

Meeting In-For Reaching Out

By Regan Bonato

Meeting in for Reaching Out – what a great day
To make school kits and stuff them – it really was play

Bill set up the video from MCC
They showed us how they want it to be

Elizabeth told us of Dorcas in Acts
Who did things for others – not one to relax

She said Dorothy was like Dorcas – doing her part
Making school kits by the hundreds – work from her heart

Ruth told us how smoke jumper men learned to sew
To make and repair parachutes – a new thing to know

And Dorothy demonstrated how she made the kit
Then we each got to sew – which was a big hit

To make a bag and stuff it with school supplies to send
Each part we learned - from beginning to end

We all did each step, from the young to the old (er)
(Some of us got to hold Asher on our shoulder)

Even Brandon and Andrew and Zachary did sew
All pushed the 'gas pedal' to make sewing machines go

Spencer and Devon worked hard all the while
They sewed and turned and threaded with style

Though Ellie and Linea each worked on a kit
They also played with the babies—a bit hit

Then we had some lunch – what a special treat
Diane did her magic and we all sat down to eat

Shawna joined right in, and agreed to say grace



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Greetings readers, and welcome to my first pastor's article for the *Menno Beacon*. As my family and I have been settling in to our new lives at Menno this past month, we have had ample opportunities to reflect on where we have come from and where we might be going.

I was born in Goshen, IN and grew up in Harrisonburg, VA. My wife, Shawna, was born in Corvallis, OR, lived in Filer, ID until she was 8 years old and then grew up in Lititz, PA. We both attended Hesston College from 1999-2001 but then we went our separate ways. In 2002 I began to feel strongly called to ministry and



Mennonite Women USA

Sister-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.

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.

Cost for the seminar is \$35.00 Registration deadline is September 15.

Contact Sharon Meyer by phone (509-765-3962) or email (ssmeyer@accima.com) for more information.

moved back to Harrisonburg to attend Eastern Mennonite University. Shawna moved to Harrisonburg in 2004 after a year of voluntary service in Chicago, IL. We were married in 2006 and moved to Pasadena, CA to attend Fuller Theological Seminary. Three years later, Asher joined our family and will be celebrating his first birthday on October 6, 2010.

In part, we have been drawn to the Pacific Northwest by the things we love. Growing up in the Shenandoah Valley nurtured within me a love for the outdoors; camping, hiking, biking, climbing, and all things water related. Similarly, Shawna carries fond memories of family camping trips in northern Idaho and her summer work at Drift Creek Camp.

In part, we have been drawn to the Pacific Northwest by the laid-back, friendly culture. The members of the Menno search committee won us over instantly with their warm-hearted hospitality and humor, virtues which we have so far found in abundance among the Menno Mennonite Church family.

In part, we have been drawn to the Pacific Northwest by an inward calling that we feel is from the Holy Spirit, and which we have been unable to ignore.

In some ways, then, we feel that in answering a call to serve

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.



Matthew, Shawna, & Asher Yoder

in ministry at Menno, we have come full-circle. In other ways, we feel that there are many circles in our journey yet to be completed. We look forward to the places we will go and the people we will meet on our walk with the Menno Mennonite Church community and we thank you all for all the hard work and many kind things you have done to welcome us and help us feel at home in your midst.

Pastor Matthew

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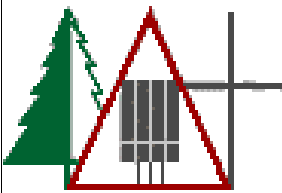


During the first week in August, an eight-foot tall papier-mâché statue of the Roman Emperor Domitian stood outside our church. Domitian's likeness served as the center of drama for the skits we wrote for Vacation Bible School. We called our curriculum *Follow the Lamb!* and created it in conjunction with the Community and Assembly of God churches. Kids learned about the first-century context of the book of Revelation. Because Christians follow the Lord Jesus, they cannot burn incense to the image of Caesar. All sorts of trouble ensued as Jesus' followers lived out their allegiance to him in the skits. About 60 kids attended. Photos are posted on our church Facebook page.

