



e-Bulletin

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PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Country Auction

Thanks to all those who helped support the 2018 sale, either through donating their time, auction items, or financial support. Thus far, totals look to be at about \$120,000! It was an excellent sale.

Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship

[We Know There Are Oceans: A Travel Guide, Stories & Songs by Michelle Milne & Heather Kropf](#)

If you missed the show in Portland, take advantage of another opportunity to hear Michelle Milne and Heather Kropf on their west coast tour when they visit [CMF](#) on **Friday, October 19 at 7:30pm**. To learn more, follow this link.

Camp Camrec

Camp Camrec, in Leavenworth, WA, will host a **Fall Work Weekend** beginning **October 26 at 5:00pm and concluding at 11:00am October 28**.

Follow [this link](#) to register.

Men across the PNMC are invited to the [2018 Men's Retreat](#) at Camrec for a weekend of worship, recreation, fellowship, and great food. This is a chance to spend some quality time with our brothers from the Washington Mennonite Fellowship. Together, participants will engage in lively discussions; play pinocle with wily wheat farmers; blaze trails through fresh snow in cross-country skis or snow shoes and enjoy the tubing run! \$70 for adults, \$35 for sons under 18 and free for MVS workers. Spread the word, form carpools, and arrive on **Friday, Nov 30**. Dinner is on your own Friday. We will depart after brunch on Sunday.

Portland Mennonite Church

[I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in Word & Song: Featuring Tony Brown, October 27, 2018, 7:00pm](#)

This concert captures the essence of a monumental 20th-century figure, [Paul Robeson](#). Robeson was an all-American athlete, scholar, international recording artist and star of stage and screen. Regarded as the best-known African American entertainer in the world during his lifetime, he was a courageous example of integrity and discipline in service of peace. The concert combines song (including "Old Man River"), narratives, news clips and excerpts from an interview with Robeson's friend, the legendary folksinger/songwriter Pete Seeger. Robeson is portrayed by American baritone Anthony Brown, about whom The Denver Post has declared that "Brown delivers with generous beauty." *The pianist for this performance is Ken Rodgers, and the narrator is Tim Manickam.*



Drift Creek Camp

DCC will extend gratitude to supporters through the [Annual Meeting & Family Camp, November 9-11, 2018](#). The weekend will include a casual gathering on Friday evening featuring a tasting of heirloom apples with Heidi Noordijk of Portland Mennonite Church. There will be fellowship, a review of the year, a benefit auction and thoughts on "Seeds of Hope from Hallowed Ground" with Ed Peachey from Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship on Sunday morning. All are welcome! Click [here](#) to register.

And thanks to the hard work of countless volunteers, **great progress is being made** on the construction of the new Caretaker Cabin at DCC. Come on out and take a tour! Take a look at how the additional basement space will provide much-needed flexible housing for staff and volunteers! (There will even be a secondary laundry area for staff and lodge overflow!)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 18-21~ [Fall Quilt Retreat](#)
Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR
- Oct. 19 ~ Michelle Milne & Heather Kropf,
Corvallis Mennonite, Corvallis, OR
- Oct. 26-28~ [Fall Work Weekend](#)
Camp Camrec, Leavenworth, WA
- Oct. 27 ~ [Tony Brown](#)
Portland Mennonite, Portland, OR
- Nov. 9-11 ~ [Annual Meeting/Family Camp](#)
Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2~ [Men's Retreat](#)
Camp Camrec, Leavenworth, WA

