



## The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and  
Washington Mennonite Fellowship

**February 2017**

### Camrec Updates

Snow, snow, and more snow! It has been quite the winter here at Camrec. It sure is beautiful! It also takes a lot of energy to keep the lane cleared. We are grateful for more hands here at Camrec to help with all the work.

We had a successful Senior High Snow Camp over New Year's Eve. There were seven campers here for some cross country skiing, lots of games, some tubing, and plenty of food! To hear more fun stories ask your Sr. Highers at church about their experience.



We are gearing up for a busy spring time with new and old retreats happening. Take a look at the events on the calendar!

### Calendar of Upcoming WMF Events

Quilters Retreat – March 16-19, 2017

Couples Retreat – March 31-April 2, 2017 (NEW dates!)

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

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### Quilters Retreat – March 16-19, 2017

Come for time to sew, quilt, and socialize with others that enjoy doing the same thing as you! Learn from other “seasoned” quilters, start a new project, or finish an old one! For more information contact Debbie Miller at Seattle Mennonite Church.

### Couples Retreat – NEW dates! March 31-April 2

NOTE: The dates have been moved to March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>! Camrec will be hosting a couples retreat led by **Carl Westphal**, retired Psychologist and Marriage Counselor! There will be **interactive sessions** covering topics like relationship needs, expectations, and assumptions; intimacy as it relates to boundaries and identity; the role of forgiveness; and contemplating the toxic roles of competition and contempt in relationships. There will be **free time** to take hikes, relax around the property, and enjoy Camrec's removed setting. Be prepared to pitch in for meal clean-up, but take a breath knowing **Camrec will provide end-of-retreat cleaning!** Come take advantage of this time to grow together and learn more about working as a collaborative team. Registrations and **more details can be found at [camrec.org](http://camrec.org)** or by emailing [programdirector@camrec.org](mailto:programdirector@camrec.org). **Space is limited** so don't delay getting your registration in!

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

Labor Day weekend folks; save the dates, September 1-4, 2017! We are celebrating 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 dream of days to come while fellowshipping together. There will be 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

Registrations and more information are online at [camrec.org](http://camrec.org).



Get ready for SUMMER 2017!!!

## Staff Updates

Camp Camrec is so happy to have Jesse and Amanda Parker here! 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!

In case you missed it in the last newsletter, 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



The crew from last years FUNdRUN. The 2017 FUNdRUN will be combined with the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration in September!

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.