Pastor Weldon's retirement. After a special worship, service there will be a catered meal and short program in the Fellowship Hall.

Membership Transfers: Marjorie Shoemaker to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church in Goessel, KS. Ryan Gerber to Des Moines Mennonite Church.



Prayer and Praise

✠ MMN: On Friday, Bethesda Health Center will celebrate 20 years of offering healing and hope to some of Benin's most marginalized people. Pray that the good news of God's love may be shared with all who attend the ceremonies – government officials and those who live on the streets.

✠ WDC: Pray for new educational programs to train, equip and strengthen our pastors--through college, seminary, conferences, and congregations. (Treat your pastor with a

gift certificate for a new book this week!)

This and That

SYF Soup Luncheon, Sunday Feb. 14 after morning worship at FMC. Proceeds go to MMC Haiti relief, Camp Mennoscah recreation equipment, and the SYF service trip. Bring your sweetheart!!!!

Ladies! Girls!



Please check your mailboxes this morning for information about the upcoming 20th Annual Nebraska Mennonite Women's Retreat March 6 & 7 at The Leadership Center in Aurora, Nebraska

Relief Kits! John & Lori Thimm's Shepherd Group are collecting items for Relief kits to be sent to Haiti. Items will be collected in the Narthex until 2/14.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapping)
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (380-710ml / 13-24oz; place bottle in a re-sealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars of laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha, Sunlight or Zote brands; contact your local MCC warehouse with questions)
- 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste (minimum 130ml / 6oz; leave in box)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes (leave in packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs(6 to 8in / 15 to 20cm)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18-24 thin maxi)

VISION 2012, the Western District Conference prayer and funding campaign, is ready to receive your gifts to achieve the goal of \$1.5 million. So far, 733 people/units have given slightly over \$1000 per intent-- and we are thankful. The goal is 1000 people giving \$1000 (over

a three-year period). Prayerfully consider how you can assist church planting, Camp Mennoscah, the Resource Library and ministerial services with your gift. Contact WDC at Box 306, North Newton, KS; 316-283-6300 or www.mennowdc.org, click on "Vision 2012", print the intent form and send it in.

Try on service this summer with Youth Venture

Get ready for a new adventure and be a part of what God is doing around the world. If you are between the ages of 14 and 22, and are interested in spending some time serving and learning alongside other young adults, Youth Venture may be for you. Youth Venture gives you a chance to try new things, meet new people, and learn about a new culture through the eyes of a local church or host community. During summer 2010, you can travel with teams and a leader to locations like Bolivia, Botswana, France, southern California and Montreal, among others. For more information about Youth Venture, visit Service.MennoniteMission.net or e-mail ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net.

New Address!!! (well, almost) Weldon & Florence Schloneger
P.O. Box 181 – (mailing)
204 W. 26th St. – (street)
North Newton, Kansas 67117-0181

As Beatrice Community Hospital continues to work out ways to contact local pastors when a parishioner is admitted to the hospital it is vitally important that a family member always calls the pastor in these situations. Pastors would prefer hearing the same news from 2 or 3 sources than not at all.

On February 25, from 10-3 Otto Schultz and Trish Merrill, a trainer from Faith partners from Houston, TX will be presenting information on prevention, treatment and recovery from substance abuse. They will specifically be talking about how our faith partners can make a difference in our community. This workshop is being sponsored by Gage County MAPS and lunch is provided. Please reserve your spot by calling 223-1500 ext. 1059 or email cliyons@bpsne.org.

Ellie United Methodist Church Pancake and whole hog sausage dinner! Sunday 2.21 from 11am to 1pm, various bake sale items will be available for sale as well!