Pastor Brad preached a series of sermons entitled "Life in the Body" that explored how New Testament images of the Body of Christ can deepen our life together. During the summer quarter, the adult Sunday School class studied the history and theology of Christian worship with an eye for how our congregation comes together in worship. We gave special attention to how we hear and respond to the word, and how we gather to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

On August 29, we held our annual Sunday School Picnic in the Potholes State Park. Tyler Dorsing was baptized, and we celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Brad



Our 2010 camp theme this year was "Meet God on the Mountain".

Lenae Nofziger and her husband, Rex Rempel of SMC, led our Pre-Junior camp "The awesome pastor and counselors used skits, stories, and scripture to show us how to listen to God's voice in our lives." Favorite camp activities were hiking, making friends, singing, campfire (with kettle corn and S'mores), and water fun."

Ben Adam Climer (Evergreen) directed the Junior camp and he brought some camp staff from Drift Creek Camp along. Since there were only three Junior girls that signed up they each had their own counselor. "How awesome!" The boys enjoyed being the greater

number this year but all enjoyed the games of Capture the Flag, Survival, and Mission Impossible. Junior camp was filled with "joy, praise, excitement and exhaustion" as they explored meeting God on the mountain.

The nature studies and crafts were awesome this year as well. One group had a forester (Jim Eby) talk to them about our own Camp Camrec and the need to manage our forest.

Ben came back to direct Jr/Sr/ High Week at camp for a "new camp with new staff". The question "Who is Jesus?" sent the campers and staff exploring the Bible, Jesus, and themselves by way of "study, silence, shouting, singing, sleeping and silly games." Two new activities were initiated this year-Jr./Sr. High Movie Night and High School Hangout.

All in all we had great camps this year with some new staff mixed with returning staff, and new activities joining with old favorites. We hope the seeds that have been planted in our kids will grow throughout the year and bring freshness to their lives.

October 22-24, 2010, will be the dates for the fall meetings and workday at Camp Camrec.

Joyce Briggs

Editor's note: Dean Hostick sent this to me about his experience at **Camp Camrec** this summer.

I went to Camp Camrec this year. We went tubing where we sat in innertube chairs. I saw some fish and almost crashed. We also went to the lake where I swam and built a sand lump. We played mission impossible and I got caught alot of times. It was my first year there as a junior high camper.

33rd Mennonite Country Auction

Mennonite Country Auction: Eat, Pray, Serve



If you drive by Menno Mennonite Church on say, a Tuesday morning, you will probably see an empty parking lot. If you drive by on a Sunday morning you will see a parking lot full of cars (although we could always fit in a few more!). If you drive by Menno Mennonite Church Saturday, October 2, you will see a big white tent full of auction items, a hand-cranked cider press, a copper kettle bubbling with homemade apple butter, food booths, craft booths, crowds of people, and volunteers bustling around, working hard, enjoying an occasional moment of rest to catch up with old friends. This is the Mennonite Country Auction and Relief Sale.

Now in its 33rd year, the Mennonite Country Auction raises funds for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a relief and development agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches. MCC was organized in 1920 to help victims of war and famine in Russia and the Ukraine. Today, MCC works in more than 50 countries around the world, responding to human need in the midst of poverty, war, and natural disaster. Since 1977, Mennonite Country Auction has raised approximately \$1.7 million for this work “in the name of Christ.”

The MCA raffle item this year is a replica of a 1910 Board Track Racer manufactured by Solano County Choppers from the San Francisco Bay Area. A 138 cc Moped engine powers the bike, which was donated by Dennis Swinger, Jr. and Dennis Swinger, Sr. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and available from JR (509.750.7159) or Dennis, Sr. (509.750.7570). You do not need to be present to win.



1910 Board Track Racer—raffle

This year’s event begins with breakfast from 7:00 to 9:00 AM. Food and craft booths open at 10:00. International crafts are on sale at “Ten Thousand Villages.” Other craft booths sell antiques, quilters’ supplies, fabric, and unique collectibles. Food items include smoked sausage, fresh-pressed Apple cider, apple butter, New Years cookies, homemade pie and ice cream, peppernuts, and stone-ground flour and corn meal, pure Canadian maple syrup, and Troyer Amish cheeses. The auction begins at noon and highlights homemade Amish and Mennonite quilts. Admission and parking are free.

New this year will be the “**Children’s Auction**”. Kids six grade and younger, with an accompanying adult (parent or grandparent), will have their own auction at 11:15. Auction items will be geared for kids.



