



e-Bulletin

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PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Evergreen Mennonite Church

All are invited to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Evergreen Mennonite Church on **Sunday, November 11, 2018**. Join the congregation for Worship at 10:45am where they will have great music and sharing about how God has moved, is moving, and will move in our midst. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet Jessica Wright who has transitioned from interim to full-time pastor. Following the service there will be a potluck, *bring a dish to share if you are able*. [RSVPs](#) are appreciated, but not required. *We look forward to celebrating with you!*

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.

Zion Mennonite Church

In mid-November, Kelly and Don Yoder and Pastor Mathew Swora plan to travel to Burkina Faso to celebrate 40 years of worship, ministry and mission for the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso where Mathew and Becky served with [Mennonite Mission Network](#). They hope to exchange news, greetings, blessings, testimonies and children's artwork with the African congregation. Please pray for this small group of travelers. They wish to be a blessing to their hosts. Blessings are a regular and important feature of life for Christians, Muslims and traditionalists in Burkina Faso. The following blessings are given to anyone about to leave: “*Ala ka tama diya*” (May God make your travel pleasant), “*Ala ka nyuman se*” (May God give you a good return), and “*Ka u soro hey-rey la*” (“May you find them in peace”). To each we reply, “*Amina!*” Please pray for those blessings on our behalf. Follow [this link](#) to read more about their journey.

Camp Camrec

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 pinochle 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 car-pools, and arrive on **Friday, Nov 30**. Dinner is on your own Friday. Departure will follow brunch on Sunday.

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in helping make the [2018 Fall Festival](#) a success! We had extra volunteers, lots of attendees, and even wonderful weather all of which resulted in a sale of about \$100,000. We had beautiful quilts and a variety of furniture and wood working equipment and, as usual, food items were popular. Some additional funds will be contributed, but it is fair to say that the event was successful. Thanks again for your help. -Ron Litwiller Board Chair.

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Mennonite Church USA

The MennoCon19 Delegate Assembly planning team is seeking nominations of congregations or ministries to share stories about our collective Journey Forward during delegate sessions in Kansas City. Stories that reflect any of these three *Renewed Commitments*:

Follow Jesus—*As an Anabaptist community of the living Word, we listen for God's call as we read Scripture together, guided by the Spirit. Through baptism we commit ourselves to live faithfully as Jesus' disciples, no matter the cost.*

Witness to God's peace—*We are called to extend God's holistic peace, proclaiming Christ's redemption for the world with our lives. Through Christ, God frees the world from sin and offers reconciliation. We bear witness to this gift of peace by rejecting violence and resisting injustice in all forms, and in all places.*

Experience transformation—*The Holy Spirit dwells in and among us, transforming us to reflect God's love. Through worship the Spirit gathers the body of Christ, where our diversity reveals God's beauty. The Spirit empowers our communities to embody the grace, joy and peace of the gospel.*

Stories must be submitted to [Iris de León Hartshorn](#) by **December 31, 2018**.

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Mennonite Disaster Service



The MDS California Unit is in urgent need of volunteers to **finish this house by the end of November**. The home is replacing one that was lost to the recent fires around Lake Isabella (east of Bakersfield). Workers are needed for the weeks of **November 11-16** and **November 26-30**. A cook is needed **November 18-20**. Questions? Call Roger Riley at 661-915-5220 if you can give a day, a few days or a week to help make this house weather tight before Christmas.

Mennonite Women USA



The Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women USA visited our conference when Rhoda Shenk Keener and Carolyn Holderread Heggen led an enrichment retreat for several women who gathered in the lodge at Drift Creek Camp outside of Lincoln City, OR. We are very happy to add to the number of those 4,300 women trained in Sister Care over 16 countries. We talked about **needing God with skin on – experiencing God’s love with the tender care of a sister** who touches us with healing and helping us drink the living water Jesus constantly offers.

Woven among the quotes of woundedness and biblical passages of healing we find we are created in God’s image, and it is beautiful! We peered into the “mirror” before us to find that precious gift of God’s creation. Tucked away in the Sister Care folder are the beginning pieces of our personal time line and life mission statement. We find our place in life as Frederick Buechner says is “**where my deep joy and the world’s deep hunger meet.**” That is where we find deep abiding joy. Unpacking forgiveness as part of healing allows us to let go and move on with our life. It is a condition of the heart. We learned valuable tenets of forgiveness and how it leads to reconciliation.



The personal biblical women monologues presented encapsulated the messages of the weekend. These presentations continue to visit daily life with reminders of beauty, the call of God on our life, and the value of holding tight to healthy boundaries.

Thank you for the depth of sisterhood, for the sharing of languages and cultures of Latina and Anglo and even Polish. We were **fed the bread of life and offered living water** while our bodies feasted on the delicious meals served by the camp. In our free time, we experienced rest, God’s creative beauty all around us, and the laughter of story and sharing. It truly was a gift to be together as sisters. We express deep gratitude for this ministry that visited us here in the Northwest and for the PNMC board that provided a very generous grant that allowed the event to occur.

Mennonite World Conference

The latest edition of MWC’s *Courier* is available [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 19 (submissions due by 10/12)
Dec 3 (submissions due by 10/26)
Dec 17 (submissions due by 12/10)
Jan 7 (submissions due by 12/31)

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