



# e-Bulletin

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## Worship Resources at Your Fingertips

Contributed by District Pastor Jack Swaim, Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, Boise, ID; Chair of MennoMedia Board

As a congregational leader, or perhaps even a pastor, have you ever felt the need for resources to help kick start or to supplement planning and preparation for a worship or related event? Possibilities and suggestions for how to address these needs was a topic of discussion among leaders from PNMC's congregationally-led churches in a Zoom gathering in late August. It turns out that [MennoMedia](#), whose mission is to engage faith communities and individuals in going deeper with thoughtful Anabaptist resources to enrich Christian faith in a complex world, has a range of resources for you to consider. *Let's review a few of those resources.*

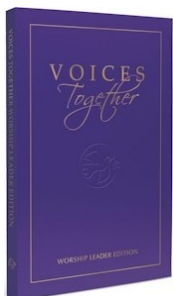
**Periodicals:** [Leader](#) magazine offers practical, hands-on ideas for effective ministry in your church with feature articles, new resources, and worship series for Advent/Christmas/Epiphany, Lent/Easter, Pentecost, and summer. A number of PNMC church leaders reported that they use [Leader](#) regularly, especially the section on sermon starters.

[Salt & Light](#) is another readily usable resource, especially for adult and young adult Bible study. There are tips for discussion leaders, as well as questions suitable for group discussion.

**Worship Resources:** [Shine](#) is a Sunday School resource that welcomes children and youth to a place where they are known and loved, where their questions are taken seriously, and where they can gather to hear God's story and together find meaning for their lives. [Shine](#) guides children and youth to stretch and grow toward God's light, and then shine that light to others.



**Devotionals, Meditations:** [Rejoice](#) is a quarterly devotional magazine. Each day's entry features a Bible reading, a short inspirational message, and a prayer of response. The publication also includes inspirational stories and poems, and daily prayer requests representing Mennonite mission workers, schools, and church agencies.



**Multi-Purpose Resources:** One of the most valued multi-purpose resources is the [Worship Leader Edition of Voices Together](#). This resource makes me think of a multi-purpose tool, such as a Swiss Army knife or a Leatherman tool, that I carry when camping. This edition is especially valuable for anyone involved in planning or leading worship through prayer, music, spoken words, visuals, and more. This simple, accessible volume is filled with theological grounding, practical suggestions, and words for worship. It includes quick introductions to topics like the Christian year and the use of technology in worship, as well as easy-to-use suggestions for preparing prayers. It also includes worship resources for the practices central to our faith and life—including baptism, communion, child blessing, and funerals. Although it includes cross references with [Voices Together](#), the Worship Leader Edition can be used independently with your hymnal of choice.

The resources above are just a small sample of what's available. You can find many more at [www.mennomedia.org](http://www.mennomedia.org). If you have questions, about what is available, feel free to reach out to [Jack Swaim](#), Board Chair of MennoMedia.

## Register for PNMC's Healthy Boundaries Training

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference will offer Healthy Boundaries Training, Saturday, November 15, 2025.

The course will take place on Zoom in the following time zones: 8am.-2 p.m. PST; 9-3 Mountain; 10-4 Central, and 11-5 EST.

Topics will include **Fundamentals of Healthy Boundaries; Self-Care; Safe Church Policies and Boundaries**, as well as **Trauma and Boundaries**. The training will be facilitated by Michael Danner,

**Denominational Minister for Church Vitality & Nancy Kauffmann, Director of MC USA Safe Church.**

The cost is \$55 for PNMC members; otherwise \$65/person.

Please pay by check. Send payments to: PNMC Office, 22455 Finn Road, Sheridan, OR 97378.

The registration deadline is November 1, 2025.

For information or to register, contact Eric Massanari at [eric@pnmc.org](mailto:eric@pnmc.org).

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES



### Salem Mennonite Church

SMC recently gathered with excitement at their annual church picnic along the Willamette River where they warmly welcomed their new pastor, **Karla Morton**. Pastor Karla's installation will be on **Sunday, September 21** with **District Pastor Terry Rediger** providing leadership. The service will begin at 10:45am.

Prior to moving to Oregon from Idaho, Karla spent more than 25 years serving as a co-pastor at Meridian Mennonite Church and as a teacher in the West Ada School District. She brings a deep commitment to faith, learning, and community. At SMC, the past two years have been a time of both challenge and growth. As we navigated changes together, many in our congregation took on new roles, offered support, and helped sustain our shared life. We also had the opportunity to learn from those outside our church, which has enriched and strengthened our community. Now, as we prepare for this new chapter, we look forward to the experience, insight, and care that Karla brings. We are grateful for her upcoming presence among us and eager to see how we will continue to grow together in faith and service.

### Drift Creek Camp

Register [at this link](#) for the **2025 Fall Quilt Retreat, October 16-19!**

Plan now to attend DCC's **Annual Meeting and Family Camp,**

**November 7-9.** Follow [this link](#) to register.



### Eugene Mennonite Church

More than 60 community and Eugene Mennonite Church members gathered over two days, Aug 16 and 17, to assemble **1010 school kits!** The event was co-sponsored by Eugene Mennonite and the Kits Team of the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County. The school kit project has been ongoing in the Eugene, OR community since 2006, but many people came this year to help for the first time, and many expressed gratitude to be able to participate in this hope-filled event.

### Mennonite Country Auction, October 4

Menno Mennonite Church, Ritzville, WA

### Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale, October 11

Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, OR

The Lower Sugarloaf Fire is burning near **Camp CAMREC**. Please pray for the safety of the camp and its neighbors along the Chumstick Creek Rd. The CAMREC staff is preparing to evacuate in case orders to do are received.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

### Mennonite Central Committee

Young adults (*ages 18-30*) are invited to **MCC's Seeking Shalom Peace Camp, November 1-8!**

Explore the meaning of shalom as a wholistic sense of peace that is not just the absence of violence, but the presence of life-giving relationships and dignity for all people. Programming will begin at Camp Friedenswald in Cassopolis, MI, Nov. 1-4, then transition to Grand Rapids, Nov. 5-8.

### Mennonite Church USA

**Ciela Acosta** is a member of Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, OR and a third year peacebuilding and development major at **Eastern Mennonite University**. Her peace and justice work has primarily been through her involvement with Mennonite Action, EMU Peace Fellowship and EMU Chamber Singers. Ciela is the 2025 recipient of the Young Peacemakers Award. Read more [here](#).

**MENNONITE ACTION** will provide courage-building training opportunities in **Portland, OR, October 9,** and in **Seattle, WA, October 11.** [Learn more here.](#)

### MennoMedia

Using Shine in Worship: A Workshop for Pastors and Worship Leaders via Zoom | This 60-minute workshop will include sharing from pastors who have successfully implemented a Shine-based worship series, along with practical guidance from Shine staff on incorporating curriculum elements into worship. | **Sept. 30** at 11 a.m. PT/2 p.m. ET | Register [here](#).



Click [here](#) to learn more about the **Anabaptist Climate Collaborative!**

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 6 (*submissions by 9/29*)

Oct 20 (*submissions due by 10/13*)

Nov 3 (*submissions due by 10/27*)

Nov 17 (*submissions due by 11/10*)

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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