Quilt made by
Menno Women In Mission

This years “Penny Power” pennies, (as well as nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars, checks), will be going to help with the MCC water project, helping with communities with providing better water. Put your donation in the jar, at the sale, or send to Menno Church.

Serve, share, eat, bid, spend – enjoy the full experience of this year’s Mennonite Country Auction and Relief sale. Websites for more information:



New 2008 Meido Scooter
to be auctioned

Middle East Trip by Nadia Reimer

Nadia, Eric & Lisa Reimer spent the month of July touring in the Middle East. They started at the West Bank of Jordan where they stayed at Nadia's aunt's house in Bethlehem. Despite the horrible (and in many places, inconspicuous) wall that imprisoned the remaining Palestinians in the very few and far apart small towns, the travelers managed to tour Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Jericho with a wonderful Palestinian guide. They also took a boat tour in the Sea of Galilee, had a mineral/mud bath in the Dead Sea, and dipped their feet in the Jordan River.



A week later, they crossed over to East Jordan where Rima, Nadia's sister, and her family waited for them. They had one day to rest and repack for a short trip to Istanbul, Turkey with Rima. Their trip included a city tour of Istanbul during which they were drenched with very unusual torrential rain! The next day they took a boat trip in the Bosphorus, and the weather behaved itself immensely. They also enjoyed two "Turkish Nights" of dinner and entertainment; once in Istanbul, and once on the boat as they crossed under the suspended bridge that unites the European Istanbul with the Asian side. The bridge is outlined with lights that change colors every 15 minutes – spectacular!



Back in Jordan, the trio visited the Roman city of Jerash, the setting of Nadia's 2nd novel, Under the Roman Pillar. They also toured the 2300 year old Nabatean city of Petra, the setting of Nadia's 1st novel, Colored Sand. At first, Nadia had some apprehensions because of the normal 100-105 degree weather in the south. Surprisingly, they were treated to 85 degree weather with a very pleasant breeze when they hiked the seq (entry path) to Petra. As usual, Eric took at least 1001 pictures, while Nadia & Lisa enjoyed a camel ride from the ancient Courts back to

the Treasury

After Petra, the trio, along with David & Rima, continued on to the resort city of Aqaba. Tourism had flourished there tremendously, and many mega hotels lined the Red Sea shore and beyond. While there, Eric, Lisa, and Nadia enjoyed a snorkeling trip to the coral reef of the Red Sea. The trip was provided by a professional diving/snorkeling agent, and Eric took some nice pictures of the colorful fish with his underwater camera. A nice selection of Eric's pictures is on his facebook. See Lisa getting a kiss from a camel! The camel owner knew how to entertain!

The travelers ate a lot of fresh figs, prickly pears, and honey-sweet grapes from David & Rima's vines. They also sampled many of the shawerma sandwiches (grilled lamb – Mid Eastern version of fast food) everywhere they went, trying to decide which place had the best shawerma! Nadia refused to have a birthday cake for her birthday and told everyone that she was contented with simple, fresh figs, so Rima, Lisa, and Ala (Rima's daughter-in-law) surprised her with a "fresh fig cake" (picture on Nadia's facebook), which they enjoyed on Rima's terrace that overlooks the city.



Everybody ended up with an extra suitcase – oh well!

After the departure of Eric & Lisa, Nadia spent one extra week with her sister, during which they visited some friends and relatives.

A Summer's Journey by Pastor Terry Rediger

In the months of July and August, Jerilee and I traveled over 11,000 miles across the country seeing sights and visiting family and friends. This article will briefly outline some of the places we went and things we did. From July 1-4 we went to Albany, OR to spend the 4th of July weekend with Terry's family. Then we returned to Ritzville to get the U-Haul truck and moved our things to Turpin, OK, arriving there on July 8 and unloading our things into the parsonage in a rainstorm.

We then left Turpin to attend Western District Conference near Dallas, TX, where it was very hot and humid. Then we traveled through Louisiana, touring a southern plantation home and going on a swamp boat tour in a Louisiana swamp near Baton Rouge. We saw lots of alligators in the swamp from 1 foot long to 9 feet long. From there we traveled to Florida to visit Jerilee's sister. We took time to wade in the Gulf of Mexico and didn't get any oil on our feet! From Florida we traveled up the Atlantic coast to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where we swam in the Atlantic Ocean. The water was warm and the days hot as it had been ever since Texas. Then we started inland going through the Shenandoah Valley of Pennsylvania and traveling north through New York to Niagara Falls. The Falls are a wonder of God's creation. From there we went to Waterloo, Ontario, Canada to visit some friends for a few days. By now it was July 22.

