



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

The PNMC office will remain closed through January 11. Barb Buxman will respond to emails when the office reopens on January 12. Dave Stutzman will receive phone calls at 503-581-3236.

From our Interim Conference Minister, *Dave Stutzman*

Happy New Year! May you experience the presence and power of the Holy One in new and special ways this coming year!

There are several special events scheduled for early 2012 that I encourage you to attend. The first is the [Member Care Seminar](#) that will be held at Portland Mennonite Church. This is, of course, an adaptation of the very successful Sister Care Seminar. I've read the manual and I believe that this workshop will be very helpful for both women and men who desire to offer *healing and hope* to others.

The other two events will be held at Zion Mennonite Church on successive days. The first, [Prevention of Clergy Misconduct](#), is designed to assist pastors and church leaders in establishing and maintaining healthy personal boundaries. Special attention needs to be given to this by all pastors and church leaders. The [Safe Sanctuaries Awareness Training](#) that takes place the next day is pertinent and important for all who work with or are responsible for children and youth. We want our congregations to be safe places for them. These opportunities are worthy of your attendance. Please follow the links for more information.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

First Mennonite Church, Aberdeen, Idaho

Pastor Jerry Kaiser would like to express his gratitude to the worship planners for the 2011 Advent service:

"I have used the Mennonite Church's Advent series for years and was delighted that my PNMC peers were the planners! They did a wonderful job giving suggestions and guidelines for this year's Advent Series. Instead of the flower growing up among the concrete, my church member, Anne Schneider, who helps with church decorations each year, made paper rocks and had a live amaryllis plant growing among the rocks. The amaryllis produced a shoot, a bud, and for Christmas Day, a bright red flower was present for all to see! **Awesome deeds we do not expect!** Thank you PNMC Worship planners for your work!"

PNMC Mennonite Historical Society

The PNMC Mennonite Historical Society has a new location and will be moved into the new space this week.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

6030 South Whiskey Hill Road

Hubbard OR 97032-9406

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Western Mennonite Church

There is still time to participate in the women's inductive Bible study on Romans that will be led by Joanie Troyer. The study was written by Kay Arthur of Precept Ministries. If you are interested, please contact [Joanie](#) by January 5th at 503-371-3860.

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Portland Mennonite Church

Member Care: Equipping Members for Caring Ministry: January 20-21, 2012. Carolyn Holderread Heggen and Rhoda Shenk Keener will equip congregational members with tools for caring and responding effectively to the needs of others. Member Care explores: Claiming Our Identity as God's Beloved, Caring for Self and Others, Compassionate Listening, as well as Transforming Loss and Grief. For details, contact [Rachel Ringenberg Miller](#), 503.234.0559. For [registration](#), contact [Allison Miller](#).

Western Mennonite School

Get to know Western Mennonite School and what it can offer you and your family at the **Middle School Visitors Day on Feb 8**. More information online at www.westernmennoniteschool.org/admissions. Contact [Rich Martin](#) with questions and to talk about financial aid at [503-363-2000](tel:503-363-2000).

Zion Mennonite Church

If you teach Sunday School, help facilitate youth programs or volunteer as a nursery worker, consider the [Safe Sanctuary Awareness Training](#), **Saturday, February 18** from 10:00-noon. The 2-hour workshop, presented by Marlene Bogard, is designed to increase awareness of ways to make churches a safe place for children. To register, contact [Jodi Hansen](#).

Albany and Calvary Mennonite Churches

Worship and Culture after Christendom: March 16-18, 2012, presented by Alan and Eleanor Kreider, professors at AMBS and longtime missionaries in post-Christendom England. Registration information TBA. Questions? Contact [Larry Eby](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

MCC West Coast

'Bicycle the San Juans' Celebrate the beauty of God's creation and benefit MCC! Cycle five days through outstanding scenery and diversity of terrain on the "Paradise Islets" of the Evergreen State. **August 5-10, 2012**. For registration, contact [Trish Hershberger-Handrich](#), 503-201-7605.

Hesston College

The Hesston College Bible Department is offering a three-weekend course the weekends of **January 28, February 18 and March 17**. Those with an interest in ministry and church leadership are invited to participate. The class, taught by **Michele Hershberger**, focuses on the books of Psalms, 1 Corinthians, and Paul's letters. Participants can earn three course hours. **"This class is an excellent opportunity for pastors and lay leaders to have an enrichment course and be reenergized. We hope offering the course over three weekends is an accessible way for people to travel from a distance"** said Hershberger. For more information call the Bible Office at 620-327-8290. An audit option is available as are scholarships for students considering the Pastoral Ministries program.



Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 16 (submissions due by 1/9)
Feb. 6 (submissions due by 1/23)
Feb 20 (submissions due by 2/13)
Mar 5 (submissions due by 2/27)

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!*

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