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From our Conference Moderator, Linda Dibble

PNMC's **Annual Meeting** is just around the corner, June 22-23, at Moses Lake, WA. This will be an exciting time to meet our new Executive Conference Minister, Katherine Jameson Pitts *and* a chance to hear MCUSA Executive Director Ervin Stutzman preach at our worship services. Ervin will also be leading a seminar on "Holistic Witness as a Congregational Goal." In addition to worship and delegate sessions, you may attend either one-hour seminars or a three-hour training event. The PNMC Board of Directors invites all pastors and spouses to the annual pastor/spouse dinner to get a sneak preview of Ervin's focus for worship time. *We pray that this may be a time of spiritual renewal and a chance to meet and greet many friends*.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Portland Mennonite Church

The "Aging and Spirituality Workshop" scheduled at Portland Mennonite Church has been cancelled.

Western Mennonite School

Classes and Sports Camps are offered at Western Mennonite School this summer! Classes are available for high school and middle school. More information is available <u>online</u>. Sports Camps are available for students of all ages in basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball and more! See details <u>here</u>.

Upcoming Events:

June 6 – 8th Grade Graduation, 7pm June 16 – High School Graduation, 2:30pm

Drift Creek Camp

A big thank you to volunteers who helped with summer camp preparations. Much of the storm debris was collected, chipped and dispersed onto trails in time for the summer season which will be shortened due to road repairs. A broken culvert along camp's only access road will be torn out and replaced. The road closure (July 15-September 15) will eliminate a significant percentage of DCC's annual operating budget. To learn how you can help, follow this <u>link</u>. If you would like to visit Drift Creek, consider visiting during an <u>Open House</u> on June 9.

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC is seeking applicants for: half-time Youth Leader and quarter-time Community Center Coordinator. Those interested may apply for one or both positions. Visit <u>www.salemmennonitechurch.org</u> for job descriptions and application form, due **June 30**.

Eugene Mennonite Church

All are invited to a concert of **folk music** by Les & Gwen Gustafson-Zook at Eugene Mennonite Church, **Sunday, July 15**, at 4 pm. Les is an international autoharp champion. Les, Gwen, & daughter Sadie provide an entertaining and energetic program suitable for all ages. The concert is free with a donation of a non-perishable protein item for the FOOD for Lane County food bank (beans, peanut butter, tuna).

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief (MCC)

Register by July 15 for the Mennonite Festival for World Relief concert/dinner featuring the **Too Tall Americanos: Heather Kropf** and Keith Hershberger, August 4 (Hess-Yoder home in Sherwood) and August 5 (Brenneman home in Albany). Their thoughtful songs touch on themes of faith, hope and beauty.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Goshen College

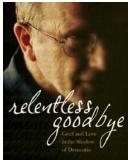
Goshen College recently recognized 239 students, for **excellence in academics**, including four from PNMC, on the 2011-12 spring semester Dean's List. Erin Catherine Brenneman, daughter of Cathy and Joseph Brenneman of Kalispell, is a senior studying social work. She is a 2009 graduate of Flathead High School and attends Mountain View Mennonite Church. Daniel Craig Martin, son of Eric and Susan Martin of Salem, is a senior studying Spanish. He is a 2008 graduate of Western Mennonite School and attends Salem Mennonite Church. Kelsey Erin McKinnell, daughter of James and Trudy McKinnell of Salem, is a sophomore studying social work. She is a 2011 graduate of West Salem High School and attends Salem Mennonite Church. Brian A. O'Leary, son of Michael and Robbin O'Leary of Seattle, is a senior studying Bible and religion. He is a 2009 graduate of Ballard High School and attends students earning at least a 3.75 GPA, while completing at least 12 hours of course work for a letter grade.

Hesston College

Hesston College announced the names of full-time students whose spring semester grades earned them a place on the Dean's List (3.90 to 4.00) and Honor Roll (3.50 to 3.89). Jonathan Burkholder of Warden, a sophomore and recent graduate, was named to the Honor Roll. He attends Warden Mennonite Church and is the son of Glenn and Mary Burkholder.

MennoMedia

A book on the challenges of aging was recently released from Herald Press. *Relentless Goodbye, Grief and Love in the Shadow of Dementia* was written by Ginnie Horst Burkholder, recipient of Ohio's 2007 Elder Caregiver of the year award. Her book features a collection of stories illustrating the struggle, pain, humor, adjustment, and change surrounding a spouse's dementia. Burkholder's poignant memoir comes as a result of her husband's illness, Lewy body dementia. Their story looks at the gritty and glorious substances of life and how illness and health, faith and doubt, grieving and acceptance flow together into a river of change Burkholder faces following her husband's diagnosis. She shares from the heart about caring for a spouse who is slowly slipping away and reveals how she handles the constant challenges through humor, love, commitment, and faith. For a visual glimpse, follow this link.



Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS is in urgent need of a **Project Director** and volunteers for repair work following a **March 2nd** tornado in West Liberty, KY. Immediate repairs will prevent further damage to homes. MDS expects longer-term rebuilding work to develop soon. Volunteers are also needed to assist in the MDS Columbus Warehouse. Volunteers will live on-site and help with servicing equipment, sorting and organizing tools and supplies, preparing and moving equipment to disaster locations as needed and will assist with property maintenance, including mowing the seven-acre property. Persons are needed beginning **mid-July** and should be available to serve at least one month. For additional information, call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail Brett Troyer.

Mennonite Mission Network

If you are a young adult who wants to put your faith into action through service, **now is the time** to apply for opportunities through <u>Mennonite Mission Network</u>. Information about Mennonite Voluntary Service, Service Adventure, DOOR, Dwell, and Radical Journey can be found <u>here</u>. Each unique program invites young adults to come alongside communities and congregations who are making a difference in the world through living out Jesus' call to service and peace.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 18 (submissions due by 6/11) July 2 (submissions due by 6/25) Aug 6 (submissions due by 7/30) Aug 20 (submissions due by 8/13) If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. 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: <u>http://pnmc.org</u>e-Bulletin Archives: <u>http://pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin</u>