

## 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 8, 2012

### This Week's Calendar (Jan. 9 – 14)

- Monday 5:00pm Janitorial cleaning (downstairs)
- Tuesday- Friday 9:00am SMMS meets (fellowship hall)
- Tuesday 1:00pm Staff meeting (church office)  
7:00pm Elders Council meeting (church office)
- Wednesday 9:30am Dorcas Needles & Stitches (old chapel)  
6:00pm *MR music practice* (sanctuary)
- Thursday 7:00pm *MR prayer meeting* (sanctuary)
- Friday 1:30pm PNMC Search Cmte mtg (old chapel)  
4:00pm Janitorial cleaning (upstairs)
- Saturday 8:00am PNMC Board Meeting (fellowship hall)  
6:30pm Women's Night Out  
7:00pm *MR youth meeting* (fellowship hall)

## Today & This Week

### Welcome Lunch

Are you newer to PMC? Then you are invited to lunch! Today's welcome lunch will be hosted by Gail and Tim Manickam (3029 NE Rocky Butte Rd.) and begin at approximately 12:30pm. This lunch is a great way to meet some of the people of PMC and get know others who are new. Directions to the Manickam house are in the old chapel. If you can't make this one, welcome lunches will be held the second Sundays of February and March. If you have questions please 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

### Member Care Registrations Due

Member Care validates all people's gifts of caring and equips them to respond more effectively and confidently to the needs of others in their lives and in the congregation. Topics to be discussed include caring for self and others, compassionate listening, and transforming loss and grief. Speakers Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener bring years of experience in the mental health field and in caring for others in the church. The seminar will be held Jan. 20-21 at PMC; registrations are due today. Questions? Contact Rachel Ringenberg Miller. Member Care is a pilot project of Mennonite Women USA for both men and women. The seminar is hosted by Portland, Salem, and Zion Mennonite Churches and sponsored by Congregational Life Core Ministry Team.

### Dorcas Needles & Stitches

Dorcas Needles and Stitches meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month; our next meeting is this week. This is a comforter-making group, but we invite anyone who is interested in bringing needlework projects and would enjoy learning to know others in the congregation. We meet at 9:30am in the old chapel; if you plan to stay for the afternoon bring a sack lunch.

### PMC Women's Night Out

All women of PMC (high school and up) are invited to PMC's Women's Night Out this 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 via email to Rachel Ringenberg Miller no later than today.

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.

## Community Life

### Babysitting Night at PMC

Please note today's insert about Babysitting for Benefit. This is an idea that has been developed (with very little adult influence) by the jr. high girls at PMC. Their idea is to raise a small amount of money to support important causes while also providing a service to their congregation. If you have small children please consider supporting them and enjoying a night off. There are a limited number of spots available so please sign up in the old chapel. Melissa Burton is serving as their adult contact person if you have questions.

### **Close to Home Pamphlets**

Some subjects are so close to home we don't like to talk about them. Mennonite Publishing Network has published *Close to Home* pamphlets to give support for those dealing with uncomfortable issues. If you are a caregiver, concerned family member, or personally dealing with any of these issues, there are pamphlets available on the ledge by the north side door and in the old chapel. Topics include: Dealing with Spouse Abuse, Alcoholism, Extreme Anxiety, Marital Discord, Drug Addiction, Child Abuse, Bullying, Overwhelming Debt, Infertility, Electronic Addiction, Elder Abuse, Pornography, Eating Disorders, Depression, and Gambling Addiction.

Provided by the Congregational Life Core Ministry Team

### **Food Offering Next Week**

Next Sunday will be our monthly food offering for Fish Emergency Service; please bring non-perishable food. If you want to bring something different, the volunteers who picked up last month's donations said the two supplies Fish always needs (but rarely receives) are toilet paper and can openers.

### **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 at [ejbbookee@poetspeak.com](mailto: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. Westsiders 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.

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

### **Transitions**

Join us for our monthly conversation about faith and aging on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10:00am in the old chapel. Light refreshments will be served. Call Rod in the PMC office (503-234-0559) for more information.

### **Thinking about joining PMC?**

Membership classes will be held the first three Sundays in February (the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>) in the church office. This class is meant for anyone from those transferring from another congregation to those wanting to learn more about Mennos to those who are ready to take the baptismal plunge. We'll spend time learning about each other, sharing our faith journeys as well as studying the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective. If interested, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the old chapel. For questions contact Rachel Ringenberg Miller.

### **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.

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.

### **Free Stay in Cabo**

I have a free week (Feb. 18-25) in a one-bedroom deluxe condominium in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. First come, first serve.

~Linda Smith, 503-674-8348

## **Our Church and Beyond**

### **Earth Care Summit: Environmental Justice and Faith**

Join Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns and co-sponsors for a simple seasonal dinner, inspirational speakers, information tables, and presentations from congregations about their earth care efforts. The summit will take place at Highland Christian Center, 7600 NE Glisan, on Jan. 30 from 5:30 to 8:30pm (registration and display tables start at 5:00). Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25/person (includes dinner) and \$15/students; scholarships are available.

Registration forms at [emoregon.org/emo\\_events.php](http://emoregon.org/emo_events.php).

PMC's Peace, Justice, and Environment Committee is a co-sponsor of the event.

**Justice Conference 2012**

The Justice Conference 2012 will be at the Oregon Convention Center Feb. 24-25. Featured speakers include Walter Brueggemann, John Perkins, Shane Claiborne, Miroslav Volf and other. For more information, visit [thejusticeconference.com](http://thejusticeconference.com). It is a little spendy, but we'll see if we can get a group together. If you are interested in attending, contact Rod Stafford in the PMC office.

**MDS Trip to New Orleans**

The Oregon Mennonite Disaster Service unit is sponsoring a trip to New Orleans the week of March 18-24. If you've never had the opportunity to see the great work done by MDS, 2012 may be your last chance to go as a volunteer since the site will likely close this year. We have room for 7-9 volunteers. If you're a first-time volunteer, the Oregon unit is offering transportation assistance of up to 50% of your ticket, to a limit of \$200. Round trip tickets to New Orleans are currently about \$475. For more info call Bob Smith at 541-231-3875.