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From Our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

January may be the start of a new year in our calendars, and Advent may mark the start of each Church year, but for many of us September is really the beginning of the year. Folks are returning from vacations, classes and programs in our congregations are starting back up after a summer break, and we begin to think anew about the months ahead. There are many new beginnings in PNMC this fall. Renee Johns began as District Pastor for Evergreen Heights and Filer Mennonite **September 1**. Dave Stutzman is adding Peace Community in Salt Lake City to his District Pastor assignment. **Two of our congregations are beginning this new school year with new pastoral leadership.** I encourage you to pray for Miguel Castillo and Warden Mennonite Church as they begin a new relationship and a new outreach to the community of Warden, WA. Todd Lehman has been serving as youth and community pastor during the past year at Salem Mennonite, and now moves into the lead pastor position. I invite you to pray for this congregation and pastor as well as their new relationship leads them into new understanding of God's call for them. *May these fall months be full of new life for all the congregations of PNMC.*

From the PNMC Office

Due to complications with scheduling and low participation commitment, the 2013 retreat planned for PNMC pastors, chaplains and their spouses, has been cancelled.

Follow this [link](#) to read minutes and God-sightings from the 2013 Delegate Meeting.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Mountain View Mennonite Church



Celebrate **100 Years of ministry** at Mountain View Mennonite Church in beautiful Kallispell, Montana, **September 27-29, 2013!** Festivities begin Friday evening with an ice-cream social. The Saturday schedule includes a morning Garden Party followed with a Centennial Bazaar and Hymn Sing in the afternoon. A BBQ dinner begins at 5:30 followed with an evening program featuring Crown of the Continent Choir and guest speaker, Dr. John D. Roth. Festivities continue Sunday morning with historical reflections at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 11:00 a.m. *John D. Roth will share as part of the worship service.* A potluck meal will follow. ([Schedule details here.](#))

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society has published a list of **duplicate books and periodicals that are available** to interested church libraries and individuals. Please check the lists and related information at: pnmhs.org/Library/Duplicates.

The PNMHS **Fall Meeting** begins at **3 pm Sunday, Sept. 15, at Albany Mennonite Church** with the theme, "History in the Kitchen: What Mennonite Cooking Tells Us About our Past." A "faspa" (German for a light meal) will follow the presentation. *Please bring a plate of your favorite Mennonite dish!*

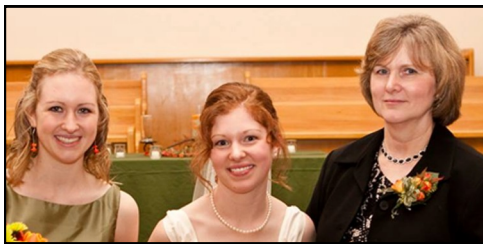
Western Mennonite School

The WMS golf tournament is **Saturday, September 7**, in Lebanon. Visit www.westernmennoniteschool.org for details. Meanwhile, excitement is building as faculty and staff prepare for tomorrow's arrival of students. Please pray that as the academic year begins, **new students and teachers would feel welcomed into the WMS community** and that God will continue to guide school administration. *Western is in immediate need of an evening cook, 16 hours/week, Thursday-Sunday. Please refer applicants to 503-363-2000.*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Eastern Mennonite University



Some people go far beyond what is required in order to raise the standards in their workplaces. Cheeri Barnhart, nurse manager of the Cardiovascular Care Unit at Salem Hospital in Salem, OR, is one of those people. She oversees 114 staff in a 30-bed unit situated within Salem Hospital, which is "Magnet Recognized" by the American Nursing Credentialing Center. Magnet hospitals strive to attract and retain top quality staff and to consistently improve in all that they do. After the hospital received Magnet Recognition, it developed the annual **Transformational Leadership Award**, which highlights a staff member who challenges the status quo,

promotes creativity and inspires a new vision for how the hospital can improve. Nominated anonymously by a nurse in her unit, Barnhart received the award in May 2013. Heather Rideout, the CVCU nurse who submitted the nomination wrote that Barnhart "continually raises the bar of excellence, then checks and adjusts while taking us [the staff] on this journey. She challenges us to achieve the established vision and to add to it." Rideout also credited Barnhart for encouraging her staff to continue their education, for setting up an idea board (and implementing 20 of the ideas received), and for maintaining an open-door policy. As a result, Barnhart is a dynamic and supportive leader who inspires change when needed, said Rideout. Barnhart said the quality, scope and kind of education she received as undergraduate nursing student at Eastern Mennonite in the late 1970s prompted her to return to EMU for her graduate degree in 2011. In fact, when both of her daughters decided that they too wanted to be nurses, she strongly encouraged them to choose EMU for their education. Eliza graduated in 2009 with a BSN, then married a fellow alum, Chris Burkholder '08, and settled in Harrisonburg. Ellie graduated with a BSN two years after Eliza and returned to Oregon to work. Now both are enrolled in EMU's Internet-based MSN program. Cheeri Barnhart said that her EMU education was fundamental in her growth as a person, nurse and manager and that the servant-leadership model demonstrated by her professors has inspired her work. "While I learned much at EMU in the areas of healthcare finance, quality and safety, ethics, and instructional strategies," she said, "the focus on communication, emotional intelligence, and conflict resolution has been especially meaningful and applicable to my role as manager."

Mennonite Church USA

Youth pastors, youth sponsors and other Mennonites connected to youth ministry are invited to the gathering in Kansas City, MO, **May 12–15, 2014**. Meeting at the site of the **2015 convention of Mennonite Church USA** will give participants a chance to see the convention site and have input into the convention planning process. "We are always looking at ways to improve the convention, and this meeting will be a great time to hear from youth workers and test a few ideas with them," says Glen Guyton, director of Finance and Convention Planning for Mennonite Church USA. "We are still in the early planning stage," says Jon Heinly, chair of the Youth Ministry Leadership Team for Mennonite Church USA, "but we envision this to be a rich time of networking youth pastors, conference youth ministers and agency staff as well as providing some worthwhile input for youth ministry practitioners." *Mark your calendar and watch for more information in the coming months.*

Mennonite Women USA

Carolyn Heggen and Elizabeth Soto Albrecht co-led the Sister Care seminar in Bogota **August 8-10** for 45 women from Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela. Reflecting on the experience, Carolyn explained, "As we share Sister Care internationally and learn from our experiences and from sisters in other countries, the seminar gets better and better! When Olga Piedrasanta and Ofelia Garcia led the Chihuahua, Mexico SC they took the monologue by Meghan Good "*The Beloved Woman Behind the Mask*" and created an activity where participants were invited to identify the masks they wear and to surrender them to God who loves us just as we are. Elizabeth Soto Albrecht and I replicated this activity in the Colombia Sister Care and reflected that it was one of the most powerful activities of the week! **I am grateful that God continues to shape and use these materials to bring healing and hope to sisters around the world.**"

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 16 (*submissions due by 9/9*)
Oct 7 (*submissions due by 9/30*)
Oct 21 (*submissions due by 10/14*)
Nov 4 (*submissions due by 10/28*)

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