

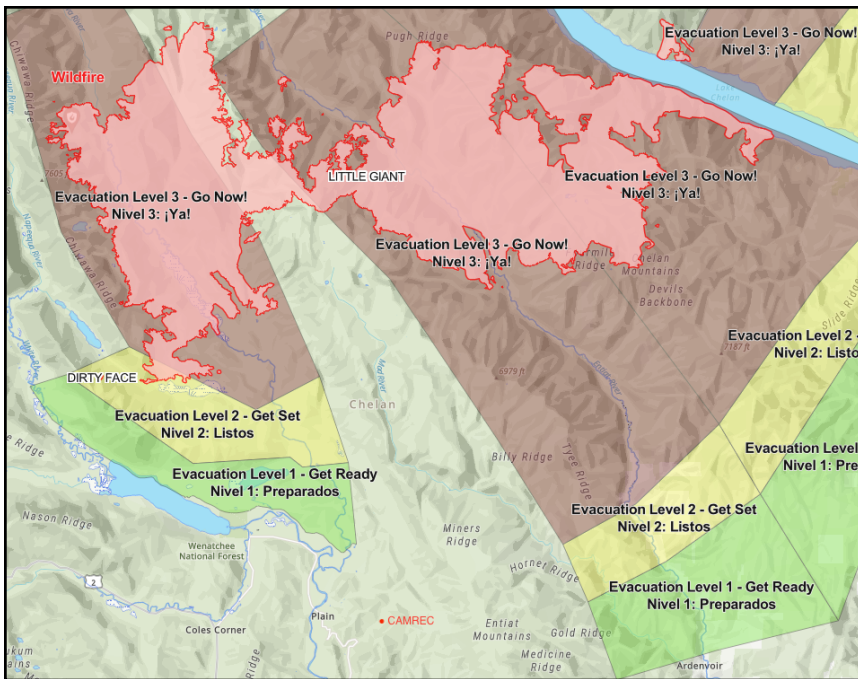


e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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Wildfires Threaten Washington State



Since July 15, the **Little Giant Fire** continues to burn approximately 15-20 miles from [Camp CAMREC](#). As of early August, it had expanded to 82,000 acres and is at 1% containment. While the camp is not currently under evacuation, heavy smoke has created extremely hazardous air quality in recent weeks with consistent AQI readings of 500+. The camp's year-round staff have been sheltering indoors. We invite you to keep them, the firefighters, emergency responders, and everyone affected by the fire in your thoughts and prayers.

The smoke has forced several rental groups to cancel, resulting in a loss of income. If you are able, please consider visiting Camp CAMREC's [donations page](#) to help offset these losses.

To stay informed on the situation, look here:

[Chelan County Emergency Management](#)
[AirNow Fire and Smoke Map](#) | [PurpleAir](#)
[Chelan County Emergency Incidents Map](#)



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"I have had a number of PNMC friends text me or email the question, 'How are you doing?' regarding the fires that the Spokane area is experiencing. Personally, our family is fine, but, of course, many families are not. The wildfires are reported to be Spokane's, if not Washington's, **worst fire disaster on record**. The exact number of homes destroyed is not precise, but it is at least seven hundred at this point. The air quality has been pretty unhealthy. People who had been evacuated (around 60,000) were mostly staying with friends, though temporary shelter was provided at the Convention Center and colleges. Currently, all evacuation orders have been lifted. The fires are now mostly under control. It really was the dryness and high winds we had on August first, when the fires broke out, that made it spread so dangerously fast.

Though our house/neighborhood wasn't in the fire's line of destruction, it just as easily could have been. I have little doubt that the destruction would have been unstoppable. These are the times and conditions we will have to contend with in the dry Western states, I'm afraid."

-Gary Jewell, Spokane, WA | Shalom Church

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Portland Mennonite Church

Portland Mennonite Church is looking to hire a **Congregational Administrator** who can provide administrative support to the Pastors, Leadership Table, and Core Ministry leaders. This includes coordinating and streamlining workflow as it relates to church facility use, communications, records, and accounting, as well as generally managing the church office. This non-exempt, 0.75 FTE position offers generous benefits with expectations of working on site, but hrs/week and location may flex depending on candidate. You can find a link to the detailed job description [here](#). Interested? Send a short cover letter, resume, and contact info for three references to kevin@portlandmennonite.org. Application reviews begin in late August.

Zion Mennonite Church



Zion Mennonite Church's 2026 Vacation Bible School was held **Sunday, July 26 - Thursday, July 30**, with more than 80 children enjoying a week of worship, skits, crafts, games and Bible stories centered around **#KidsConnect**. Through the theme, kids were challenged to wake up their neurons, get their synapses flowing, and jump on the wavelength of God's love! The Zion and surrounding community came together to support VBS, with 45 adults and 10 high school students volunteering. Daily activities included yard games, an art/science connection, worship and Bible stories based on Kids Connect from MennoMedia's Shine curriculum. The focus was on connecting with friends, family, generations, community, and Jesus. This year's memory verse was John 15:5: *"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit. But separated from me, you won't be able to do anything."* A highlight included **Leo Hartshorn** leading "Drumming for Peace".

Through daily offerings, **\$1,038.85** was raised for Bridging Cultures, a Canby nonprofit focused on building relationships that create an equitable community. Zion also distributed **\$13,800 in campships** for kids to attend **Drift Creek Camp**. We are so thankful for all of our wonderful volunteers—and for the cooler weather that made for a fun, comfortable, God-filled week!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



Mennonite Mission Network

Phil and Janine Kanagy from Harrisonburg, VA, spent two weeks at CAMREC at the beginning of July through [Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP](#) (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) program. Phil and Janine brought enthusiasm to every task and project. From trail maintenance, fastening loose deck boards, to sanding, priming and painting 9 cabin floors, they left a huge positive impact! The CAMREC staff thoroughly enjoyed the company of Phil and Janine, especially over shared meals. The CAMREC crew feels blessed and grateful that Phil and Janine were able to serve with them.

Meanwhile, the DCC staff looks forward to the arrival of Phil and Janine this week!

Upcoming e-Bulletins

Sept 7 (submissions by 8/31)
 Sept 21 (submissions by 9/14)
 Oct 5 (submissions by 9/28)
 Oct 19 (submissions by 10/12)

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