



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

This week we pray together for [Warden Mennonite Church](#), pastored by Miguel Castillo, in the farming community of Warden, WA, with folks from the surrounding areas of Royal City and Moses Lake. The congregation comes from a wide variety of backgrounds and faith traditions. Though they are geographically scattered and differ in many ways, they share a love for each other and a love for Jesus Christ, which they desire to share with neighbors near and far. During the week, members may be involved in a variety of ministries. The high school [youth group](#) is joined with the Warden Community Church. Warden offers a Spanish Bible study, or [Estudio Biblico](#), on Sunday evenings and [Venture Club](#) is a program for neighborhood children on Wednesday afternoon. As a faith community, they try to follow Jesus in daily life and work.

We also join in prayer for [Menno Mennonite Church](#), where Matthew Yoder is pastor, in Ritzville, WA. The congregation's mission statement says: Menno Mennonite Church, a Christian Anabaptist community, equips believers through worship and study, and expresses God's love to others through stewardship and service. The congregation is active in annually hosting the Mennonite Country Auction for Mennonite Central Committee. If you're interested in listening to the Sunday morning services, they are available through Youtube at [this link](#).

October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**! The PNMC Board would like to join you in supporting the ministry of our pastors. If your pastor has educational, medical, or other debt, he or she is eligible for a grant from Everence to reduce that debt! These grants are matching grants, however, so your pastor needs to raise half of the amount needed. To jump start that process, PNMC is offering \$300 to each pastor who applies for a grant from Everence in 2016. To fund this gift, we welcome contributions from congregations and individuals. Each congregation will soon be receiving a letter describing the process. Encourage your pastor to apply if debt relief is needed. Contribute to your pastor's matching funds and to the conference fund for other pastors. We have great pastors in PNMC, and this is one way to support their ministry among us. Details on the grant that Everence received from the Lilly Foundation to provide this support can be found [here](#).

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

Celebrate DCC's ministry, **November 4-6**, at the [2016 Annual Meeting & Family Camp](#). There will be fun for all ages, homemade cider & donuts, a festive auction and time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Register [here](#).

Mennonite Village of Albany

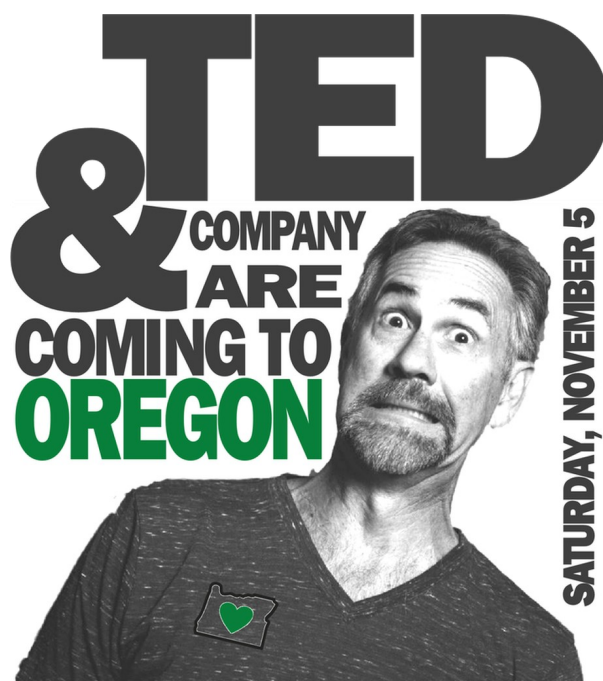
Mennonite Village is looking for vendors to display homemade crafts and goods at their **2016 Holiday Bazaar**, November 11 from 8:00—2:30 and November 12 from 8:00—1:00. One table/\$30 or two tables/\$40. Proceeds benefit the MV employee scholarship fund. Questions? Contact [Robin Keener](#) at 541-704-1086.

Portland Mennonite Church

Don't miss a fantastic opportunity to see [Ted & Co.](#) at PMC at 7:00 pm on **Saturday, November 5**.

Western Mennonite School

[WMS](#) will host its **Fall Concert** on **Tuesday, October 18** at 7pm. The concert will feature both middle and high school choirs.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Rachel Miller Jacobs, assistant professor of congregational formation at AMBS was one of three keynote speakers at [Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation of All Ages](#) at an early October conference where more than 100 people participated. Miller Jacobs focused her address on Anabaptist values of reconciliation and peacemaking with a look at “ordinary-time forgiveness” in everyday life as opposed to extreme incidents. She challenged listeners with the question, “How do we embody (forgiveness) in our family life and our congregational life so that we’re not just aspiring to, but actually practicing it?”

Thinking about seminary? Join AMBS for [Seminary Preview Day](#), **Friday, November 4**, 8 a.m.—3 p.m. at the Elkhart campus.

MennoMedia



Writers are needed for [Shine: Living in God's Light](#), the Sunday school curriculum produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press. The curriculum is for children age three through grade 8. Accepted writers must attend a Writers Conference in Virginia, March 2-5, 2017. Shine pays for meals and lodging during the conference and covers reasonable travel expenses. Application and sample session deadline is **December 1, 2016**. Read more [here](#).

Mennonite Central Committee

Two relief sales were recently hosted in the Pacific Northwest. The [Mennonite Country Auction](#) was **October 1** in Ritzville, WA, and it raised \$122,000.00. (*Check out the MCA bid history [here](#) and the Facebook page [here](#).)* The following Saturday, **October 8**, the [Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief](#) took place in Albany, OR; it raised \$102,000.00. (Another \$10,000 is expected through [My Coins Count](#).) OMFWR chair, Ron Litwiler shared, “*Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, donors and helpers in all areas of the Festival, we had another great event. Sales were about \$100,000. This is very similar to past events. Everything seemed to go smoothly. Food items were excellent. Even the weather was very nice. I heard lots of positive comments about the event. I’m sure each of us could identify areas where we could improve, but overall it was a very successful event. THANK YOU. I will call a meeting of the Board for early November to assess the event and identify things that we could do better next year.*”



Meanwhile, MCC is already fast at work in Haiti. When rushing water of the River Gris, overflowing with rain from Hurricane Matthew, washed away Sarditren Dete’s and Antovan Enit’s houses and possessions, it destroyed their livelihoods too. “*Yesterday we lost everything: our chickens, our pig and our garden. This is how I eat, this is how I feed my children, this is how I keep them safe at night,*” Dete said. MCC representatives Paul and Rebecca Shetler Fast, of Pittsburgh, PA, listened to their stories on Wednesday, Oct. 5, the day the rain from Category 4 Hurricane Matthew stopped falling in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti. The women were recipients of assistance by SAKALA, an MCC partner in Cité Soleil, one of the poorest parts of Port-au-Prince. MCC delivered relief kits full of hygiene supplies, blankets, water-purification tablets and food to families there. The visit was just the beginning of MCC’s response to the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. *Read the full story [here](#).*

Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) to read the latest edition of *Equipping*.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 7 (submissions due by 10/31)

Nov 21 (submissions due by 11/14)

Dec 5 (submissions due by 11/28)

Dec 19 (submissions due by 11/12)

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