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Click [HERE](#) for the 2024 Annual Meeting Registration!

Join PNMC for a **3-day gathering** for worship, fellowship, and service opportunities. A block of rooms have been reserved (Friday and Saturday nights) at the Peppertree Hotel in Bend, across the road from Seven Peaks School where our meetings will be held. The per night reduced rate is \$175 + tax. (*Block pricing has not been arranged for Thursday night.*) To make a [ROOM RESERVATION](#), please follow this [Booking Link](#). **Reserve before May 21 when the offer will expire.** [Click here for schedule details](#). Plans are in the works for childcare during the weekend. Congregants from Bend are planning activities based on the "Path to Peace with Creation" curriculum.

There are logistics to figure out and food to be ordered so it would be helpful to have everyone register by May 31st.

We look forward to seeing you in Bend and hope that you will join us there! And, by the way, if you have not visited Central Oregon, consider this chance to arrive early or stay later in order to take-in beautiful sites and unique opportunities! The wonders of God's creation in the region do not disappoint! Consider extending your stay to explore the many options, both indoors & out:

Smith Rock State Park, Photo courtesy of Eric Massanari



Float the gentle Deschutes | Explore the Three Sisters
Take in the diverse exhibits where wildlife, culture, art and natural resources come together at the High Desert Museum
Explore the collection of coldwater Cascade Lakes |
Put your feet on the Pacific Crest Trail | Climb Black Butte
Chase waterfalls & rushing rivers | Peruse Redmond antique shops
Take your pick of mountain bike trails | Finesse your fly fishing skills
Play a round of disc golf at the Pine Nursery course
Stop for a souvenir at the historic Camp Sherman
Enjoy the beautiful spring-fed Metolius River
Check out the Lava Lands Visitor Center, the interpretive hub for the Newberry National Volcanic Monument | Hike to Pamela Lake
Walk to the top of Pilot Butte Scenic Viewpoint (*a lava dome created by an extinct volcano!*) | Try an "ocean roll" at Sparrow Bakery or a savory snack at Bend Burger | Take in the Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory | Stock up on unique quilting finds at the Stitchin' Post | Make the trip to Crater Lake to see the deepest U.S. lake and one of the World's Seven Wonders, (*worth the trip!*)

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Portland Mennonite Church

Join Portland Mennonite Church, **June 1-2, 2024**, for a variety of gatherings that celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride month. We're excited to host special guest **Annabeth Roeschley**, Executive Director of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBTQ Interests (BMC). We will gather with other Supportive Network Churches over the weekend for several activities, including a dinner hosted by PMC, a Pride Sunday service and an afternoon gathering for LGBTQ+ people. For further information see our [link](#), and for questions or to let us know you are coming, email Pastor Kristen at kristen@portlandmennonite.org.



Mennonite Village

Heritage Day,

Friday June 21, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Pavilion at Mennonite Village – 2525 SE 47th Ave., Albany, OR 97322

Join us for a fun morning of celebration! **Heritage Day** will feature a Farmer's Market with around 40 local vendors, live music, food trucks, quilt displays, campus tours, and horse-drawn carriage rides!

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES, cont.

MCC West Coast Bike Ride 2024

Join other bikers and MCC supporters on a 4-day fund-raising ride this summer from **August 4-9**. The riders will be based in Albany, OR at the Mennonite Village and take loop rides each day from there through the scenic Willamette Valley. Visit <https://mcc.org/events/west-coast-bike-ride> for more information or contact Bruce Kuhns at kuhns.bruce@gmail.com.



Drift Creek Camp

With hearts filled with gratitude, we extend a giant thanks to all who participated in the April work day. It's amazing how hard folks worked to clear the giant Sitka, deep clean the lodge and cabins, tidy up the grounds, split wood, rebuild the woodshed, and more! So much was accomplished in one day! THANK YOU does not adequately express our appreciation! And, as we scramble to tie up loose ends before summer, we ask if you'd consider supporting DCC for another camp season. There are so many ways to provide support. [Please send campers!](#) (*Attendance continues to be low after the road closure & Covid.*) There are still MANY slots open for every week of camp.

Mountain View Mennonite Church

The following is an excerpt from *PeaceMail* where MVMC member, Janet Szabo, shares how, after a long period of declining attendance, MVMC is experiencing a spring of new life, through active participation from adults and children alike. This post is from Mennonite Church USA's [Follow Jesus](#) series, which highlights how individuals and congregations are living into discipleship today.



Our congregation's worship theme for this Easter season is "Jesus, Gardener of a New Creation." We feel as though we are moving out of winter and into the promise of spring. After almost a decade of declining numbers, further suppressed by the pandemic, we now celebrate each Sunday with the sounds of children participating in our worship services. The youngest, who is 18 months old, sings loudly along with the congregation, her babbling melody blending with the sounds of our voices. Older children helped create the visuals for the season, painting stained-glass sunrises on the windows that face east, toward the mountains.

On Easter Sunday, adults in strategic locations throughout the sanctuary showered worshippers with confetti — a tradition we began last year. Those bits of paper persist, despite our efforts to clean them up, but we smile and nod when — in June or October or even December — the children come running, excited to show us that they found confetti somewhere in the church building. We remember, with them, the joy of Easter Sunday.

The children have brought their parents with them to church — young adults who help the older members navigate the ever-changing technological landscape of worship, with patience and a good dose of humor. A few of these young adults were once the children we taught in Sunday School. Now, they are taking their places in leadership. We treasure these threads that weave through and provide continuity in our life together.

Many among us have come from other faith traditions; our transitional pastor is an ordained Presbyterian minister. This diversity of backgrounds brings a richness to our community life, as we embrace our congregation's Anabaptist heritage and find common ground in living out our commitment to follow Jesus.

Please click [here](#) to read Janet's entire reflection. Click [here](#) to read the entire edition of *PeaceMail*.

Mennonite Church USA and Other Organizations

Mennonite Aid Plan

Mennonite Aid Plan is a non-profit Anabaptist/Mennonite Insurance provider. Mennonite Aid Plan profits are put directly into our communities. Not only do we support MCC, MDS, and many district conferences, we also take pride in helping upcoming entrepreneurs throughout our church community. This year marks 13 years of assisting in the development of dozens of church leaders through our scholarship program.

There are 5 scholarship opportunities available. Any Junior or Senior attending a 4-year college, university, or graduate school on the West Coast can apply. Applicants need to visit our website, Mennoniteinsurance.com, and complete the application before **July 1, 2024** for the fall semester. Scholarships will be awarded on August 1, 2024.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 20 (submissions due by 5/13)

June 3 (submissions due by 5/27)

June 17 (submissions due by 6/10)

July 15 (submissions due by 7/8)

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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