



e-Bulletin

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Pray For One Another

Greetings from Filer Mennonite Church in Filer, ID. It has been some time since you have had an update from Filer. We do give praise as God has provided much for which we as a congregation are thankful. Possibly the last you recall is reading of our change from pews to chairs—yes, padded chairs which feel very good. We have praise for God who provided us with “the 5 senses” that allow us to enjoy many things during our day. The pews were re-made into cabinets in the purchased older home for a parsonage. Touch and sight have been involved. Hearing was useful as the wood was formed into boards, then installed as cabinets. Recently, on August 12th, someone entered the church to learn that “smell” can give a very bad reaction. We learned that a blocked city sewer line had back up into our church basement. As the cleanup company removed 1300 gallons of that raw sewerage, the smell lingered for days. Thankfully, the Eichelbergers opened their home for the congregation and we held services there for two Sundays. At last, on the 28th, we held worship services back in our church building, however, no one was allowed in the basement. The company still has much restoration work ahead. Still, we are grateful and share this praise for matters not being worse. More, at a later date, from Filer Mennonite.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Seattle Mennonite Partners to Create Affordable Housing

We, at Seattle Mennonite Church, are excited to be on the verge of a dream we've been imagining for years. Because of a generous gift we received decades ago, we have been able to accumulate properties in the Lake City neighborhood of Seattle - both for our own use and with the long term intention of creating sustainable and affordable housing for the neighborhood. And it's finally happening!



Seattle Mennonite Church

After years of careful listening within the congregation, we discerned a readiness to release our property - all 1.3 acres of it - and began a serious search for a partner developer who would meet our desires to serve the neighborhood, create affordable living space, be sustainable and land-honoring and, of course, allow space for our worship and programs. [Community Roots Housing](#) became that partner. They too spent 2-3 years listening not only to us but to the neighborhood and other stakeholders, learning what is most needed in the community. A few months ago we signed a purchase and sale agreement with them and made it official.

Now we're in the exciting phase of being able to envision what this new building will be. Not only will it create space for up to 250 households, but will house neighborhood non-profits, offer for retail opportunities, community gathering space both indoors and outdoors and a new home for SMC. Community Roots and their construction and architectural partners are working hard both on design and on pulling together all the funding needed to make an enormous affordable housing development like this possible.

While it's not likely to break ground for at least a year, we at Seattle Mennonite are excited to imagine not only our new worship and meeting spaces but who our new neighbors will be and how community might be re-imagined in the years ahead.

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Camp Camrec

Youth gathered from across Washington and from across a variety of Christian faith backgrounds to connect with creation and to be community this past July. Through Biblical discussions, immersion in nature, music, games, meditation, and service projects, campers between the ages of 5 and 18 explored the open-ended theme of "Because Jesus..." Some of the topics discussed included: Because Jesus we are peace makers, tomorrow matters, we care for creation, we have community, we share, we can say no, we have agency, we have courage, we have well-being, we have hope, we are neighbors to all, and we are a body.



[Camp CAMREC](#) is thankful for the prayers and participation from across the PNMC that helped us make our Summer Youth Program a reality! We invite all of you to continue praying and consider participating in our future programs as we pursue our mission which states that "at Camp CAMREC, in thanks for all the gifts we receive from God, we will:

- Nurture children in the love of God, the love of others, and the love of Creation.
- Welcome adults to a place and spiritual framework for rest and restoration.
- Care for this beautiful part of creation and the extended landscape around us.
- Embody Anabaptist/Mennonite values of peacemaking, simple living, service, and community."

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society



At its April board meeting, the PNMHS took action to recognize historian, writer, and the first president of the society, Hope Lind, by naming the library at the [Ivan & Pearl Kropf Heritage Center](#) in Hubbard, OR, the "Hope Lind Library." Hope was part of the formation of the Oregon Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society in 1987 and currently resides in Pennsylvania.

In 1974, Hope became the historian of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference. In that role, as she was researching a book on Mennonites in Oregon, she tested a vision for a local historical society at a meeting she called of 14 persons who met on November 7, 1987. As a result of the interest generated at that meeting, the conference approved the formation of the Oregon Mennonite Historical & Genealogical Society. OMHGS, later re-named Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society, would be an inter-Mennonite organization, not affiliated formally with any Mennonite conference. Hope served as the Society's first president. Her book, *Apart and Together: Mennonites in Oregon and Neighboring States, 1876-1976*, was published by the Society in 1990.

If you would like to support the work of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society, just visit their website.

Mennonite Village of Albany

Mennonite Village is seeking chaplains for both full-time and part-time positions to serve the community, ensuring holistic care, in cooperation with the interdisciplinary team. Chaplains will oversee and ensure the provision of spiritual care to residents, their families, and loved ones, as well as to staff members. These services shall embody grace, love and hope to all. Position qualifications include:

- Master's Degree in divinity, theology, pastoral ministry or equivalent.
- Current, active Ordination credentials with the Mennonite Church (Preferred).
- Board Certification by the Assoc. of Professional Chaplains (APC) or another established chaplaincy credentialing agency (Preferred).
- CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education), minimum 2 units (Preferred).
- 3 years of work progressively responsible experience providing pastoral/spiritual care, which includes holding a leadership position with operational administrative leaders in a health care setting. (Preferred).
- Evidence of current understanding of Mennonite theology and ethics.

To learn more, visit <https://mennonitevillage.org/careers/>.

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Portland Mennonite Church

At PMC we are committed to 'seek the peace of the city' (Jeremiah 29.7). Peacemaking takes many forms. Over the last year, Ed Shirk and Bruce Kuhns have partnered with [Raw Tools](#) in Colorado to decommission guns. Owners bring their guns to PMC and Ed and Bruce help them saw the weapons into pieces. The owners can then send the pieces to Raw Tools and have them forged into a garden tool. The Oregonian just released a story that features Ed and includes a powerful and moving video. (below) And remember that this fall voters in Oregon have a chance to vote Yes on Measure 114, which will reduce gun violence in our state. [Learn more here.](#)

Meanwhile, each year PMC celebrates its **high school graduates** with a personalized quilt gifted by church volunteers who custom design the quilts for each young adult. Deb Coates has worked tirelessly to organize this celebratory ritual!



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES & PARTNERS

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Everence

Everence® Financial will host a free, four-part webinar series starting **September 14: Managing your finances — faithfully!** In this series, you'll hear important information on topics like, Women and Money, Stewardship Investing, Financial Planning and Retirement Income. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty time for your questions.

To register, or for more information, visit www.everence.com/national.

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board has changed how it will divide donations directed to "Mennonite Church USA" among its agencies and affiliated Racial/Ethnic Council groups. This change only impacts donations under the **denominational unified giving formula** and not donations made to specific program agencies. The changes in the giving formula were necessary to enable us to live into our [Renewed Commitments](#) and to address the evolving ministry needs of the denomination. To learn more, follow [this link](#).

Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference

Melissa Hofstetter, a minister in the Pacific Southwest Conference, is offering **holistic support to leaders**. A leader retreat for personal renewal is being planned and PNMC sisters and brothers are invited! Details are [here](#). But hurry, the registration deadline is **9/13/22**.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 19 (*submissions due by 9/12*)

Oct 3 (*submissions due by 9/26*)

Oct 17 (*submissions due by 9/10*)

Nov 7 (*submissions due by 10/31*)

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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