

## Pastor Terry Remembers

When Jerilee and I came to Menno Church twelve years ago, we weren't sure how we would like living 20 miles from the nearest town and 80 miles from the nearest shopping mall. But we have enjoyed immensely living in the country, being able to see in any direction for miles and miles. We have enjoyed seeing Mount Rainer and the Cascade Mountains on a clear day. We have enjoyed hearing birds chirping, owls hooting, and coyotes yipping instead of sirens wailing, train horns blasting, and cars revving their engines. We have not enjoyed quite as much mice building their nests in our cars and the dust storms. But that is part of country living too.

As I think about some of the highlights of our time at Menno, it would include some family experiences. One especially memorable experience was when our daughter Amber became a Junior Miss finalist and Jerilee and I got to escort the Ritzville float in parades. The Spokane and Moses Lake parades were special high points for us. When Amber got married and many of the Menno people attended her outdoor wedding on a cold day in May, your presence really touched our hearts. Another high for us was when Trevor won a sudden death wrestling match at regional's that sent him to state, and some of you were there for that too. Your support for our family in our best moments and in our difficult times will never be forgotten.



Another highlight for us was watching each year as the Menno Church grounds was transformed from a parking lot into a fairgrounds for the Mennonite Country Auction. How so few people can do so much in a short time and raise so much money continues to astound us. Then there were the Christmas Eve services with skits and music, and the traditional candle-light closing and sack of candy. I especially remember Christmas Eve in 2008 when a snow storm hit and I didn't think many people would come. But you came through the snow and ditches, and it was one of the best attended services with the children acting out "The Mouse in the Manger".

It has been an uplifting experience for me to be part of the Menno Music teams. Menno is so gifted with music talent and it was a privilege to play guitar along with such wonderful singers. I must also mention the motorcycle rides that we have been doing the last few years. I enjoy riding my motorcycle, but especially with others from Menno and the community. Some of our rides to Grand Coulee Dam and Steptoe Butte have been memorable and I will miss them a lot.

I take great joy in having had the privilege of baptizing 17 persons while at Menno, and dedicating 11 children. I look forward to hearing how these young person's continue to develop and grow in Christ, and hopefully see them again someday as adults. I will never forget the time when we had a banquet at the church and the electricity went off and we had to continue by candle light. Fortunately all the food was already cooked!

There were some sober moments too, including the death of my mother, the death of a number of beloved Menno friends, the death of our dog Topsy who lived here with us for 11 years. Loss is part of life, and that's why we have each other and need each other. Another loss for us will be leaving Menno and the wonderful friends we have here. Menno Mennonite Church will always be a very bright spot in our family's journey through life. We are so much richer for having been here, and we thank you greatly!



## Mennonite Women USA

**S**ister-Care is coming to Menno Church, October 22-23, 2010. The focus for this seminar is resourcing women to minister to one another through information gathering, skill building, and Bible study. As women fellowship in new types of circles, seeds of healing and hope are sown through conversations, intentional friendships, and resources sharing. Sister-Care Seminar is intended for growth and discernment—not to add more responsibilities!

Rhoda Keener, executive director of Mennonite Women USA, will lead this weekend with assistance from Carolyn Holderread Heggen, West Coast representative on the MW USA Board. Both these women have worked in the mental health field and bring years of experience in caring for others in the church.

Cost for the seminar is \$35.00 which includes a light supper Friday night, a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday and a training manual. Registration deadline is September 15. There will be a \$5 fee for late registrations.

The October event will include women from Washington churches as well as Montana. Registration information is available by contacting Sharon Meyer by phone (509-765-3962) or email ([ssmeyer@accima.com](mailto:ssmeyer@accima.com)). Remember to use "Sister-Care" in the subject line. More information on Sister-Care visit the website: [www.mennonitewomenusa.org](http://www.mennonitewomenusa.org)



## Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference

A conference of Mennonite Church USA

The annual gathering of the **Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference (PNMC)** will be hosted by Prince of Peace Mennonite Church on the campus of University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) in Anchorage, Alaska, June 25-27, 2010. David Radcliff, director of the New Community Project and ordained in the Church of the Brethren, will be the guest speaker. He will be sharing on the topic, "Caring for God's Creation." David speaks around the country emphasizing living responsibly with the earth while acting respectfully and justly with our neighbors. He is a graduate of Bethany Seminary (MDiv, DMin), teaches classes at Elizabethtown College, leads learning tours around the world, and has traded his car for a bicycle.

