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From the PNMC Office



Something new and exciting at Kalispell! This year we are trying something new on Saturday afternoon. We will be having "Open Space Conversations." These are conversations led by a host on a wide variety of topics. Hosts will be invited to give a 60 second pitch for their conversation and then attendees can choose a topic in which they would like to participate. Conversations will last about an hour. Have a topic you'd like to dialogue about with other delegates? Notify Katherine Pitts at kipitts@pnmc.org. More information about Open Space Conversations can be found at the [Kalispell 2014 webpage](#).

André Gingrich Stoner, Director of Holistic Witness and Interchurch Relations for MC USA, will speak at the PNMC Annual Meeting. He will share around the idea of *Shalom Communities—creating and nurturing them*. Gingrich Stoner explains, "God works in various ways, but God's primary strategy for bringing wholeness/shalom/salvation is by calling people together into Jesus-centered shalom communities. These communities are deeply immersed in their context, enter into relationship with their neighbors and share God's grace and love in many ways. They take many forms that sometimes look like traditional church, but other times are more like experiments in new forms of Christian community. Through their life together and in their witness in the world these shalom communities act like yeast which grows and multiplies and transforms the whole loaf." *Come to Kalispell and learn more!*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Salem Mennonite Church

César Garcia of Bogota, Colombia, will share at SMC **Friday, June 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm**. He will be speaking of his vision for Mennonite World Conference and of current issues facing this global community. The MWC will take place in Harrisburg, PA in **July 2015**. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about this event which will draw Mennonites from around the world.

Southern Oregon Pastoral Cluster

A Trauma and Resilience Workshop, led by Dayvid Graybill, will be held on **October 25, 2014** at Lebanon Mennonite Church. The training will be applicable for both clergy/pastoral types as well as for lay leaders in your church family. Cost will be minimal and will include lunch. Please mark the date on your calendar and look for more details to follow.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

As part of her west coast book tour, Shirley Showalter will share at 7pm from her new memoir, *Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets the Glittering World*, on **July 6** at the Ivan & Pearl Kropf Heritage Center in Hubbard, OR. Her well-received memoir was recognized as **one of the best spiritual books of 2013** by the *Spirituality and Practice* website. Please direct questions about the event to [Melanie Springer Mock](#).

Zion Mennonite Church

ZMC is excited to host a concert by the [Pittsburgh School of Choral Arts](#) and welcomes all to attend their Concerto and Chamber Choir performance at **7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 17** at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. Emily Swora is the Choral administrator and daughter of Zion's new pastor, Mathew (and Becky) Swora. The concert, **Voices of Eternity**, will feature texts that have endured for decades, centuries, and millennia, including Psalms, spirituals, the prayer of Saint Francis, the Diary of Anne Frank, and more. This inspirational program focuses on beauty, joy, and hope in the midst of hardship, and that someday, "everything will change for the better, that cruelty will end, and peace will return once more." (Anne Frank) Featured works will include: Srul Irving Glick's Psalm Trilogy, and Linda Tutas Haugen's Anne Frank: A Living Voice featuring the 16-voice Chamber Choir. The music program strives to use our voices as a source of healing, beauty and inspiration. For details about the concert, contact [ZMC](#) at 503-651-2274.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Considering seminary courses? Check out the summer offerings at AMBS [here](#).

Eastern Mennonite University

The following students were recognized as members of the dean's list for the spring semester at EMU, Harrisonburg, VA:

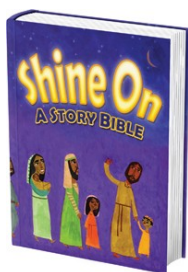
- Jonathan Burkholder, a senior history major from Warden, WA. He is the son of Glenn and Mary Burkholder and attends Warden Mennonite Church.
- Bethany Chupp, a sophomore art and psychology major from Canby, OR. She is the daughter of Kevin and Cynthia Hockman-Chupp and attends Zion Mennonite Church.

To qualify for the dean's list a student must achieve a semester grade point average of at least 3.750 or above and complete at least 12 semester hours of credit. *Eastern Mennonite University is a Christian liberal arts university of about 1,500 students, located in Virginia's scenic Shenandoah Valley. EMU is guided by the peace principles of Mennonite Church USA, educating students to serve and lead in a global context through cross-cultural study and an interdisciplinary curriculum. Established in 1917, the university offers over 40 undergraduate majors and six graduate programs offering nine master's degrees. Eastern Mennonite Seminary is part of the university, as is the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, which helped launch 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Leymah Gbowee. See more at: emu.edu/about.*

Mennonite Church USA

Follow this [link](#) to read the latest edition of *On the Way*. This issue features articles about the [All You Need is Love](#) conference.

MennoMedia



Shine On, a new release from MennoMedia, may be used on its own or in tandem with the *Shine* Sunday school curriculum. *Shine On* is the source for the Bible stories for Primary, Middler, and Multiage and is an essential resource for teachers and parents. Spans three years of *Shine* curriculum. Grow lifelong faith one story at a time. Each story in *Shine On* is beautifully crafted, maintaining the spirit and poetry of the biblical text in language that is fresh and engaging for children. The 320-page hardcover is filled with lively illustrations that help children of all ages connect to the stories. As a bonus, sidebars with thought-provoking questions, interesting facts, and simple activities invite families and congregations to take each story a few steps further. *Shine On: A Story Bible* is an excellent resource for connecting church and home and is an ideal choice for a presentation Bible. *Soon to be available in a Spanish translation.*



Mennonite Central Committee

Sand dams turn relatively dry river beds into year-round water sources and the rivers' banks into fertile oases in many African countries. J Ron Byler, MCC U.S. executive director, posted his impressions of sand dams and photos on his blog, [Thinking out loud](#), after a visit to Kenya.

Values-based Leadership Program

Registration is open for the 2014-2015 sessions. The program helps individuals in leadership roles gain a fresh perspective, one that views leadership and organizational processes through a uniquely Anabaptist lens. This perspective guides participants in following Jesus' servant leadership model while celebrating both community and diversity. The five day program is divided into two parts: **October 28-30, 2014**, and **February 24-26, 2015**. Leaving a time gap between part one and two allows participants to reflect on and begin implementing what they are learning bringing real life experience back to the second session. Tuition for the two-part program costs \$945 before August 31, 2014 (\$1045 after August 31). Scholarship money is also available for individuals demonstrating financial need. You can register for the Values-based Leadership Program and learn more about scholarship opportunities at www.vblp.org/registration/ or by calling 800-839-1021.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 16 (submissions due by 6/9)
 July 7 (submissions due by 6/30)
 Aug 4 (submissions due by 7/28)
 Aug 18 (submissions due by 8/11)

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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