



# e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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## From the PNMC Office

This week we pray for [Zion Mennonite Church](#) in Hubbard, OR. The 124-year old congregation strives to grow together as a Christ-centered community, extending their Anabaptist branch into the world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds of God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others. The folks at Zion are eager to share their hospitality as they will host the [2016 PNMC Annual Meeting](#). If you have not yet registered, please do so [here](#) before the **June 15 registration deadline**. If you have registered but did not pay online, simply send a check for the balance to [Barb Buxman](#), PO Box 301036, Portland, OR 97294.



We gather to hear the story of God at work in our world through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and through the life of his body, the church. *Come prepared to listen and to tell the story!* Our schedule is slightly different this year. We will begin each day in worship with our speaker, **Chuck Neufeld**. Chuck served with MVS for 25 years. Together with his wife Bonnie, Chuck also served as co-pastor of Community Mennonite Church in Markham, IL for 19 years. For the past six, he served as Conference Minister for the Illinois Mennonite Conference. He's recently retired and moved to North Newton, KS. Through his songs, stories, and talks, Chuck communicates a **deep commitment to community, peace, justice, and service**. He believes that a dedicated response to Christ's call requires compassionate action and redemptive living, and that this results in radically altered lives and communities. One church leader said of Chuck, "(He) is one of the most missional leaders I know. He constantly scans the horizon for evidence of God at work, then joins God in that work. Furthermore, he's good at telling stories about what God is doing." *Come and hear Chuck tell the story!*

In addition to receiving reports from the Executive Conference Minister, Treasurer, and Moderator, and acting on the Gift Discernment Team ballot, delegates will be asked to give direction to the future of PNMC through collaborating on questions such as *"How can we put the SEED fund money to good use? What should PNMC look like in 10 years? Where does theological education for congregational leaders best happen in PNMC? How could the Annual Meeting be re-imagined?"*

Weekend workshops include opportunities to acquire new skills, make connections, and learn from other congregations' experiences. We will enjoy "Bluegrass & Blueberries" with a concert by the Jericho Road Bluegrass Band and fresh blueberry pie from Gingerich Farms. (*Folks who are unable to attend the whole gathering are welcome to enjoy the Friday evening festivities!*) Alternate activities are being planned for those who are not delegates as well as activities for children and youth. The assembly will end after a traditional Mexican meal on Saturday evening.

Attendees are invited to visit the [Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society's](#) Heritage Center. In addition to guided tours, including the nearby MCC Barn, the Heritage Center will be open **Friday - Saturday, June 24-25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** If you plan to visit and have a special request, volunteers can be available for assistance. For specific searches, connect the [Heritage Center](#) ahead of time.

Please take note that Whiskey Hill Road from Hubbard to the Meridian Road crossing will be closed May 31-January 31.

Drivers will not be able to get to Zion by coming on Whiskey Hill Road from Hubbard.

*Coming from the south:* go through Woodburn and continue on Highway 214 toward Molalla and then turn left at the blinking light, which is Meridian Road. *Coming from the north:* go through Aurora from I-5 or come through Canby on 99E from I-205.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Drift Creek Camp

Summer is here! If you or your child is interested in attending summer camp, download a registration form [here](#) and [email it](#) right away! Summer camp provides opportunities for youth to take a break from the hectic school routine; disconnect from technology; learn new skills; laugh and be silly; engage in physical activity; take time to wonder...and experience the **joy of community** while on the journey towards faith.

### Et Etcetera Shop

Volunteers are needed to provide customer service, sort & organize donations, and do online pricing research. Volunteers choose their day/s and time commitment. Volunteering builds resumes, gives to the community, and **supports the work of Mennonite Central Committee**. To join a group of fun, dedicated staff and volunteers call [541-258-5614](tel:541-258-5614) or visit the shop at 836 S. Main St. in Lebanon.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Enhance your ministry with our **Research for Ministry Online Seminar!** (*Hurry, the Early bird discount ends June 10!*)

Use the wealth of online library resources at AMBS to add depth and inspiration to your preaching, worship planning, Bible study, pastoral care and theological reflection. Throughout the term students will examine topics of their choice, share and test findings with others in the class, and learn from what classmates have discovered. This **affordable, non-credit, online** course is designed to support your ministry in an ongoing way. Sign up once, twice or every term!

**July 1 - December 31;** \$75 early registration discount through **June 10;** \$100 registration closes **June 24.**

Instructors: Karl Stutzman, Director of Library Services, and Brandon Board, Library Services Technician

AMBS will also offer a [Spiritual Guidance Seminar](#), led by Daniel P. Schrock, for pastors and other leaders who want to become spiritual guides. Congregational ministry provides opportunities for accompanying people on their spiritual journeys and guiding them to deeper faith. Participants will learn the art of spiritual guidance both through theoretical study and developing practical ministry skills. The biennially offered seminar will meet on campus several times during the 2016-2017 school year, (*August 25-27; October 3-4; December 5-6; March 6-7; May 1-2*), giving participants opportunities to practice and reflect on their learnings.

**Components include:** (*Several course prerequisites apply.*)

Studying the literature of spiritual guidance

Experiencing spiritual guidance (both as director and directee)

Reflecting on and discussing assigned readings

Participating in case reviews and supervision

Reflecting theologically on the readings, discussions and personal experience



### Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is supporting a sheep program in Lebanon, designed to ease the economic and relational tension that has been heightened by the influx of Syrian refugees. To learn more or to support the program, visit [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org).

### MennoMedia

It's summer savings time at Herald Press/MennoMedia. Many titles, including kids' books, music cds, Bible reading guides, church certificates are on sale now! Check out what's available at [this link](#). Sale prices are good through **June 15** or while supplies last. Check out [these titles](#) for possible ideas for Father's Day gifts!

### Mennonite Church USA

News from Mennonite Church USA can be found at [this link](#).

### Mennonite Women USA

[Empowering Women: Money, Health and Faith](#) is a resourcing event that will take place **August 12-13, 2016** at Peace Mennonite Church in Aurora, Colorado, just east of Denver. In previous years, this kind of event was called PREP (preparing, resourcing, encouraging, praising) and was held specifically for area-conference women leaders. This year, this event is being opened up to all women, because, let's be honest – who among us doesn't need to be empowered with regards to our understanding of money and our personal health? *What will happen?* Networking, friend-making, worship, inspiration, nurture, eating, education and our favorite word: empowerment – that's what you can expect. The presenters will be Rhoda Blough, of Denver and Teresa Boshart Yoder of Harrisonburg, VA. As staff of Everence, they bring passion, experience and tools for us to understand our relationship with money and our personal health. These professionals will provide handouts, books, journals and other resources. Space for 75 will fill up fast, so spread the word and get registered by August 2 at [this link](#).

### Mennonite World Conference

To get the latest MWC news, follow [this link](#).

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 20 (*submissions due by 6/13*)

July 4 (*submissions due by 6/27*)

Aug 1 (*submissions due by 7/25*)

Aug 15 (*submissions due by 8/8*)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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!*