Rod Stafford, pastor of Portland Mennonite Church, and Don Bacher, Administrator of Albany Mennonite Church, will be leading in the worship and song. Registrations should be sent in by now, or add \$15 per adult and \$5 per youth/child. For more information visit [Anchorage2010.net](http://Anchorage2010.net) on the web, or John David Thacker phone 907-346-2909.

[www.pnmc.org](http://www.pnmc.org)

*Menno's Mission statement*  
*Menno Mennonite Church, a Christian*  
*Anabaptist Community, equips believers*  
*through Worship and Study, and ex-*  
*presses God's love to others through*  
*Stewardship and Service.*

## You Responded

Thanks to those who responded the last couple issues of the *Menno Beacon*, about the mailings of the *Beacon*. Based on your comments, both pro and against, sending the *Menno Beacon* out electronically, the *Menno Beacon* will continue to be mailed out to everyone on our mailing list as in the past. You can also see the colored version of the *Beacon* on Menno's website too. I tend to agree with those who expressed that is nice to hold the paper in hand, maybe with a cup of coffee, and read the *Beacon*. Thank you for the kind words expressed to me about my job putting out the *Beacon*. The *Menno Beacon* is really not for those of us close to the church, but for you that live more than one hour's drive from Menno. The *Beacon* is mailed to just about every state in the union, and as far as Iraq. The website gets hits from China, Canada, and Germany, a few among the list. Thanks also to those who have contributed financially toward the *Menno Beacon*.

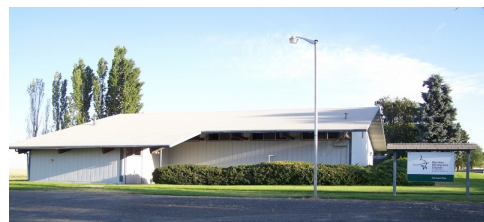
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## Warden Mennonite Church

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Web site: [www.wardenmennonite.org](http://www.wardenmennonite.org)



Our congregation celebrated the joy of Christ's victory over the grave with a community sunrise service, a special breakfast, and various kids' activities, including our annual Easter egg hunt and piñata. We were joined by many children and their families from the community. Pastor Brad made the round piñata a teachable moment, calling it the rock that was rolled before the tomb of Jesus. It could not keep him in, and the children broke the piñata as a visual sign that Jesus shattered the power of death. Pastor Brad preached on the benediction from Hebrews 13. Jesus is our Great Shepherd who leads us from death into life.

Venture Club, our after-school program for kids, wrapped up another year on a celebratory note. We ate pizza and ice cream and sang favorite praise songs. Children with good attendance were rewarded with personalized Bibles.

An alternative Sunday School class is meeting to pray and dream together about how God might use small groups to cultivate deeper relationships with Christ and each other.

The annual Women's Group Pie Auction took place on March 7. Funds were raised to support orphanages in Bolivia and Kenya, micro loans to women through MEDA, MCC kits and disaster relief, local VBS, and other needs as they arise.

On April 11, a number of WMC women joined others from across the state for Women's Retreat at Camp Camrec. The theme was: *"Removing our masks: how to reveal our true selves."*

Madison (Dorsing) Whitt was dedicated on Palm Sunday.

Pastor Brad

### Warden's Calender of Events

**June 16** Town of Warden Centennial celebration

**August 29, 10:30 AM** Sunday School Picnic @ Potholes

**October 22-23** Sister-Care seminar @ Menno Church



MMA, (Mennonite Mutual Aid Association), is changing their name. Why is MMA changing? Members are confused by the variety of names we use associated with MMA. More than half of our members do not attend a Mennonite Church USA congregation. Many non-Mennonites assume the organization is for Mennonites only. The acronym "MMA" has been taken over by Mixed Martial Arts. Over the past years, MMA, has changed their organizational structure and revamped their sales system, being more responsive to our members' needs.

The new name will be Everence, in late 2010. Everence is a reminder of words like reverence, forever, permanence, and everlasting. It is a reminder of our foundation of faith and our connection to the church. More information on the transition will be coming in the future.

### Improvements At Menno

The Big Spruce tree at Menno Church came down (controlled fall) earlier this spring. A new nine foot spruce tree was planted close to the old site. One wind storm recently brought down one pine tree back behind the parsonage garage. Fortunately it fell into another tree. Both front doors of the church have been replaced. New lighting in the whole church was done, with Big Bend Electric crediting for about half of the bill.

There are some new lights in places now that were normally dark areas!

