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PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Jan 28-30, 2011: Sing.Pray.Eat. Festival of Worship hosted by Portland Mennonite Church. Please see letter from Rod Stafford (in the e-Bulletin Appendix) and the attached flyer for details.

Drift Creek Camp

Feb 26, 6 PM: Benefit Dinner at Albany Mennonite Church. As part of Drift Creek's 50th Anniversary celebration, the evening will continue with the theme "Reflect, Renew and Rejoice" as stories are told, music is shared and community is built. Keynote speaker, **Eric Ivanitsky**, has worked at DCC as a camp counselor, activities director, as well as camp pastor for 5th grade through high school camps. He will share from his personal DCC experiences and how he has witnessed the importance camp plays in spiritual formation and building relationships. **Chris Lehman** will emcee the evening which will be rich with music, camp memories and honoring the vision for Drift Creek that began 50 years ago at Albany Mennonite. Evening proceeds will go towards capitol improvements of camp's aging facilities and updating the energy efficiency of operations. Please join in celebrating 50 years! Simply register online (<http://driftcreek.org/RegisterBD>).

Apr 1-3: Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat at DCC. This retreat will provide women of all ages with opportunities for meaningful conversations, relaxation, times of reflection and worship, times to laugh and play. Guest speaker, **Charlene Epp**, will explore issues of time usage and the balance between being and doing as the group examines the lives of Mary and Martha. For details including registration, please visit www.driftcreek.org.

Apr 7: Mennonite Choir Festival participants will spend Thursday evening at DCC. We are looking for **extra blankets and pillows** for out-of-state travelers. If you have bedding you're willing to lend, please contact Brenda Kauffman (541-992-2556; info@driftcreek.org). We're also looking for **kitchen volunteers** to help prepare dinner (4/7) and breakfast (4/8).

May 20-21: DCC Work Weekend. We'd love to have your help in preparing Drift Creek for summer visitors. 2011 Summer Camp registration forms will soon be available.

2011 Camp Dates:

Parent and Me Camp ~ June 17-19

Grades 5 & 6 ~ July 3-8

High School Camp ~ June 19-24

Grades 3 & 4 ~ July 10-15

Grades 7 & 8 ~ June 26-July 1

Surf Camp ~ July 17-22

Volunteer nurses, cooks & bakers, craft leaders and more are needed for each week. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact info@driftcreek.org. *We appreciate your help and support of camp through service!*

Western Mennonite School

Sat, Feb 5: 9th Annual Benefit Concert presented by WMS's A cappella Choir. Come enjoy the beautiful music performance of the three-time state champions! All proceeds benefit choir tours and future trips to the Mennonite Schools Council Music Festival (2011 MSC event held in Salem, OR). Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Contact Charlene Schultz to purchase tickets or with questions (503-363-2000, cschultz@westernmennoniteschool.org). Details at www.westernmennoniteschool.org.

Weds, Feb 9: Middle School Visitors Day for prospective families interested in learning more about the school. Details available at <http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org> or by contacting Cheryl Mayo – 503-262-2000, cmayo@westernmennoniteschool.org.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS)

!Explore: A Theological Program For High School Youth. Each of the past 7 summers has brought together a group of 10-15 youth who are willing to nurture their gifts for leadership in the church and who have sincere, profound theological questions about God and their place in the church and world. If you know of students who are currently in 11th or 12th grade who should be encouraged to test and develop their gifts for the church, or you know people who work with such youth, please share this link to a 4-minute video introducing !Explore: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74OPpVf7hXI>. **Applications for !Explore are due February 18, 2011.**

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center

Feb 25-27: Sustainable Food & Farming Conference. Join a community of farmers, gardeners, home cooks, CSA subscribers, farmer's market shoppers, and others interested in sustainable food production and consumption during this collaborative weekend retreat. Registration and details are available at Laurelville.org/sff or by calling 800.839.1021.

Mar 18-20: Wrestling with Angels: Bruises and Blessings in Congregational Life. Gain access to a network of support and encouragement for serving people with mental illness and others who can absorb substantial congregational energy and resources. *Wrestling with Angels* is a part of Laurelville's new **Called to Care** series aimed at providing church leaders with resources and support for caring for others. Registration and details are available at Laurelville.org/WrestlingWithAngels or by calling 800.839.1021.

Mennonite Church USA

Pastor Salary Guidelines: The goal of these guidelines is to help provide a financial guide that is supportive of ministers and their families and also fair to the congregation and conference. Our commitment to quality ministry is reflected in part in the level of compensation offered to those who serve our congregations as pastors and the process that is used in determining it. For details, see <http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Default.aspx?tabid=122>.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 7 (submissions due by 1/31)
Feb 21 (submissions due by 2/14)
Mar 7 (submissions due by 2/28)
Mar 21 (submissions due by 3/14)

If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to brenda@pnmc.org. Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise. *We welcome your feedback!*

For more PNMC updates: <http://pnmc.org> **e-Bulletin Archives:** <http://pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin>

e-Bulletin Appendix

Friends in the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference,

In just over two weeks, Ken Nafziger and Marlene Kropf will join us for a "Festival of Worship" at Portland Mennonite Church. We are looking forward to a rich and meaningful weekend on January 28-30. We would be very glad to have members of your congregation join us. I've attached a poster that you may wish to use to get the word out (we also have a half-sheet bulletin insert; e-mail me if you would like that pdf file).

Portland Mennonite Church has planned a weekend with Marlene and Ken for a number of years now. This time around, though, we are organizing our time with them differently. I'd like to clarify some of the changes:

First, in the past we organized the weekend as an educational event (a "workshop"). This time our focus is more on the shared experience of worship (so a "festival" of worship). Actually, when I first talked to Ken about the idea he said, "Oh, you want to have a revival." I'm not sure that is the word I'd use, but we are looking forward to a renewing time of singing, praying and sharing the Lord's Supper.

Second, because it is not a workshop, there are no seminars on Saturday. There is also no registration (or fees!). Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday night at 7:00, Saturday night at 7:00 and Sunday morning at 10:30 (we will take an offering at each service).

Third, anyone who is interested is also welcome to join a "pick-up" choir that will practice with Ken on Saturday (3:00 to about 4:30) and then sing in the service on Saturday night. On Saturday, Marlene will also work with anyone who would like to participate in the readings, litanies or readers theater in the service that evening. Again, just show up at PMC at 3:00.

Finally, we are planning to have a table of worship resources available from Mennonite Publishing Network. So bring your checkbook or credit card.

Any questions, let me know (503/234-0559 or rod@portlandmennonite.org).

Peace to you,
Rod Stafford