We came back into the U.S. and headed for Goshen, IN to visit family and friends there, and to get our windshield replaced from badly cracked by rocks. With a new windshield we then traveled to Waterloo, IA to visit friends and our former church. After several days there we started heading for Las Vegas to meet two of Terry's brothers. Along the way we stopped in Colorado to see Amber and Aaron, to see some giant sand dunes, and to see where the corners of four states (Colorado, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico) all came together in one spot. It's called Four Corners. The visitor's center was under construction so we didn't get to see the actual spot where the states meet. We arrived in Las Vegas on August 4 and stayed at the Excaliber Hotel. During the day we sat by the pool as it was 105 degrees, and at night toured the city's other hotels. When we left there we went on a tour of Hoover Dam which is near Las Vegas.

From there we traveled into California and went through Death Valley and Yosemite National Parks. Death Valley was hot, while Yosemite was much cooler in the mountains. Continuing on north we stopped to visit an aunt of Jerilee's in Modesto, CA, and then over to the California coast for several days of camping. We continued up the coast into Oregon, camping there as well. Finally we ended up at Terry's brother in Salem, OR on August 11. For the next four days Terry and Jerilee, his brother and wife, went on a motorcycle ride to San Juan Island in the Puget Sound. The ferry rides were great fun. After the motorcycle trip we went to Beverly Beach State Park on the Oregon coast for 3 days of camping and walking on the beach, a very relaxing and beautiful place. Then we returned to Albany for the weekend with Terry's family and getting the car ready to pull a trailer with Terry's motorcycle.

On August 23rd we started for Ritzville, but soon found that the motorcycle and trailer were a little too heavy for our car, so we took the trailer back to U-Haul and Terry rode the motorcycle to Ritzville with the plan of riding it all the way to Turpin, OK. But some fine folks from Menno offered to bring the motorcycle down our way with their pickup or trailer when they come to Kansas, saving Terry the long ride on it to Oklahoma. After a day in Ritzville finishing up loose ends and seeing Trevor and Jessica one more time, we journeyed to Colorado Springs for a weekend visit with Amber and Aaron. On August 30 Jerilee and Terry then drove to Turpin, OK where he began serving the Turpin Mennonite Church on September 1st.

After two months of living out of our car we were ready to stop and stay in one place for a while. We certainly enjoyed our cross-country trip. We took some pictures and kept notes in a date book of the places we went and the things we did so we can look back and remember our summer journey of 2010. We thank you again for all your goodness to us and hope to see you again some time. If any of you happen to be down our way, be sure and come see us. Until then, may God keep you all and bless you. **Website:** <http://turpinmennonitechurch.com> **Email:** trediger@pts.net

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It was nice to just sit and discuss face to face

We mixed and we mingled and enjoyed it so much
Learning in this new way how to stay in touch

Thanks to all who attended, I say hip hip hooray
You each helped to make this a really great day!



News & Notes:

Caleb (9 yrs.) and Hannah (6 yrs.) Froese, Inman, KS, stayed with grandparents, Stan and Sharon Meyer during most of July. Their parents, Dale and Dawn Froese, accompanied the High School Youth Group from Bethel Mennonite Church in Inman to a work project in Wisconsin for part of that time. Caleb and Hannah enjoyed reacquainting with cousins in this area as well as visiting Granddad, Clint Claassen; Aunt Malinda Zilliox; Uncle Peter Meyer and Aunt Viola and Joe Goodman of Spokane. We made the most of a three day road trip to Sioux Falls, SD, where the children were reunited with their parents. Some highlights of the trip included the Missouri Headwaters State Park and Pompeys Pillar National Monument in Montana, Mount Rushmore National Memorial in SD, meeting relatives in the Sioux Falls area and attending the Liberty Quartet concert in Chancellor, SD. Steve and Faith Penner and son, Devin, joined us all in Sioux Falls for the weekend!

TOO LATE for this year---you'll have to wait until 2020 for the every 10 year presentation of the "Passion Play" in Oberammergau in S. Germany. For almost 400 years a very large cast of local people put this on to thank God for ending the "Plague." Over the summer months, around a half million tourists from around the world come to see the 5000 seated showing.