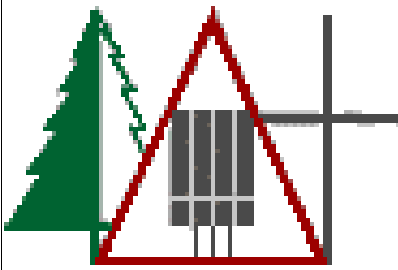


**Camp Camrec**  
2010 Summer Youth Programs

**MEET  
GOD  
ON THE  
MOUNTAIN!**



Have you seen the new brochure for the camps at Camp Camrec? Pick one up at church and see if you can see any kids you know! Consider volunteering to help at Camp Camrec this summer.



This is Ben Adam Climer from Evergreen Mennonite Church in Kirkland with a request for you. We need counselors for summer camp! Do you know anyone (perhaps yourself)

website: <http://camrec.org>

who is at least 18 years old and loves to work with elementary, middle, and high school aged kids? Please consider coming to Camrec for a week or two to work on staff as a counselor. We would really appreciate it! Thank you for the consideration!

Ben Adam Climer  
Camrec Summer Camp Program Director  
(taken from the May 2010, *The Chumstick*, editor)

#### Register Now For Summer Camp

Our early bird discount ends on June 1st. So register your child soon and encourage them to invite a friend. Find more information on [camrec.org](http://camrec.org).

#### Summer Calendar

Pre-Junior Camp, July 16-18  
Junior Camp, July 20-24  
Jr. & Sr. High Camps, July 26-31

#### Highlights of Board & Annual Meeting

- Viewing a slide show of Camrec history by Bill Dyck
- Ending our fiscal year on March 31<sup>st</sup> with a balanced budget, thanks to increased giving and reduced expenses
- Meeting with experienced foresters and deciding to fund a plan that will qualify us for cost sharing for projects that reduce our risk from wild fires and promote a healthier forest
- Reviewing updated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws drafted by Dirk Giseburt, which we hope to approve at our next board and annual meetings.
- Helping Darryll Graber move a cement slab in place to complete new steps for cabin 10.
- Children enjoyed crafts, an Easter egg hunt, disc golf, and bidding in the silent auction for items exclusively for kids.
- Participating in a spirit filled worship service led by Brad Roth, including singing, communion, and a meditation on work and play.

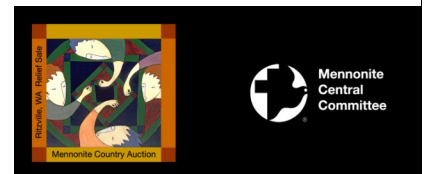
#### Adult Retreat

Adult Retreat has been cancelled for this year, but it will be back on our calendar in June of 2011. If you have any good ideas for this retreat, please contact the camp at [camrec@nwi.net](mailto:camrec@nwi.net) or Julie and Dana Jeske at [djeske@smwireless.net](mailto:djeske@smwireless.net).

This year's **Women's Retreat** was held April 9-11 at Camp Camrec. The women of Spring Valley Mennonite Church hosted this year's retreat which featured Lois Williams of Stonecroft Ministries speaking on "*Removing Our Masks: How To Reveal Our True Selves*." Other activities included assembling MCC relief kits, games, visiting with friends, and a book exchange table. On Saturday evening, a white elephant gift exchange was held, which was lots of fun! It was a wonderful weekend filled with laughter, sharing, and God's presence. Attending from Menno were Diane Gering, Donna Hostick, and Jerilee Rediger. Next year, Menno Church will be the host church.

## Mennonite Country Auction & Relief Sale

The 33rd annual **Mennonite Country Auction & Relief Sale** is fast approaching! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 2, 2010**. It's less than four months away! There was a contest held for designing the travel mug to be sold at this year's sale. The winning design was Ginger C. Kauffman, of Kalispell, MT with a leaf design. The black leaf design will be on a stainless steel travel mug. Sandra Richardson of Seattle, WA, designed the Quilter's Mug for this year's auction. It will be a black cup, with the "Quilters" image, taken from a ceramic tile Sandra made in 1991 on one side, and the MCC logo on the other side. Both cups will be for sale at this year's MCA Sale. Watch the MCA website starting in August for additional items for sale and well as pictures of the quilts as they come in. Check out Sandra Richardson's other art work at: [www.fosterwhite.com](http://www.fosterwhite.com). Look for the sculpture listing. MCA website: [www.mennonitecountryauction.net](http://www.mennonitecountryauction.net)



