

e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC OFFICE

The 2020 Conference Communications Council met at Portland Mennonite Church on Saturday. Look for more details about this annual gathering in our next e-Bulletin.

Please note the information on page two regarding MC USA's [LEARN, PRAY, JOIN](#) initiative for 2020 that focuses on Climate Action. Together we can work toward a more stable climate future and respond to the needs of those whose lives are being destroyed by climate change. Many congregations are already working on this in a variety of ways. *We look forward to hearing from you and finding ways for us to learn from each other.*

There have been a few pastoral leadership transitions this winter. Please keep these persons and their congregations in your prayers:

~Jesus Fuentes resigned his position at Comunidad Cristiana Vida Nueva, 12/26/2019.

~Matt Swora is retiring from pastoral ministry at Zion Mennonite Church, 2/16/2020.

~Merritt Welty has assumed District Pastor role for Emmaus Christian Fellowship, First Mennonite of Aberdeen and Filer Mennonite Church on 2/1/2020. Renee Johns will continue as District Pastor for Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church. Merritt is a retired pastor and chaplain from Colorado who recently relocated to Boise.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

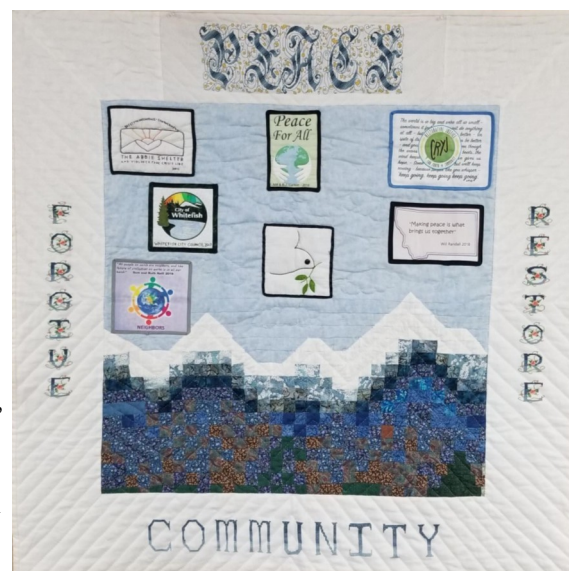
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Mountain View Mennonite Church

Mountain View Mennonite Church's traveling peace quilt 2020 **peacemaker of the year award** was given to Tanya Gersh, the Whitefish woman who, because of trying to do a peacemaking deed, became a target of a white supremacist trolling storm suffering a terrible season of abuse, which, in some ways, continues today. Approached by the Southern Poverty Law Center she sued the instigator of that storm and became a national figure when she won the case. She has shown great courage in the face of devastatingly cruel anti-Semitism attacking her and her family, her business and other Jewish families in Whitefish.

This is the 7th year the Mountain View Mennonite Church, in consultation with Love Lives Here, awards a traveling peace quilt to a local Peacemaker of the Year. Allan McGarvey, of Mountain View, made the presentation at MLK Jr. packed houses at both the Whitefish Performing Arts Center on Friday, January 17, and the Gateway Community Room in Kalispell on Monday, January 20.

The peace quilt award was a brainstorm of Mountain View's centennial planning in 2013. The quilt was created by the Mennonite Women's sewing group. It stays with the recipient for a year. The recipient designs a patch with their own message which is then created and added to the quilt by the women's group.



Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The 2020 PNMHS Annual Meeting & Fundraiser is **February 8**. The program, entitled "The Lady Is Our Shepherd", is the story of Mennonite women pastors in the Northwest. The program will be moderated by **Marlene Kropf**. Call 503-266-6447 for questions. RSVP to real2reel@teleport.com.

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Zion Mennonite Church

ZMC is hosting its [48th annual Quilting Workshop](#) **February 20-22** from 10-3 each day. Church volunteers will serve soup (creamy tomato or vegetable beef) with bread each day from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on a \$4.00 suggested donation basis. The three-day event includes a display of quilts, wall hangings and comforters ranging from the latest techniques and colors to century old heirlooms. There is no admission charged but donations are appreciated for the Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia. A large array of fair trade handicrafts including baskets, jewelry, toys, and woodcarvings from **One Fair World** in Salem will be available for purchase. Proceeds help to alleviate poverty for the crafters and farmers who create the works of art. More details [here](#). Questions? Call (503) 651-2274. *In the case of inclement weather, the workshop would be postponed one week.*

Drift Creek Camp

The **2020 Women's Retreat** will take place **April 17-19**. Participants will explore the renewing aspects of creating and observing Sabbath moments in the rhythm of busy lives. We will gather for singing, prayer & reflection in group sessions led by Reverend Roberta Jantzi Egli, Executive Director of [Messy Church USA](#). Guests will plan their own time. Participants are invited to enjoy forest walks in solitude or with friends; practice yoga, get creative in the craft room; read or knit by the fire. Cultivate community with old friends & new while enjoying delicious meals and a bit of pampering at Drift Creek. The book discussion will be *Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest* by Lynne M. Baab. Register [here](#). DCC is seeking spring & summer volunteers. If interested, contact info@driftcreek.org.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is encouraging people and congregations to focus on climate justice by highlighting prayers, resources and ways to get involved in February and March. This is part of MC USA's "[Learn, Pray, Join](#)" initiative in partnership with [Mennonite Creation Care Network](#) (MCCN) and the [Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions](#) (CSCS). The initiative on climate justice will provide resources to encourage individuals and congregations to take action, from MCCN's [Greener Congregation Score Sheet](#) to information on upcoming events, advocacy and support opportunities, renewable energy grants, pastoral retreats and more.

"When we look at what's happening in the United States and around the globe, it's hard to deny the impact on God's creation," said Sue Park-Hur, MC USA's denomination minister for transformative peacemaking. "We need to address this in community and find hope. Church is a great place to start!" Park-Hur said that a focus on climate justice is not new for the church, and this initiative promotes a faithful way to live out this calling in 2020. Adopted in 2013, the [Creation Care Resolution for Mennonite Church USA](#) reads, "Be it resolved that members of Mennonite Church USA commit to growing in their dedication to care for God's creation as an essential part of the good news of Jesus Christ." Find resources for the "Learn, Pray, Join" on climate justice initiative [here](#).

Visit Mennonite Church USA's latest edition of **PeaceMail** at [this link](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service

Ever wonder how MDS puts a project together? Follow [this link](#) to take a closer look at the behind-the-scene work of MDS.

The Mennonite, Inc.

Original submissions are wanted for the **April 2020** edition focusing on **Resilient hope**. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

February 17 (submissions due by 2/10)
March 2 (submissions due by 2/24)
March 20 (submissions due by 3/13)
April 6 (submissions due by 3/30)

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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