

OUR MISSION

*By the grace of God,
Portland Mennonite Church is
striving to be an Anabaptist
community that is shaped by the
life of Christ,
acts with the compassion
of Christ,
worships in the name
of Christ.*

Portland Mennonite Church Announcements

Sunday, January 1, 2012

This Week's Calendar (Jan. 2 – 7)

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| • Monday | All day | Church office closed |
| | 5:00pm | Janitorial cleaning (downstairs) |
| Tuesday- Friday | 9:00am | SMMS meets (fellowship hall) |
| • Tuesday | 1:00pm | Staff meeting (church office) |
| • Wednesday | 6:00pm | MR music practice (sanctuary) |
| | 7:00pm | Worship Committee mtg (church office) |
| • Thursday | 7:00pm | MR prayer meeting (sanctuary) |
| • Friday | 4:00pm | Janitorial cleaning (upstairs) |
| • Saturday | 8:00am | MYF/Jr. Youth snow tubing |

Today & This Week

Styrofoam Recycling

The Peace, Justice, and Environment Committee's monthly Styrofoam recycling collection will take place downstairs after worship today. This month's contact person is Bill Conwell (bill@conwellpdx.com).

The Peace, Justice, and Environment Committee is a ministry of the Community Outreach Core Ministry Team.

Church Office Closed Monday

The church office will be closed tomorrow but will be open regular hours the rest of the week.

Member Care Registrations due by Friday

The seminar will be held Jan. 20-21 at PMC; registration forms are available in the old chapel and are due this Friday. To register, contact Allison Miller at allison.miller.k@gmail.com. The seminar is hosted by Portland, Salem, and Zion Mennonite Churches and sponsored by Congregational Life Core Ministry Team.

Community Life

Card Shower

Neil Birky, who recently moved to Washington, has a birthday coming up on Jan. 15. Over the next week (until Jan. 8), Ruth Kauffman will collect birthday cards for Neil and then send them all together. Cards can be put in Ruth's mailbox downstairs.

Engagement Announcement

Galen and Karen Nussbaum are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Charity to Brit Thomas. They

are planning to get married this summer in Virginia.

New in the Library This Week

Christianity Today for January:

•Civil Christians in an age of rancor: What might it look like to honor God in our politics?

•Annual book & music awards
A Common Place (MCC) for Winter:
•Learning to speak: Through targeted efforts of an MCC-supported training center, hearing-impaired children in China gain skills.

Sojourners for January:

•Is the United States called to be arrogantly superior or humbly exemplary?

End of Year Contributions

The Church Council would like to thank you for your faithful support of the operating budget in 2011. A summary of 2011 income and expenses will be available by the end of January.

Checks with a December date but received in the offering or office today or later will be included in 2012. The only exception is contributions mailed with a December postmark even if received in 2012: These will be included in 2011 if the check is dated in December and the envelope is postmarked Dec. 31 or earlier.

Contribution statements for 2011 from everyone making contributions through checks or direct deposit will be in your mailbox or mailed by the end of January. If you are going to claim contributions as itemized deductions, the IRS suggests waiting to file your tax return until receiving your contribution report from the church.

~Lin Rush, PMC Treasurer

Christmas Eve Offering

At our Christmas Eve service we collected an offering for Mennonite Economic Development Associates to fund microloan projects. The offering totaled over \$6391. Thank you!

PMC Directory Updates

Next Week

We will return to our regular schedule next week. Adult Sunday school classes will be Adult Bible Study in the quiet room off the sanctuary, Introduction to Christian Bloggers in the old chapel, and Heart of Worship in the sanctuary.

Adult Christian Ed is a ministry of the Faith Formation Core Ministry Team

Welcome Lunch on Jan. 8

Are you newer to PMC? Then you are invited to lunch! Our next Welcome Lunch is Sunday, Jan. 8 and will be hosted by Gail and Tim Manickam (3029 NE Rocky Butte Rd.). The meal will begin approximately at 12:30pm. This lunch is a great way to meet people of PMC and to get know others who are newer like you. Directions to the Manickam house are in the old chapel. If you can't make this one, the welcome lunches will be held the second Sundays of the month in February and March. If you have questions feel free to contact Rachel Ringenberg Miller (rachel@portlandmennonite.org).

Welcome Lunch Committee members: Jennifer and Garrett Bishop, Mary Gingerich, and Rachel Ringenberg Miller.

Welcome Lunch is a ministry of the Community Outreach Core Ministry Team

PMC Women's Night Out

All women of PMC (high school and up) are invited to PMC's Women's Night Out on Saturday, Jan. 14. We will meet at 6:30pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the waterfront (715 SW Bancroft St.) for dinner.

The cost of the meal is \$9 or as much as you can contribute. Please make the checks out to Portland Mennonite Church with "PMC Women's Night Out" in the memo line. You can put your check in the offering. We do need a count, so please send your RSVP by Jan. 8 via email to Rachel Ringenberg Miller

(rachel@portlandmennonite.org).

PMC Women's Night Out is organized by the Gathering of Women Committee: Karin Weaver, Kathleen Rush, Stephanie Wieand and Rachel Ringenberg Miler. This committee is a ministry of the Congregational Life Core Ministry Team.

Taco Salad Potluck

Our Jan. 15 PMC fellowship meal is all about taco salad! Bring your favorite version of taco salad or dessert/fruit to share. Signs ups to help with preparation and cleanup are in the old chapel. If you have questions or interested in helping contact Evy Kristensen, ejbbookee@poetspeak.com.

The Kitchen Committee is supported by the Congregational Life Core Ministry Team

MLK Jr. Day of Service

Once again PMC will join others doing acts of service on Monday, Jan. 16.

This year we'll split into two events:

- The eastside event is sponsored by the NE Backpack Program and will be held at Woodlawn United Methodist Church from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

- Westsidiers are encouraged to spend 9:00am to noon at the Oregon Food Bank in Beaverton. More details to come. Please contact Rachel Ringenberg Miller with questions (rachel@portlandmennonite.org)

Day of Service is supported by the Children & Youth and Community Outreach Core Ministry Teams.

Women's Retreat – Feb. 17-18

All women are invited to the PMC Women's Retreat at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center Feb. 17-18. Menucha is located in the Colombia River Gorge just 20 miles from Portland. Registration forms are on the table in the old chapel; please return to Allison Miller or the church office soon. For questions contact Rachel Ringenberg Miller

(rachel@portlandmennonite.org).

Women's Retreat Committee: Melinda Harder, Allison Miller, Brenda Zook-Friesen, Ashley Sider, and Rachel Ringenberg Miller. The Women's Retreat Committee is a ministry of the Congregational Life Core Ministry Team.

Our Church and Beyond

Scrip Orders Due Today

Orders for SMMS's Scrip program are due today and should be placed in the SMMS mailbox in the church office. Cards will be delivered next Sunday.

Culture after Christendom

The next installment of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Peace Theology workshops will be held on March 16-18, 2012, at Albany Mennonite Church. (Sunday afternoon's event will be at Calvary Mennonite Church.) Alan and Eleanor Kreider, professors at AMBS and longtime missionaries in post-Christendom England, will be presenting on topics related to their recent book, *Worship and Mission after Christendom*. Registration information will be available in January. Questions? Contact Larry Eby at Breneby@aol.com