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From the PNMC Office

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Bonham Brenneman family of [Mountain View Mennonite Church](#) in Kalispell, MT, who have recently lost three family members. [Cathy Bonham Brenneman](#), 59, passed away in April. She was a Mountain View elder and has been involved with the PNMC Peace Committee. Cathy's daughter, [Erin Brenneman](#), died tragically in July, at the age of 26, after being struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run accident while she was walking near the Bakery where she worked in Portland, OR. In late July, Cathy's father, [Robert Bonham](#), passed away at the age of 91. We pray for the family, including former Albany Service Adventure leaders Rusty and Mary Lou Bonham of Portland, OR, and for the Mountain View congregation, as they grieve these tremendous losses.

If your contact information is listed in the [PNMC Directory](#) and you have moved, changed your phone number or email address since the last edition, please send updates to brenda@pnmc.org. We plan to have this year's edition printed in August and hope to have all listings be as current as possible. (A draft copy is attached.)

If you missed the July edition of the e-Bulletin and would like to view images from the 2017 PNMC Annual Meeting in Eastern Washington, follow this [link](#).

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp



A [Mennonite Men's Retreat](#) is planned at [Drift Creek Camp](#), **September 29-October 1**. Along with opportunities to hike the old growth forests surrounding Drift Creek and enjoy hearty camp meals and homemade cinnamon rolls, Mennonite Men Coordinator, **Steve Thomas**, will speak on "*Making Peace with Conflict*". Conflict is everywhere. Whether at school, work or home, with people we don't like and among our closest friends, we all deal with conflict as a part of life. As difficult as it may be, conflict creates opportunities for us to grow and form healthy relationships. In this gathering, participants of all ages will engage in active exercises and have fun while learning how to make peace with conflict. Steve Thomas has worked with conflict for over 30 years in various ways as a Mennonite pastor, martial arts instructor, peace educator and adjunct professor at Goshen College. He is Coordinator of Mennonite Men USA. Steve lives with his family in Goshen, IN. DCC is excited to open the camp for this unique opportunity to enjoy the Siuslaw National Forest during one of the most beautiful and enjoyable months of the year. To register, visit www.driftcreek.org.

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

Save the Date! Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, is **Saturday, October 14**. Are you interested in volunteering? Check out this [contact list](#) for opportunities to assist with a food booth, set up or clean up, or in one of the shops. Have something to donate or need ideas? Group donations of vacation packages, garden or kitchen equipment, or tickets to a sporting event are great ideas. If you have something in mind to contribute, notify [Tim Steiner](#). If your children need ideas to keep them busy during the remaining weeks of summer, encourage them to make items for the Country Store. You, too, can help make this a great festival to assist those in need around the world!

Portland Mennonite Church

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 30!** PMC will host a hymn sing with **Ken Nafziger**. More details coming soon!

Western Mennonite School

Western Mennonite School is pleased to announce that a new Head of School has been selected. **Mr. Al Stefan Ed.S.** comes to WMS having served a private Christian school in Portland for the last 12 years. His extensive leadership experience, education, and vision for Christian Education make him the perfect fit for leading Western Mennonite into its next exciting chapter. Mr. Stefan is known in the Christian School community as a faithful friend and team player who recognizes the unique place each of our Christian Schools have in "Kingdom work." Mr. Stefan's hope and desire is to see Western Mennonite continue to be a place that welcomes Christians from all denominations, creating a diverse community committed to the foundational principles of a Christian Worldview.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Church USA

Orlando planners left feeling [hopeful](#) with conference participation by 270 young adults, up from just 75 in Kansas City. In 2017 young adults enthusiastically joined the conversation, expressing their dreams for the future of the church. Tyler Eshleman and Hannah Chappel-Dick served as young adult coordinators for MC USA and expressed their renewed hope. “I would love to see young adults have more voice in the church at the national level because that’s how we create a vibrant and continuous church body,” said Chappel-Dick. “My hope is that we can have some kind of [permanent place for young adults at the table.](#)”



To read more about this story and other church news, follow [this link](#) to find the latest edition of *Equipping*.

Follow [this link](#) for more on Mennonite Church Executive Board staff transitions. Meanwhile, Mennonite Church USA executive director search committee has issued a churchwide [invitation to prayer](#) for the calling of the denomination’s next executive director.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Fueled by the summer heat and dry conditions, wildfires are continuing to burn hundreds of acres and forcing thousands to evacuate their homes across the western United States and Canada. In British Columbia more than 200 wildfires were burning earlier this week many of which were near Ashcroft, Princeton, and 100 Mile House. The wildfires in B.C. have forced some 14,000 people to evacuate the area. Throughout California more than 13 wildfires are burning with the largest ones in the Central Coast area. Wildfires are also burning in Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and New Mexico. There are currently more than 60 throughout the U.S. Let us continue remembering and praying for those in harm’s way as well as the firefighters and folks helping to contain them. Pray also that no deaths will result from these devastating fires. Follow [this link](#) to learn more about [MDS service opportunities](#).

MennoMedia



Starting this fall, substantial new resources and even more age-appropriate ideas for junior youth will be available to enrich [Shine](#), a vibrant Sunday School curriculum produced by MennoMedia. Shine’s team of editors work to ensure that each session reflects the Anabaptist values of community, reconciliation, and the centrality of Jesus. Faith experienced at an early age is the foundation for all other growth. The good news we share with our children has the power to transform lives and revitalize communities. So, let’s prepare the ground for a new tomorrow, send down roots anchored in love. Let’s sow in them seeds of mercy and plant them by the river of life. Learn more [here](#).

Mennonite Mission Network

Sheldon and Janis Burkhalter, of Seattle, WA, spent a week in July serving at the newest [SOOP](#) (*Service Opportunities for Older Persons*) location, the Mennonite Church USA Archives. The Burkhalters worked with the director of the Archives, Jason Kauffman, creating inventories, scanning and captioning photos (there are almost 9,000 photographs from their collections on the website, and thousands more that still need to be added!), and helping with other key projects. Archivist Jason wrote: “I’m very grateful that the Burkhalters were willing to serve as the first SOOP volunteers at the Archives. It’s been great to have them here!” *Check in with Arloa Bontrager if you are interested in serving in this location.*



Earlier in June, Gerald Hunsberger served for ten days while Adam and Jennifer Cobb, along with their children Emma, Sydney, Ivan and Garrison, all served for a week at Drift Creek Camp in Lincoln City, OR. This was the 4th year in a row at DCC for the Cobbs!

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 21 (*submissions due by 8/14*)

Sept 4 (*submissions due by 8/28*)

Sept 18 (*submissions due by 9/11*)

Oct 2 (*submissions due by 9/25*)

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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