

e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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From the PNMC Office

This week we join together to pray for the Logsden Neighborhood Church, located near Newport along the Oregon Coast. Logsden's pastor, Duane Roth, asked to remember the congregation in prayer in that they will continue to be a lighthouse and minister effectively in the Siletz Valley. Being the only church for a span of 30 miles from Siletz going east and over the coast range to Blodgett, the opportunities are great as are the challenges. The majority of people move to this area to get away from people, not to build into community - in the literal sense, or into the community of believers at a local church. So it is a mission field and ministry that we fully embrace with all its joys and struggles, but certainly recognize the need for a solid prayer covering. One other prayer request would be for the church's upcoming annual leadership and spouse retreat later this month. We set aside three days each January for prayer and annual planning. *We ask prayer for wisdom, discernment, and vision for our time together*.

We look forward to connecting with those will be attending the <u>Conference Communications Council</u> on Saturday, February 4, at <u>Albany</u> <u>Mennonite</u> from **9am to 4pm.** Please pray for all who will be traveling. This will be an important time of connecting as a conference. Register <u>here</u> by January **30**.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

The 2017 Spring Quilting Retreat is right around the corner. Follow this link for details. Registration deadline is February 1.

Pacific NW Mennonite Historical Society

Taking the long way home: The PNMHS Annual Meeting is Saturday, January 21, at Zion Mennonite Church. Come for lunch (noon) and program (1:15 PM) with the fascinating story of one PAX man's adventures in the Congo and his amazing journey home told by the man who lived it, Larry Graber. Cost: \$20/person (*payable at the door*). RSVP to <u>Gloria Nussbaum</u>, <u>503-645-0616</u>, today. *The Library/Archives will be open from 11 am to noon and until 4pm following the meeting for those interested in visiting. All ages are welcome!*

Portland Mennonite Church

Due to snow, the **licensing toward ordination** service for **Brianne Reimer Kruger** has been rescheduled for **Sunday, January 22** during the 10:30 AM morning service at PMC. Brie is currently participating in the CPE seminary program at the Portland VA Medical Center. *Congratulations, Brie!*

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC will host an 11:00 AM lunch gathering for all PNMC pastors (lead, associates, youth, etc.) on behalf of West Coast MCC on Monday, January 30. Area churches have faithfully supported MCC in generous and significant ways. West Coast MCC wants to express gratitude, share updates, and explore new partnership possibilities as they explore additional services in Oregon. Please RSVP today by contacting <u>Bob Buxman</u>, 503-502-5402.

Seattle Mennonite Church

The 2017 Peace Lectureship is Sunday, January 29th! Ched Myers and Elaine Enns of Bartimeaus Cooperative Ministries will be presenting on two topics related to Biblical Jubilee 11am - "Mapping Jubilee Convictions in the Church" Looking at the biblical vision of Jubilee and its implications for how the Church stewards land, labor and capital. 7pm - "Jubilee as Restorative Justice: Settler Response-Abilities" Discussion and viewing the documentary film, 'Reserve 107', which highlights the effort of Lutheran, Mennonite and First Nation peoples in Northern Saskatchewan coming together around the history of the land.

Western Mennonite Church

Congratulations to the youth of <u>Western Mennonite Church</u>! Not only have these kids been hard at work sharing love and kindness in their community and around the world, their enthusiastic creativity has been recognized as well. This <u>fabulous video project</u> won first prize in the Mennonite Church USA Video Contest! *Thank you for sharing how you show* "Love is a Verb."

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Everence

Everence Financial will present information on the topic of "Women and Money" via several in-person seminars and online webinars from **February** through **May**. Designed to address the distinctive financial needs of women, most of the presentations will include information on saving and investing for the future (including retirement) and getting started on a sound financial plan. Four presentations will take place in February, with several more happening throughout the spring. For a list of dates, times and locations, visit <u>www.everence.com/women-and-money/</u>. "Women face a number of challenges specific to their gender," said Madalyn Metzger, Everence Vice President of Marketing. "But with key information and resources, women can increase financial stability for themselves and their families. That's why we're excited to provide these informative presentations to help women face their unique financial concerns."

Everence helps individuals, organizations and congregations integrate finances with faith through a national team of advisors and representatives. Everence offers banking, insurance and financial services with community benefits and stewardship education. Everence is a ministry of Mennonite Church USA and other churches.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Click here to find the latest MDS service opportunities and updates.

Mennonite Church USA

Get all the latest MC USA news in the latest edition of the Equipping newsletter at this link.

Mennonite Mission Network

Each year high school seniors are figuring out what they should do next. If they are considering a "gap year" and would like to get a better idea of what life might be like in a <u>Service Adventure</u> unit, take advantage of the opportunity to see if living in community and serving others is a good fit.

Curious about Service Adventure? Try it out! Feb. 10–12, 2017

Students can visit units in Albuquerque, Anchorage, Colorado Springs, Jackson, or Johnstown.

For more information, contact SusanN@MennoniteMission.net

Worship, serve, and learn about Service Adventure

Thursday, Feb. 9: Arrive and meet your hosts. Enjoy dinner together and participate in the unit's weekly worship night.
Friday, Feb. 10: Spend the day serving alongside participants in various social-service agencies. It might be a homeless shelter, a thrift store, or working with kids.
Saturday, Feb. 11: Experience a unit learning component and learn about the local community.
Sunday, Feb. 12 – Attend the local hosting congregation with the unit and then head home. *Interested?* Contact Susan Nisly.

West Coast MCC

What does it mean to be an Anabaptist peacebuilder in the midst of global conflicts, climate change, poverty, crime and divisions made by walls and borders? Youth and young adults address these issues and this question every June when they attend <u>Global Anabaptist Peacebuilders</u> (<u>GAP</u>) Institute, which is sponsored by West Coast Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Held at Fresno Pacific University (FPU) in California's Central Valley, participants choose one of four week-long classes: Advocating for Social Justice, Migration and Resettlement, Creation Care and

Restorative Justice. The aim of GAP is to help youth grapple with these issues through practical activities and encounters during the institute and to motivate them to continue in peacebuilding after they finish. Through a seven-year partnership between MCC and FPU, nearly 300 students from across the country have taken part in the institute. In 2017, <u>GAP Institute</u> will be held from **May 25 to June 2**. To learn more, visit <u>mcc.org/gap-institute</u>.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 6 (submissions due by 1/30) Feb 20 (submissions due by 2/13) Mar 6 (submissions due by 2/27) Mar 20 (submissions due by 3/13) If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. 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!*

For more PNMC updates: <u>http://pnmc.org</u>e-Bulletin Archives: <u>http://pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin</u>

PNMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 21, *PNMHS Annual Meeting,* Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR (12:00pm)

Jan. 29, 2017 Peace Lectureship, Seattle Mennonite Church, Seattle, WA (11:00am & 7:00pm)

Jan. 30, West Coast MCC Lunch, Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, OR (11:00am)

Feb. 4, PNMC Conference Communications Council, Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR (9am; register by January 30.)

March 9-12, *Drift Creek Quilters* Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

April 7-8, Fresno's 50th Anniversary MCC Relief Sale, Fresno, CA

April 21-23, *OR Mennonite Women's Retreat*, Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

April 21-22, *Idaho Relief Sale*, NNU, Nampa, ID

May 6, Western Mennonite School Benefit Auction, Salem, OR

June 23-24, *PNMC Annual Meeting,* Menno Mennonite Church, Ritzville, WA