I was privileged to see this great 6 hour performance at the conclusion of a 2 week trip through the Scandinavian countries with "Tourmagination" from Winnepeg (a Mennonite family business), with 30 other mostly Mennonite travelers from the U. S. and Canada. Earl Franz

Cleon and Elizabeth Claassen visited their daughter Rebecca and her husband Beau Froese while they were custom cutting wheat in Colorado in July. They had a chance to visit Rocky Mountain National Park with the Froeses and some of their harvesting crew. On the way back to Washington they drove through Yellowstone and actually saw a bear and her two cubs through binoculars.

Minnie Franz moved August 9 to apartment 145 at Riverview Terrace, 1801 East Upriver Drive, Spokane, WA 99207. Her new phone number is 509-482-8145. She is able to answer her phone if she is sitting in her chair, but she worries about being able to get the phone hung up again, so if you are thinking of arranging a visit, we think it best to call Jay, Carma or Roberta and one of us would show up too!

Minnie's move was necessary because Windriver House was closing for renovations for 6-9 months. Riverview Terrace has been a long time care facility in Spokane. Some of you may remember singing in the Menno choir at The Terrace about 45 years ago.

Minnie is adjusting quite well to her move, but it is quite stressful to make these changes. First, she was concerned they wouldn't accept her, now she worries about doing everything she is supposed to do and her family worries about new caregivers learning her needs, likes and dislikes. Please keep Minnie in your prayers.

Gaither Homecoming will be **Thursday, October 14, 2010**, at 7:00 pm at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, WA this year. More information : www.Gaither.com

Forrest and Happy Hardt joined members of her family for a mini-Haight reunion at her Sister Roxanne Cobb's in Olympia on July 31- Aug 1. They celebrated Grand-daughter Claire's 10th birthday on the 1st.

Happy Hardt was part of a 21 member delegation from Mennonite Church USA that spent August 12-14 in Phoenix, Arizona as guest of the Phoenix Convention and Visitors Bureau. In her role as Co-chair of the Anti-Racism Team of Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, Charlotte was one of the few Anglos in the group that came to Arizona to listen to the concerns of Racial/Ethnic church members about the convention scheduled in Phoenix in 2013.

Forrest and Happy Hardt have been enjoying time on the west side of Washington with family. Grand daughters Kyra (Dawn and Todd Lehman, parents) and Claire (Mary Mae Hardt and Scott Andrews, parents) spent a week with them in the motorhome at Ocean Mist. Kyra's sister Havela and her parents were taking part in the MCC Oregon Bike Ride. Then Varick Andrews spent part of a week with them in Sequim, Forry and Happy spent the first week in September camping with Mary Mae and Scott, Varick and Claire at Salt Creek.

Sharla & Bill Dyck drove to Kansas July 3, to attend Sharla's Grandmother, Marie Selzer's gravesite service in Sharon Springs, KS on July 7. In a long story, Bill ended being the officiant at the gravesite service. Sharla's parents, Harold & Betty White, as well as Sid, Michael, & Dallas White drove to KS also. Bill & Sharla surprised Beau & Rebecca Froese while there, (they were rained out custom harvesting). On the way home Bill & Sharla drove thru Yellowstone Park, visiting "Old Faithful", (among the other several thousand people). Before arriving home they were able to attend Aaron & Amy (Miller) Reimer's wedding in Kellogg, Idaho on July 10. Aaron is the son of Howard & Linda Reimer.

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Apple Butter
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Sausage, Bacon, Hams
Homemade Ice Cream
Ten Thousand Villages Handi-Crafts
Kids Activities & Children's Auction
Quilts & Handmade Crafts

Calender of Events

SEPTEMBER

12	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Begins
12	noon	Sunday School Kickoff Picnic 56 th Anniversary Celebration for Mel & Erna Kagele
15	6:30-8:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
16	11 a.m.	WA Pastor Cluster at Vantage
19	4:00 p.m.	<i>Common Threads: Anabaptist and African American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope</i> —Zion Menn. Church, Hubbard, OR

OCTOBER

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22-23		Washington Sister Care Seminar (PNMC) at Menno with Rhoda Keener & Carolyn Holderread Heggen