



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC OFFICE

Bill Blank began serving as interim pastor at Zion Mennonite Church on **March 1**. Bill had several pastorates and interim pastorates in Atlantic Coast Conference and most recently worked for Lombard Mennonite Peace Center in Illinois. He has long ties to the Pacific Northwest having attended college here and served as a youth sponsor at Portland Mennonite many years ago. He and his family relocated back to the Portland area and are currently living in Forest Grove.

Join MCC and Everence for an estate planning workshop: “Making a World of Difference Now and in the Future through Charitable Giving”. Two nights/locations for your convenience! **Monday, April 6, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at Portland Mennonite Church**, Portland, OR; and **Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at Zion Mennonite Church**, Hubbard, OR. Hear from Colin Saxton and Dennis LeFevre of Everence, and Alan Claassen Thrush of MCC. Please RSVP to Colin Saxton (colin.saxton@everence.com) by **Tuesday, March 31**.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Zion Mennonite Church

Another year (the 48th!) of **Quilting Workshop** at Zion. The number of guests was down some (588), but we heard many appreciative comments for having this event. It has been an opportunity to help fund the **Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia** where Karen and Wendell Amstutz are located. We raised \$3320 which will be combined with an upcoming fundraiser dinner on **March 8**, prepared by our friends at La Iglesia Roca de Salvacion. One Fair World in Salem reached \$7123 in fair-trade sales. We are so grateful for the many, many hands and hours contributed to make this a special event of beauty and hospitality! View photos [here](#).

Albany Mennonite Church



Save the date! **Boots, Buckets, and Barrows (BBB)** is a Ted & Co. show that features (and fundraises for) **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)**! The show is coming to Albany Mennonite **March 28, at 7:00 p.m.** It will include a live auction midway. Auction funds will benefit the work of MDS restoring homes and hope for those affected by natural disasters. The play/auction by Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught, will be full of humor, fun, connection and meaningful reflection. The production features the show, “**The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks and Fettucine**” created and performed by Ted and Jeff, with original songs and music

by Jeff. There are many Gospel stories of Jesus gathered around tables. There was food to eat and food for thought, exploring who was invited to those tables and who showed up. The miracles of Jesus were sometimes ordinary stories with extraordinary results.

Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit

The Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit’s Annual Meeting will take place **Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Lebanon Mennonite Church. All are welcome. Come learn about projects in Oregon, California, Saipan, and more, including a presentation from Kathy Howell about Children’s Disaster Service. To help with lunch planning, RSVP to [Clyde Hockman](#) by **March 21**.

An update from John Colvin: Flooding in Umatilla and surrounding counties was due to unseasonable snow melt and heavy rains. Pendleton, Hermiston, the Umatilla Tribes, and other communities were impacted. Wendy and John Colvin have been in contact with the State of Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) representative, Karen Layng, and the Oregon Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (ORVOAD) president, Michelle Hamrick (American Red Cross). As of the weekend of Feb 8th, the first responders set up a Multi-Agency Response Center (MARC) to assist flood victims with basic necessities. Team Rubicon coordinated the cleanup efforts with other agencies and spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers. This went well.

Now the long-term recovery phase begins. The Office of Emergency Management has been concentrating on assessments for disaster declarations for Individual Assistance (IA) and soon will focus on Public Assistance (PA). This information will aide Governor Brown in soliciting assistance from FEMA. MDS Oregon Unit will be focusing on unmet needs, to be determined by case managers. Steve Wiest, John Colvin, Roger Sharp, and Jerry Grosh will be in contact with MDS to determine an appropriate response.

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Drift Creek Camp

Does your practice of carving out time for rest need some work? Are you a busy professional who can't seem to slow down or a mom whose to-do list never seems to dwindle? Consider participating in the **2020 Women's Retreat, April 17-19** at Drift Creek Camp. Camp staff and volunteers will do the work so you don't have to! Come, relax, and learn about carving out intentional moments for Sabbath with speaker 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](#).

Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

Plan to attend the **Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival on Saturday, April 18**. This year marks MCC's centennial. Additional special events and auction items are being planned to commemorate MCC's 100-year celebration. The IMWRF Board has chosen projects for **Blessing Bids** that will support the three Centennial projects of Water, Education & Food. Opportunities will be given during the live auction to make contributions toward each of these projects: 1.) Providing clean water around the world, 2.) Providing education around the world and 3.) Providing food around the world. This year's speaker will be Alan Claassen Thrush. He is the donor relations director for West Coast MCC, based in Upland, CA. Alan is also ordained in the Brethren in Christ (BIC) church. From 2006-2010, Alan and his wife, Beth, served with MCC in Managua, Nicaragua. They have two children, an 11-year old son and an 8-year old daughter. As a family they love traveling, listening to audio books, and watching baseball games.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Are you a high school student interested in a summer ministry opportunity? Are there youth in your congregation who have gifts for leadership and/or ministry? **!Explore helps youth test ministry gifts.** Through AMBS's !Explore program, students in grades 10–12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience. This year's **Group Experience** is scheduled for **June 30-July 16, 2020**. There will be lots of time for site visits for experiential learning, worship and prayer together, discussion and research about theological questions, practice of selected ministry skills, and many opportunities to participate in a service project. The **Congregational Experience** is still an important part of the program. For this portion of !Explore (most of which happens before the Group Experience), youth spend 100 hours working in their home church on things like worship planning, preaching, music leading, teaching Sunday School, and visitation. There is flexibility now to finish up their hours after the summer experience. Participants receive a \$1000 stipend which allows youth to earn income as they engage the world of theological ideas and foster a call to vocation in the church. Please prayerfully consider who you would encourage to look into applying for the program. The **application deadline is March 15**. Forms are available [here](#).

Tap a shoulder! ambs.edu/explore.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Did you know that MDS offers a summer service program for youth? Looking for ideas for young people in your church? Consider this opportunity for members of your church youth group to work hard, have fun and experience the joy of service. Learn more [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) for the latest PeaceMail news.

Mark your calendars!

Bradley Kaufman, project director for *Voices Together*, will be coming to the Pacific Northwest **November 21-22, 2020** to celebrate the launch of the new hymnal. More details coming soon!

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

March 20 (submissions due by 3/13)

April 6 (submissions due by 3/30)

April 20 (submissions due by 4/13)

May 4 (submissions due by 4/27)

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