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From the PNMC Office

The 2011 Pastor-Spouse retreat will be held October 3-5 at the Menucha Retreat Center located near Corbett, Oregon. For questions, please contact Dave Stutzman by email or by phone at 503-581-3236.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

Consider the Fall Quilt & Scrapbook Retreat Sept. 15-18. Participants are invited to enjoy camp while working independently on projects. Register at www.driftcreek.org. Volunteers are needed the same weekend to remove shingles from the generator shed. To volunteer, contact Tony Kauffman at email or phone at 541-992-2556.

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC will "Celebrate Fifty Years of God's Faithfulness" Sunday October 23. The morning service will be a time of sharing congregational memories. Former pastors will speak at a 3 pm service followed by fellowship and a light meal. Plan now to attend!

Camp Camrec

The Washington Mennonite Women's Retreat has been rescheduled for November 4-6, 2011 with guest speaker, Pat Hershberger, who will talk on the theme "Celebrating the Colors, Shapes and Textures of Our Journey."

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Communicators

"Anabaptism in a Visual Age," a conference planned by Anabaptist Communicators, is scheduled Oct 28-29, 2011 in Harrisonburg, VA. The plenary speaker is Jerry Holsopple, a visual and communication arts professor at Eastern Mennonite University. Ted Swartz will present his newly released book during the event and Ken J. Nafziger, EMU music professor, will serve as worship leader. Anabaptist Communicators includes over 100 members in the US and Canada representing over 20 church agencies. Members include writers, editors, photographers, graphic artists, web designers, retirement home staff members and freelance writers. The conference is open to anyone interested in communication as it connects to the Anabaptist faith traditions.

For more information go to www.anabaptistcomm.org.

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Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Wed, Sept 7: Promise and Peril: Understanding and managing change and conflict in congregations

David R. Brubaker will present a webinar from 2-3:30 pm (eastern) to help congregations negotiate conflict in healthy ways. He is a professor of organizational studies at Eastern Mennonite University and has worked successfully with more than 100 organizations, including 30 congregations. Recently he helped facilitate “Conversation Rooms” on difficult issues at the Mennonite Church USA convention. The webinar will examine how pastors can lead wisely in the midst of congregational change and provide proactive steps to help congregations better understand and respond to conflict through a theological lens.

Register at www.ambse.edu/webinars.

Mennonite Church USA

Reports from the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 2011, show that, overall, Mennonite Church USA's various agencies are cutting expenses in response to economic challenges. The Chronicle of Philanthropy reported that 2010 was one of the worst years for charitable contributions and church agencies are making necessary changes to adapt. However, in spite of decreased giving, several groups were able to reduce enough expenses to operate in the black, including: *Mennonite Mission Network; Everence; Church Extension Services, Inc.; Mennonite Health Services Alliance; The Mennonite, Inc.; Mennonite Women USA & Mennonite Men.*

On July 1, MennoMedia began as a joint ministry of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA, replacing the role of the bi-national Mennonite Publishing Network and Third Way Media. Mennonite Publishing ended its 103-year history in Scottsdale, PA and the building was sold on Aug 12 to Wellspring Church which will use the facility for worship and outreach. The new agency is housed in the former Third Way Media location in Harrisonburg, VA and will continue to be led by former MPN chair, Phil Bontrager through the end of the year.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Long-time MDS volunteer, Roger Claassen of Plymouth, NE, does not travel lightly. His equipment trailer is loaded with enough heavy equipment to make him be a one-man wrecking crew, and the town of Morehouse, MO is glad he arrived. MDS volunteers usually repair and rebuild homes, but this time it is all about demolition! At the request of FEMA, Roger is demolishing 39 homes that were damaged beyond repair by floodwaters. The homes were uninsured and need to be cleared so rebuilding can begin. *Claassen's presence has reminded local residents that one person can make a difference!*



Mennonite World Conference

To stay informed about Mennonite Church happenings around the world, read the latest edition of the *Courier* [online](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 19 (*submissions due by 9/12*)

Oct 3 (*submissions due by 9/26*)

Oct 17 (*submissions due by 10/10*)

Nov 7 (*submissions due by 10/31*)

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