



## The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and  
Washington Mennonite Fellowship

**December 2016**

### Camrec Updates

Wow! Winter has started. We have just over 2.5 feet of snow on the ground here at camp. We have been doing lots of plowing, snow blowing, and shoveling! We are grateful for wonderful neighbors to work alongside to keep the Forest Service lane open.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Thank you** to Donna Matthies and Erna Kagele for their donations towards the camp kitchen supplies. The pans and equipment will be well used!

**Thank you** to our anonymous donor for the \$10,000 towards staff housing!

**Thank you** to all those who have donated time, energy, and money towards Camrec's mission this year! These donations help to ensure the continued operation of Camrec and the ongoing development of its programs.

It takes us all working together to make good things happen!



### Calendar of Upcoming WMF Events

Sr. High Snow Camp – December 31, 2016-January 2, 2017

SMC Snow Camp – January 13-15, 2017

EMC Snow Camp – January 27-29, 2017

Couples Retreat – March 3-5, 2017 (NEW! More info on page 2)

Quilters Retreat – March 16-19, 2017

Annual Meeting – April 21-23, 2017

Menno/Warden Retreat – May 12-14, 2017

Birds & Blossoms Retreat – May 18-21, 2017

Annual Fundraiser & 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration! – September 1-4, 2017

See page 2 for Summer Camp Schedule!

### Sr. High Snow Camp 2016 – Dec 31-Jan 2

December 31<sup>st</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>: It's going to be a blast! All students, grades 9-12, are welcome to come enjoy tubing, games, and lots of other snow activities! Bring your warm clothes, cross country skis, and tubes. Let's bring in the New Year together!



Last year's crew from Senior High Snow Camp (missing Jon and Becca Burkholder).

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## Couples' Retreat – NEW this year! March 3-5

March 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Camrec will be hosting a couples retreat led by **Carl Westphal**, retired Psychologist and Marriage Counselor! He already has a few seminars planned around communication and conflict management. Come enjoy time together in a beautiful setting and learn more about how to work alongside your partner. More info to come.

## Annual Fundraiser & 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration! – September 1-4

Labor Day weekend folks; save the dates, September 1-4, 2017! We are having a celebration of Camrec! 50 years of operating summer camps and so much more! We want people that helped put together the first camp, built the first facilities, the individuals that came to camp for the first time last year, and everyone in between! Come share stories, remember “the good old days”, and fellowship together. There will lots of food and fun activities! More info to come.

## Summer Camp 2017

Orientation – July 3-6

Pre-Junior Camp – July 7-9

Junior Camp – July 11-15

Junior High Camp – July 17-22

Senior High Camp – July 24-29

Young Adult Retreat - TBD



Get ready for SUMMER 2017!!!

## Staff Updates

Camp Camrec is proud to announce that Jesse and Amanda Parker will be joining our team in January! They are newlyweds coming from Wichita, Kansas. They will both be sharing the Facilities Manager job as one full-time position. We are so excited to have them step into this spot and dream with us about where Camrec can go!

On a personal note, we (David and Saralyn) are excited to announce that we will be expecting a baby this spring. The due date is April 18, 2017! We have chosen to let the gender be a surprise.

## Camrec Wish List

- Set of 6 quality walkie-talkies for camp staff & volunteers
- Backpacking stoves & cookware
- Sleeping pads for backpacking

As the year comes to a close, please consider donating to Camp Camrec. Your ongoing thoughtfulness and support is much appreciated!

## Camrec Mission Statement:

At Camp Camrec, in thanks for all the gifts we receive from God, we will:

- Nurture children in the love of God, the love of others, and the love of Creation.
- Welcome adults to a place and spiritual framework for rest and restoration.
- Care for this beautiful part of Creation and the extended landscape around us.
- Embody Anabaptist/Mennonite values of peacemaking, simple living, service, and community.