## Menno Retreat 2010



Menno Church had its annual time at Camp Camrec, May 7-9. This year's theme was *Refreshment, Relaxation, and Fellowship in God's Beautiful World*. There was lots of free time, some played card games (golf), Wii games, hunting frogs, wiffle-ball, and eating the meals Cleon and Elizabeth Claassen prepared, (oh, Reed Meyer helped in the kitchen too)! Sunday

worship was led by Pastor Terry, with a video shown of Shane Claiborne, who was one of the speakers for the youth at the Mennonite Convention last summer. Shane is a founding partner of *The Simple Way*, a faith com-

munity in inner Philadelphia. He has served with Mother Teresa in Calcutta for ten weeks, and served for a year at mega-church Willow Creek Community Church outside Chicago. There were approximately 27 people attending the weekend, with several coming Sunday morning.



## Quilt Retreat 2010

They call it a retreat – a time to go away  
And leave normal behind for just a few days

It was our fifth year to retreat and quilt

We all dove right in and worked to the hilt

We met some old friends and found some new

Spent time just talking, catching up with a few

Most arrived on Thursday, to set up and relax

Then on Friday started a class - our skills to tax

Challenged to use scraps to make a snail trail

Most brought along extra – we would not fail

We cut and we sewed, through the day into night

And some had to pick out when it didn't come right

Debbie and Elizabeth, both teach from their strengths

Encouraging and helping, sometimes to great lengths

And Diane was there too, doing what she does best

Providing great meals, (but she didn't get much rest)

On Sunday we have show and tell, before it's time to leave

And then we go our separate ways, other things to achieve

We look forward to next year – when we can do it again

To cut and sew and create a 'quilt' among these special friends

By Regan Bonato, May 2010



# Menno Remembers...



## Davis Lloyd Bauer

Davis Lloyd Bauer, age 85, died April 4, 2010, at Avalon Care Center in Othello.

Mr. Bauer was born May 6, 1924, at Ritzville, to William F. and Marie Schafer Bauer. His early years were spent on the Bauer homestead west of Ritzville, attending Philadelphia Congregational Church and graduating from Ritzville High School in 1942.

As a young adult, he worked for neighboring farmers, including his uncle Henry Bauer. He spent time in the Wenatchee area working in the fruit industry, returning to the Ritzville area to work for Walt Jantz on the W. Waltner farm.

On Feb. 22, 1948 Rose Marie Schrag became his bride. They spent their early years of marriage at the Waltner place, providing a home for children Edward, Janet and Juanita. He was honored to be part of the crew that helped Walt Jantz receive the Adams County Conservation Farmer of the Year Award in 1953.

After a short time with Krehbiel Motors in Lind, he became the manager of the Bert Grieb Hatton Ranch. He spent the next 14 years improving the production averages, raising horses and ponies and modifying machinery. During this time he acquired one patent, one patent clearance and two copyrights as well as two more sons, Fred and Larry.

In 1974 he graduated from Columbia Basin College, earning an Associate Degree in applied science in mid-management with highest honors. He then became employed by the Wackenhut Security Guard Service at Connell and in 1976 was hired on with the Washington State Department of Game, Region 2, where he spent the next 14 years until his retirement.

In retirement he planned to do mechanic work but Parkinson's disease changed the course of things. Traveling to see family became a priority as well as baking cakes, participating with the church auction and driving his Mercury in the parade.

He was a member of the Menno Mennonite Church and a supporter of the church camp Camrec.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rose Marie; children, Ed, Janet, Fred and Larry; brothers, Wesley and William Bauer; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

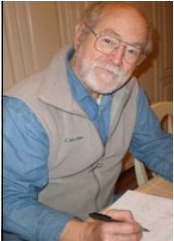
He was preceded in death by a daughter, Juanita Reimers, a brother, Harland Bauer, and his parents.

Memorial services were held May 15, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the Menno Mennonite Church 20 miles west of Ritzville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Camp Camrec, 18899 Little Chumstick Cr Rd, Leavenworth, WA 98826-9501.

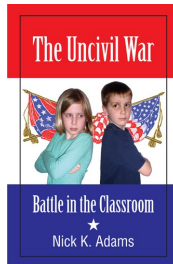


## News & Notes:



Nick K. Adams, (former pastor at Menno Church), has written a children's novel, *The Uncivil War, Battle in the Classroom*. Details of the book, and of the

seven CD children stories Nick has recorded, can be found on his web site: [www.PoppaNick.com](http://www.PoppaNick.com), or the book information at the publisher's website at:



[www.StrategicPublishingGroup.com/title/TheUncivilWar.htm](http://www.StrategicPublishingGroup.com/title/TheUncivilWar.htm). Check it out. Very interesting.

