



# e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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## From the PNMC OFFICE

The PNMC Board has made the difficult decision to cancel our Annual Meeting planned for Seattle this summer. We will miss being able to gather across the miles as a community, but doubt that regional gatherings will be wise in June. Please keep the morning of **June 27th** open for an online delegate session to receive reports and vote on the ballot for the coming year. The Board will continue to work on plans for alternative activities this summer that can support the goals of learning, fellowship, worship, and discernment. To that end, we suggest that congregations set aside **June 28th** as "PNMC Sunday".

*Resources that can be shared in your congregation, whether in person or online, will be coming soon!*

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### *Sharing Stories of Hope...*

#### Emmaus Christian Fellowship

Several members of the Emmaus group and their families are teachers and coaches in the Meridian school district. Schools are closed leaving many children in the district short on food and their families needing help. Folks from Emmaus Christian Fellowship have contributed funds to the Bridge the Gap and Purposity programs within the district to **help families meet some of those needs.**

#### Mennonite Village



In mid-March Mennonite Village started receiving a few phone calls from individuals asking if we could use homemade masks. Initially we were happy for the donations but not sure how many would be needed or how many donations could be expected. In a matter of days it became clear that we would need many, many homemade masks for our staff in order to preserve our PPE for those working closely with residents. We put out requests to community groups and local Mennonite churches and have received hundreds of masks in response. Masks are delivered in bags of 10, 20, 60 and even 100! And now that we are providing masks for all residents in our care areas, the need is even greater. **Each homemade mask represents love and best wishes for our residents and staff.** We have made new friends as donors tell us about the people who connect them to Mennonite Village and we have strengthened ties with the friends who have walked with us for years and continue to help us now. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of love. *If you would like to donate masks and have questions, please contact [Lisa Ebersole](#).*

#### Mountain View Mennonite Church

Pastor Jeryl Hollinger reflects on Easter Sunday, "I was so blessed by our morning worship and the **many joyful faces** and greetings we were able to share. While ZOOM is not quite like being together, there is a **great feeling of togetherness** that comes from gathering in that way."

#### Portland Mennonite Church

In Portland, **Street Roots** is a local paper that is sold by people who are low-income or homeless. They buy the papers for a quarter, sell them for a dollar, and keep the difference. A couple of years ago we were asked if we'd be willing to have Street Roots sold at PMC. A couple of weeks later a vendor started to sell papers in the entryway after the worship service on Sundays. At the start, I think he was a little wary about being in a church. But people were friendly, and more importantly, bought the papers. And I was very glad to have the perspective of Street Roots available for our congregation. When we went to two services, his wife, also a vendor, started to sell after the early service. **Over time a friendliness has developed between them and many people in the congregation.** When we had to stop meeting in-person and there were no papers to sell, people asked to help. Since then we've been able to cover their lost income with generous donations. I remember a community partner once saying that people are homeless not because they run out of money, but because they run out of relationships. I'm really glad that our relationship with our vendors continues even while we are apart.

#### Drift Creek Camp

It was difficult to let go of hosting the 2020 Women's Retreat. Planners were excited to welcome **Roberta Egli**, director of Messy Church USA, to be the speaker. There were meaningful plans already in the works that will have to wait until next year. However, some would-be participants have turned their registration payments into a donation to help bridge the financial gap caused by the COVID-19 cancellations. In regard to the summer schedule, it is still too early to know whether camps can be offered. Read more [here](#).

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

The AMBS community offers resources to foster a spirit of hope, trust, resilience and ongoing faith during the global pandemic. We hope these prayers, music playlists, audio files, articles and pastoral care resources can help people to be grounded in and sustained by God's unfailing presence. Learn more [here](#).

### Eastern Mennonite University

[Summer Peacebuilding Institute 2020](#): Due to the cancellation of all in-person events at EMU, SPI 2020 will be having a series of courses for training and for academic credit running online in May and June.

### Everence

The Everence College Scholarship supports students and helps young members pursue their dreams through education. Congratulations to Caleb Eby of Portland, OR and Emily Stinson of Salem, OR who are 2019-2020 scholarship recipients.

### Goshen College

Congratulations to Claudia Mobley-Oorthuys, of Salem, OR. Claudia will graduate from Salem-Keizer Public School, and is the daughter of Brent and Marj Mobley-Oorthuys. She plans to study art. Mobley-Oorthuys is a National Honor Thespian, a member of her high school's theater council and a Link Leader, where she advises freshman, and has volunteered with her church's community center for the last four years. Claudia was awarded GC's **Presidential Scholarship** which covers tuition for eight semesters.

### MennoMedia

Stuck at home? Now is a great time to catch up on your reading list! **Save 30%** when you order directly from [Herald Press](#). Use the discount code **HOME** at check-out. Offer expires **April 30, 2020**.

### Mennonite Church USA



Follow [this link](#) for the latest edition of *Equipping*.

MC USA has an entire webpage dedicated to its COVID-19 response. For a list of pandemic responses, coping strategies, and helpful resources, [click here](#). "Now, it is time for us to be the church," said Glen Guyton. "Let's live into our identity as a peace church. Call your neighbors and reach out to those who are vulnerable. Together, we can get through this by demonstrating love and compassion for people in our community."

### West Coast MCC

**MCC's Oregon Centennial Celebration, August 10-13:** The following events start at 7:00pm at the Mennonite Village pavilion, all are invited.  
Monday: **Birthday Party-100 years!** (*Youth focus evening*) MCC history/stories/music/cake & ice-cream/scavenger hunt, and more....  
Tuesday: **MCC stories** – Alumni and others; Wednesday: **Hymn sing/jam**  
Thursday: **Music performance by Zweibach and Moon Pies**, (*Zweibach and Moon Pies provided*)

Since the Idaho Relief Sale has been cancelled, consider making a monetary donation (before **May 31**) in lieu of attending the festival in order to support one of the [Special Centennial Blessing Bid Projects](#) or the General Fund which will go directly to MCC. *Please indicate preferences with your donation*. Gifts can be mailed to 1413 W. Bear Track Dr., Meridian ID 83642 or given online at [www.idahomrs.org](http://www.idahomrs.org). Look for details coming soon about an alternate event being planned for **August 29** at Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church in Caldwell, ID.

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 4 (*submissions due by 4/27*)  
May 18 (*submissions due by 5/17*)  
June 1 (*submissions due by 5/25*)  
June 15 (*submissions due by 6/8*)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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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