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

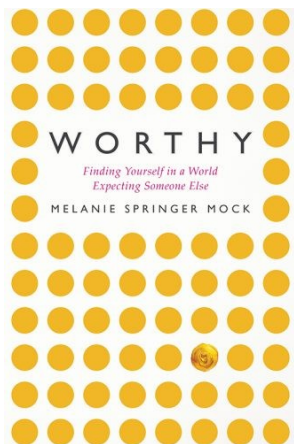
Mennonite Central Committee



Families in the poor, rural communities of Haiti are skilled at piecing together a life from the difficult realities that surround them: political instability, economic stagnation, rising food prices, declining agricultural yields, lack of government services and infrastructure, and vulnerability to natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes. Severe acute malnutrition brings a nearly **20 percent chance of death** for young children who are not treated. For those who survive, life-long consequences can include poor brain development and intellectual disabilities, heart damage, metabolic disorders, autoimmune diseases and physical stunting. In the Haitian context, for the poorest families in remote villages, accessing

hospital-based treatment is extremely difficult. It usually requires several months' wages just to cover transport, supplies, food and missed work even if the treatment itself is free. MCC provides training for parents on how to help children recover and stay healthy. They learn about maximizing nutrition on their meager earnings, how to avoid getting sick and how to keep food and water clean. Parents receive a nutritionally enriched food supplement for their children, made primarily from peanut butter.

MCC is currently running a pilot project in the mountains of the Artibonite Department. At-risk families are identified through MCC's wide network of kids' clubs and farmers' groups. The nurses evaluate children in these families and enroll those with severe and moderate acute malnutrition for three months of intensive support, followed by at least a year of follow-up. The pilot project is on track to help 160 children in 2018. Follow [this link](#) to read the full story, written by Paul Shetler Fast.



MennoMedia

"Mental Health Day" was just last week and MennoMedia has several wonderful titles with which to enjoy a mental health break. In her latest book, *Worthy*, local George Fox University professor, Melanie Springer Mock, sifts through the shape and weight of expectations that press Christians into cultural molds rather than God's image. By plumbing Scripture and critiquing the ten-billion-dollar-a-year self-improvement industry, Mock offers life-giving reminders that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Set free from the anxiety to conform to others' expectations, we are liberated to become who God has created us to be. If you're worn out from worrying that you've missed God's One Big Calling, and if you're tired of trying to fit yourself into some cookie-cutter Christian mold, step away from the expectations and toward God's heart.

Women of PNMC are invited to hear Melanie Springer Mock at the **2019 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat, April 12-14** at Drift Creek Camp where she will be the guest speaker and her book, *Worthy*, will be discussed.

The Mennonite, Inc.

The Mennonite, Inc. requests original submissions for the **December 2018** issue focusing on [Good News, Great Joy](#):

An angel of the Lord stood before the shepherds, and they were terrified. "Do not be afraid," the angel says in Luke 1. "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people." A Savior, the Messiah, the Lord, has been born. When have you experienced good news of great joy? Joy is from God, a deep-seated emotion within our beings. Joy is not earned but is a discipline that needs attention and intention. Joy is the knowledge that God is always with us, and "the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Perhaps you have experienced joy in pain, in sorrow, in loss, in fear. Perhaps you have experienced joy when the good news appeared in and through and among us.

Submissions may consider one of the following prompts/questions, among others: Given that joy is a discipline, what practices have you used to develop and maintain it during times of suffering or fear? When have you experienced the good news of great joy? Tell us your story. What does the biblical text say about joy? Why and how do these Scriptures speak to you? Provide context for your interpretation of the biblical text. (For example, our lived experiences often provide the lens through which we interpret the Scriptures. This can include an Anabaptist lens, a liberation theology lens, an evangelical lens or a womanist theology lens, among others.) Where do you find joy? How do you share that with others? Tell a story of how you have experienced joy around the celebration of Jesus' birth given that his birth occurred in the midst of Jewish suffering at the hands of the oppressive Roman Empire. Who do you identify with in the story of Jesus' birth? How does this connect with your life experience? ([Submissions are due no later than Nov. 1.](#))

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 5 (submissions due by 10/29)
Nov 19 (submissions due by 10/12)
Dec 3 (submissions due by 10/26)
Dec 17 (submissions due by 12/10)

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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