



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

We are gathering in-person for the first time in 2 and a half years. They haven't been easy years. For some of us, there has been deep personal grief. For all of us, there have been many small losses. And hardest of all has been the distance between us – geographic, social distancing, political polarization as we all found our way through these “unprecedented” times.



Our theme calls us to remember the connections we have. To remember our common commitment to God with us, to following Jesus, to loving one another. And it calls us to re-member our conference. To be there with one another as representatives of our various congregations who have promised to walk together.

June 17th will be a time for pastors to gather and review again our ethical commitments in the afternoon, then gather around tables to share an appreciation meal hosted by the PNMC Board and to consider “What is the Church For” together.

June 18th we will worship together, conduct the business of the conference, have the opportunity to learn from resource people, gather around tables, and enjoy remembering why we like each other! A light supper (with cake!) will be served for attendees following the final worship time. **This will be a time to honor Katherine Jameson Pitts' generous years of service to PNMC.**

Our gathering will be held at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard OR. Registration and details will be available on the PNMC website (pnmc.org) beginning **May 1**. Congregations are allowed one delegate per 25 members plus credentialed pastors, but all are welcome to come and be part of PNMC remembering/re-membering/and gathering together!

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly **remembering** before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 1:2-4)



Pray for One Another

Portland Mennonite Church, Portland, OR: Portland Mennonite has welcomed **Michael Thier Hawke** to the staff team in the role of Church Administrator. Michael was born and raised in Oregon. His grandparents owned the Uptown Tavern and bowling alley in Newport, and his Uncle Rick Bartow would sing and play guitar, inspiring Michael to start singing with bands and songwriting at a young age. Michael has volunteered for many years as “Music Man” for “Camp KC” a week-long summer camp for children whose families are affected by HIV, and spent 22 years in bank operations prior to joining the PMC staff. The kids at PMC now get to experience the joy that Michael brings to sharing his musical talent. Michael has a grown daughter DJ, is married to Chris Barghout, and loves to travel. PMC is thrilled to have him on board and are amazed at how quickly he is learning the alphabet soup of Mennonite acronyms.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church

Albany Mennonite is celebrating the ordination of their pastor, **Peter Epp**, on **May 1, 2022** at 11:00 am. Others from PNMC are welcome to join either in-person or via [Zoom](https://www.zoom.us). *We are grateful for Peter's ministry and the life of Albany Mennonite Church!*

Camp Camrec

The snow has melted and summer activities are around the corner! All are invited to join us for our **Spring Work Weekend** and **WMF Annual Meeting** to be held **April 22-24**. You'll get a chance to visit with friends, get some fresh air in the serene woods, and check out the progress on the construction of the new staff housing. There will be a range of activities for all ages and areas of expertise including cleaning, painting, structural repairs, landscaping, and trail maintenance. For details, please visit camrec.org and while you're there, don't forget to register your campers for summer activities and check out our available staff and volunteer positions!



Drift Creek Camp

Mark your calendar for the upcoming **Disc Golf Tournament** at DCC, **May 14, 2022**.

For details and to register, click [here](http://driftcreek.org). For questions, contact info@driftcreek.org or 971-600-1244.

In addition, DCC is seeking kitchen volunteers for summer camp over the following dates:

June 19-24: High School Camp

June 26-July 1: Grades 7 & 8

July 3-8: Grades 5 & 6

July 10-15: Grades 3 & 4

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church of Hubbard, OR is seeking a part-time Youth Ministry Director. The job will include connecting regularly with middle school and high school students; partnering with volunteers to plan regular activities and events; and leading a Bible-based Sunday morning youth group. Salary would be up to \$1000 monthly (\$25 per hour based on 10 hrs. weekly). The number of hours per week is flexible.

For more information, contact lead pastor Steve Bomar at sbomar@zionhubbard.org or 559-286-9057.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Spiritual Practices: Trees of Life: This retreat will weave together study of biblical texts about trees; understanding of trees as organisms and within ecosystems; ecological issues; and spiritual practices. Participants will also consider how to engage trees within their faith communities.

Janeen Bertsche Johnson, MDiv, Core Adjunct Faculty, will lead the retreat, which will be held over two days:

Friday, June 3, 2022, 1-8:30 p.m. EDT on AMBS campus, Elkhart, IN, and **Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. – 6:15 p.m. EDT** at **Camp Friedenswald** near Union, MI. Take for **one hour of academic credit (\$560)** or as a **noncredit retreat (\$60)**. Both amounts include supper on Friday, lunch on Saturday and the use of Camp Friedenswald. (Lodging not included.) Register by **May 27**.

Dove's Nest

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Church gatherings are moving back to in-person events, so now is a great time to review your congregation's prevention and protection policies. Follow [this link](#) for critical questions for your church to consider.

Mennonite Church USA

Ukrainians are experiencing horrific acts of violence, and the U.S. government must continue to welcome Ukrainians who are seeking safe refuge. However, as we advocate for nonviolent solutions to this crisis and support displaced Ukrainians, we must ask ourselves **why other refugee communities fail to receive the same reception**. Read more on this topic [here](#) and wonder, "If the conditions or requirements of hospitality are that the stranger be familiar to us, then are we truly willing to welcome the stranger?"

Mennonite Disaster Service

Considering summer travel plans? Want to find an opportunity for your family to serve others together? Consider an MDS assignment! Follow [this link](#) to explore the options!

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 2 (submissions due by 4/25)

May 16 (submissions due by 5/16)

June 6 (submissions due by 5/30)

June 20 (submissions due by 6/13)

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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