Walt and I had fun spending the last of our gift certificate at Stone Creek Nursery that Menno Church gave us at our farewell dinner. That was a great gift and we thank you all for it.

We are settled in and happy here. We have enjoyed several thunder storms and were on the edge of the tornado warning area several weeks ago. But the wind is a challenge! One night our plastic patio chairs blew away. We found two of them over a block away and two pieces of the third one beyond that and quit looking.

Chelsea graduates May 23. Brent is here and they will pack up and leave for their home in Long-beach, CA next week. Roxanne will be in Guatemala for three months with three Bethel students, joining students from other colleges taking classes there. It is not a Bethel sponsored program.

Clara

The first Menno and Friends motorcycle ride of the summer got off to a start on Saturday, May 22. Though it was a chilly morning, the day soon warmed up and the eight persons and seven motorcycles had a wonderful ride. We met at Moses Lake for lunch, and then rode to Soap Lake, Coulee City, Odessa, and then back home. Riders included Gary Jantz, Jeff Jantz, Pam Bowman, Terry and Jerilee Rediger, Stan Streeter of Ritzville, Gary Goodwin of Moses Lake, and Gary Goodwin's friend Danny from Portland. The next ride will be to Mount Spokane on June 19<sup>th</sup>.



Four generations; Gail (Franz) Hudson, Meghan (Hudson) Johnson, Earl Franz, & Kennedy Ruth Johnson.

Dawn Hardt Lehman graduated from Oregon Health Sciences University on



June 1st with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Happy and Forry Hardt spent three weeks at Lehman's in Hubbard, Oregon helping to get ready for the graduation party. Mary Mae Hardt drove down from Mount Vernon, Washington to join the celebration.

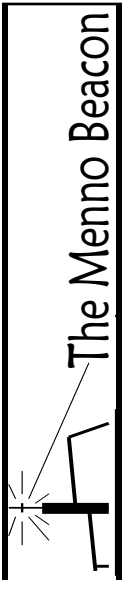
Dawn and Todd Lehman and children Havela, Kyra and Micah will leave for a month in Bolivia on June 16th as part of Todd's sabbatical. Todd applied for and won one of the Eli Lilly Sabbatical awards to pay for their return visit to Bolivia where they had served with MCC for six years in the 1990s.

**Gaither Homecoming** will be Thursday, October 14, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, WA this year. Public ticket sales are all ready on sale. More information go to [www.Gaither.com](http://www.Gaither.com).

Menno Mennonite Church has called Matthew Yoder to be its next Pastor. Matthew is married to Shawna and they have a nine month old son, Asher. Matthew grew up in Harrisonburg, VA, attending Mennonite Schools. He is a graduate of Hesston College, Eastern Mennonite University and Fuller Theological Seminary in June. Having attained an aviation degree at Hesston College, Matthew taught single and multi-engine flight instruction for a year. Shawna, with roots in Filer, Idaho, grew up in Pennsylvania. Menno will be Matthew's first pastorate. They are looking forward to serving a rural congregation and living in the country. The Yoder's are expecting to arrive at Menno at the end of July.



Matthew, Shawna, & Asher Yoder



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# Farewell Celebration For The Redigers June 27 Watch For Details

## Calender of Events

JUNE	10	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	Menno Women in Mission meet
		7:00 p.m.	Church Board meets
	12-14		Redigers away
	13		Guest Speaker: Mark Bassett, Hospice Chaplain; Worship Leader: Donna Hostick
	14-17	9:30 a.m.-noon	Ritzville All-Community Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel Lutheran Church
	15	1:00 p.m.	Ritzville Ministerial Association meets
	19	9:30 a.m.	Menno & Friends Motorcycle Ride
	21	8:30 a.m.	Men's Golf & Lunch at Ritzville Golf Course
	24-27		PNMC in Anchorage, Alaska
	27		Redigers Farewell
JULY	16-18		Pre-Junior Camp
	16		MCC Benefit Concert at Seattle Mennonite Church
	17		MCC Benefit Concert in Portland-Garden Dinner Concert
	18		MCC Benefit Concert at Albany Mennonite Church
	20-24		Junior Camp
	26-31		Jr. & Sr. High Camp
AUGUST	27	tentative	District Pastors meet in Coeur d'Alene
	19	tba	"Meeting In & Reaching Out" gathering at Menno