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From our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*



The PNMC Board met recently. It was a good time of both practical planning and faithful thinking about the future. Our hope is that everything we do as a conference will help support our congregations and equip both lay leaders and pastors. Your congregations are where the real work of the church happens and are the anchors for the network of relationships that is PNMC! I invite you to continue in prayer for your congregations and all the congregations of the PNMC, **that we will be open to the whispers of the Spirit and eager to respond.**

From the PNMC Office

If you plan to attend the Pastor/Spouse Retreat, please contact [Barb Buxman](mailto:Barb.Buxman@pnmc.org), (503) 522-5324, to register by **October 8!**

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp



Register *this week* for the [Fall Quilt and Scrapbook Retreat](#) **October 18-21**. Participants can come for the whole weekend or just a day or two, the choice is yours! Meanwhile, [Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center](#) in Salem will sponsor an [Edible Mushroom Workshop](#) at Drift Creek on **Saturday, October 20**. Participants will first enjoy a basic overview, then venture out on the trails in small clusters to collect specimens. The group will then reconvene and individuals can safely practice identification skills among experts.

Oregon Mennonite Residential Services

OMRS opened its tenth program this year. The house is in McMinnville and is home to two young women. We have applied for grant funding to purchase the home and to do some rehab work to the house. **OMRS appreciates the support of West Coast MCC.** The West Coast developmental disabilities providers will meet in Oregon in October.



Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Have you organized your attic and discovered potentially important documents that reflect your family's or congregation's story? If you come across historic records, photographs or interesting artifacts, consider taking them to the **Ivan and Pearl Kropf Heritage Center** for review. The PNMHS is able to provide safe keeping for the collections of both individuals and congregations. The Heritage Center is located next to Zion Mennonite Church at 6030 S. Whiskey Hill Road in Hubbard. Stop by on Tuesdays from 9-3 or call 503-266-6447 to arrange an appointment. (*Archive information [here](#).*)

Western Mennonite School

Western's Third Annual Scholarship Banquet was blessed by the 270 guests that were present. **Students, staff and alumni shared throughout the evening about the impact that Western is or has had on their lives.** New administrator, Paul Schultz, shared how God has lead him back to Western. The school would like to thank everyone who attended and collectively gave \$50,000 to help students attend Western!

The 108 golfers who made it to the 15th Annual Western Mennonite School Golf Tournament enjoyed sunshine, donuts, coffee, prizes, lunch and golf! Congratulations to the winning team from Corban University! The annual event creates a great environment for WMS alumni and friends to connect for a fun afternoon of fellowship.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

AMBS

November 17 is the fall **Open House** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary for those exploring seminary study. Encourage someone you know to attend; share information on the AMBS [website](#).



Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS is seeking two **Disaster Response Coordinators**. One based in the Central States and cover the western half of the US. The other to cover the eastern half of the US. The primary responsibility is to train, mentor and encourage MDS units and regions to respond to disasters, from investigation, cleanup, and project setup through completion. Extensive travel required. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position.

See the full job description [here](#). Resumes may be sent to jobs@mds.mennonite.net or MDS, Attn: Human Resources, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543. Review of resumes begins immediately. Recruitment continues until the positions are filled.

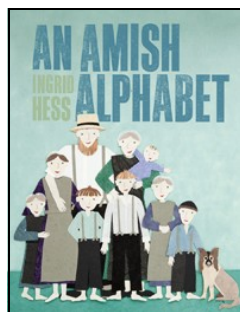
Mennonite Central Committee

Don't miss the upcoming **MCC events!** The Washington sale is Saturday, **October 6** at Menno Mennonite in Ritzville and the Oregon Sale, **October 13**, will be at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. Bring your family, a friend or neighbor. Treat them to a good meal and enjoy the festivities. *See you there!*

Menno-Hof

Looking for a way to serve while sharing your faith? [Menno-Hof](#) in Shipshewana, IN, needs individuals and couples in agreement with Anabaptist values and beliefs to serve as host and or hostess for a minimum of one month April-December, 2013. Responsibilities include conducting tours and some light housekeeping. Menno-Hof offers visitors from around the world accurate information about the faith and life of the Amish and Mennonites. Two furnished apartments are available on-site. For details, contact [Susan Miller](#) at 260-768-4117.

MennoMedia



An Amish Alphabet, to be released by Herald Press early this month, offers an entertaining yet informative introduction to one of North America's most admired and misunderstood minority cultures. Author and illustrator Ingrid Hess draws on her personal heritage to capture the essence of Amish faith and life in the alphabet words she uses, as well as her careful descriptions, simple illustrations and cut-paper artistry. In the 32-page hardback, geared for children of all ages but also of interest to adults, Hess includes a sampling of Bible verses that the Amish learn by heart and treasure all their lives. In her entry for "I is for idol," the Scripture reference is from Exodus. Hess explains why the Amish do not want their pictures taken: "They don't want to be self-centered. Pictures highlight individual people, not the community . . . The Amish also believe that making pictures of people is like making an idol to worship. God is the only one who should be worshiped."

An Amish Alphabet, \$17.99, is available at www.MennoMedia.org/AnAmishAlphabet or by calling 800-245-7894.

Mennonite Mission Network

Pray for MMN worker Mary Beyler who is serving in Japan. She has been hospitalized in Obihiro, Japan after a recurrence of pericarditis (infection of the tissue around the heart). She is recovering steadily, but still does not have a release date set. Pray for patience for Mary and for the return of health and strength so she can return to active ministry.



Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 15 (submissions due by 10/8)
Nov 5 (submissions due by 10/29)
Nov 19 (submissions due by 11/12)
Dec 3 (submissions due by 11/26)

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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