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From the PNMC Office

Prayers are appreciated for Jerry Kaiser, pastor of Aberdeen Mennonite Church as he begins the long process of rehab following a brain bleed. He is recovering at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, ID. Additionally, follow this [link](#), to keep up on Gary Jewell's recovery.

Rose Marie Zook-Barber, pastor of Eugene Mennonite Church, is planning a **one-day silent lenten retreat** on **Saturday, March 28, 2015**. The retreat will take place at the [Shalom Prayer Center](#), located at 840 S. Main St., Mt. Angel, OR 97362. A gathering session will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m., followed by a day of silence until the dinner gathering where verbal communication will resume. The \$30 cost includes lunch, dinner, use of the space and facilitation. For questions, contact [Rose Marie](#) at 541-689-5027. (*Flyer attached.*)

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

2015 Mennonite Women's Retreat



Drift Creek Camp

Registration is open for the [Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat, April 10-12](#). Guest speaker, Jennifer L. Gingerich of Salem, OR, works as a Clinical Chaplain at Providence Portland Medical Center. Jennifer is an active member at Salem Mennonite Church. She graduated from Goshen College in 2002 with a degree in Bible, religion and philosophy, and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 2012 with a Master of Divinity degree concentrating in Pastoral Care and Counseling. The 2015 theme focuses on finding grace amidst life's transitions. Guests will gather each morning for singing, prayer, reflection and sharing. A quiet space will be available for those who crave time alone. Women are invited to explore the benefits of spiritual direction. *For details, visit [DCC](#).*

Mennonite Village of Albany

You are invited to the **7th Annual Menno Night**, coming up **Friday, March 6 2015** at the Mennonite Village Lakeside Center. A buffet, featuring ethnic Mennonite foods, will include homemade bread, pickles, apple slaw, bierocks, fried chicken, farmer sausage, potatoes & gravy, braised red cabbage, and Amish green beans. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. when guests are invited to peruse the quilt and wood working displays. A choir performance will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the buffet will open at 5:30. Seating is limited, so call Becky at 541-704-4219 to purchase tickets (\$12).

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The next public PNMHS meeting will be **April 19, 2015** at Lebanon Mennonite Church (2100 S. 2nd St.) at 2:30 pm. The gathering will celebrate thirty years of faithfulness in raising funds for Mennonite Central Committee through the Oregon Festival for World Relief. For more information, call 503-266-6447; visit our website at www.pnmhs.org, or email pnwmennonite@canby.com.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization



Bluffton College

Joshua Burkholder, a [Bluffton University](#) senior from Warden (Wash.) Mennonite Church, has been named to the university dean's list for the fall 2014 semester. Bluffton students qualify for the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. With a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75 based on 20 semester hours, Burkholder received distinction for continued high achievement. Situated on the banks of Little Riley Creek in Bluffton, a small town in northwest Ohio, Bluffton University was founded in 1899 as Central Mennonite College. Today, Bluffton continues to be committed to passing along its core values - discovery, community, respect and service - to each new generation of students. *Shaped by the historic peace church tradition and nourished by a desire for excellence in all phases of its programs, Bluffton University seeks to prepare students of all backgrounds for life as well as vocation, for responsible citizenship, for service to all peoples and, ultimately, for the purposes of God's universal kingdom.*

Eastern Mennonite University



In July 2015, the [Oregon Extension](#) program, founded in 1975 and located inside the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in southern Oregon, will acquire a new academic partner and accrediting school – [Eastern Mennonite University](#). EMU will award college credits to the students who participate in the Oregon Extension, process federal loans and grants, and provide outcomes assessments in line with EMU’s accrediting association. It will also create an academic governance committee that will give final approval to admissions requirements, faculty hiring and curriculum changes. In return, the Oregon Extension will pay an annual fee for EMU’s administrative services, provide two full tuition waivers for EMU students each fall, offer the use of its campus to EMU at substantially discounted rates, and extend to EMU first consideration in filling a rotating faculty slot. “This is a true win-win partnership, and we share a number of important core values,” says EMU provost Fred Kniss. “Oregon Extension will gain access to EMU’s expertise and experience in assessment, sustainability and environmental studies. EMU will gain increased access for its students and faculty to the excellent programs and facilities of the Oregon Extension.”

Oregon Extension was founded in 1975 on the site of a 1920s-era logging camp by several professors from Christian colleges. Its remote location – inside the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in southern Oregon, bordering the Pacific Crest Trail, at the intersection of multiple western eco-zones – made it an ideal setting for a unique curriculum that blended the humanities and environmental studies. Up to 40 students and four resident professors create an intentional learning community each fall semester at the Oregon Extension. They read one book at a time and explore one idea at a time. They climb mountains, hike the coastline, stoke the woodstoves of their cabins and bake bread. [Read the full story here.](#)

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

The [LMPC](#) will be on the west coast on three occasions in **2015** providing training for church leaders. The *Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders* will be offered **March 16-20** at Hope United Methodist Church, San Diego, CA, and at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Portland, OR, **October 5-9**. The third visit will be **May 1-2** at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR, for a *Healthy Congregations* workshop, using family systems theory for teaching healthy functioning in churches in face of anxiety and negative, reactive forces. Church Discount Coupons are available [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA’s Executive Board (EB) met recently to focus on preparing the agenda for this summer’s **Delegate Assembly**, to be held **June 30-July 5** in Kansas City. Larry Hauder, of Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship in Boise, Idaho and Charlotte Hardt, of Menno (WA) Mennonite Church, serve on the EB.



The EB spent time wrestling with how to present two polity documents to the Delegate Assembly: the updated ministerial polity handbook, *A Shared Understanding of Church Leadership*; and the Mennonite Church USA Membership Guidelines. They also heard a report from a committee appointed to examine Mennonite Church USA structures, and to make recommendations about how best to move forward together in the midst of denominational disagreements. You can read a full report from the board meetings [here](#), as well as a written statement from the committee addressing denominational structures [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 2 (submissions due by 2/23)
Mar 16 (submissions due by 3/9)
Apr 6 (submissions due by 3/30)
Apr 20 (submissions due by 4/13)

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