



The Chumstick

News from Camp Camrec and Washington Mennonite Fellowship

December 2017

Camrec Updates

Winter is here, folks! We all of a sudden have about one foot of snow on the ground! It came with a power outage, but is completely worth it! The woods are beautiful!

We have had some good retreats since the last newsletter went out.

Women's Retreat was November 3-4. There were 28 women who came to enjoy the weekend! Throughout the weekend ladies enjoyed hiking, knotting a quilt, painting their nails, eating delicious food, playing games, and being together. Pastor Megan from Seattle Mennonite Church led three sessions sharing about different realms of gratitude.



Picture credit: Mary Burkholder



Picture credit: Peter Lagerway

The Men's Retreat was December 1-3 and had close to 20 participants. As always, food and socializing were a big attraction! This year they enjoyed music shared by Michael Bade, Dirk Wassink, and Jesse and Amanda Parker. Peter Lagerway led a very fair game of Bible trivia Saturday after the music. Michael Bade also shared a story from Cambodia Sunday morning.

We are **thankful** for:

- a new (to us) track loader with a snow blower to help keep the road open this winter! Picture below of the happy crew on delivery day:



- volunteers like Glenn Burkholder and Bill Dyck helping to work on the meadow to get it ready for summer camps next year!
- a wonderful 50th year celebration in September! You all made the weekend a huge success. We can't thank you enough. The weekend brought in close to \$28,000 including pledges for the future! We are so grateful and praise God for your involvement here at camp. Our staff housing goal is \$250,000 so continue to spread the word and help us reach the goal!

Calendar of WMF Events

Senior High Snow Camp:	December 30, 2017 - January 1, 2018
Seattle Mennonite Snow Camp:	January 12-15, 2018
Evergreen Mennonite Snow Camp:	January 26-28, 2018
Young Adult Retreat:	March 9-11, 2018
Quilting Retreat:	March 15-18, 2018
WMF Women's Retreat:	April 6-8, 2018
Annual Meeting:	April 20-22, 2018
Menno/Warden Retreat:	May 11-13, 2018
Nature Retreat:	May 18-20, 2018
Summer Camps:	see schedule on page 2
Annual Fundraiser:	August 31 - September 3, 2018
Fall Work Weekend:	October 19-21, 2018
WMF Men's Retreat:	November 30 - December 2, 2018

Sr. High Snow Camp – December 30-January 1

Tubing and snow games! Possibly a jaunt into the woods on snowshoes and/or cross country skis! Good food and good friends! Worship and reflection!

Make sure to bring lots of warm layers and snow gear, a sleeping bag and pillow, toiletries, a flashlight, a Bible, and any fun games you would like to share. Also bring you skis and or snow-shoes if you have them!

Young Adult Retreat – March 9-11, 2018

Do you have spring break? Or maybe the weekend off? Come enjoy time playing games, hiking, playing frisbee, and many other possibilities! We'll provide the food, you help provide the fellowship! More details to come but save the dates on your calendar!

Quilting Retreat – March 15-18, 2018

The Quilting Retreat is coming right up! Utilize this long weekend to work on current projects, old projects that need to be finished up, and start new projects. Don't worry about preparing food or cleaning up; just sew until your heart desires! If you have questions about this weekend please contact: Debbie Shank Miller, dsm56@comcast.net or Ann Marchand, marchand.ann@gmail.com

Summer Camp Schedule 2018

Orientation:	July 2-5
Pre-Junior Camp:	July 6-8
Junior Camp:	July 10-14
Junior High Camp:	July 16-21
Senior High Camp:	July 23-28

Board Transitions

We want to give a huge applause to Rachel Miller for all her hard work during her 5 years of serving as treasurer. She has endured many transitions with staff and organizational structure. We, Saralyn and David, personally thank her for all her explanations and patience as we learned the ropes.

As Rachel moves on Camrec is excited to welcome Emily Goertz as the new Board Treasurer! She will be starting February 2018.

Camrec Wish List

- Riding mower in good shape
- All-terrain vehicle for use on grounds and trail maintenance (current golf cart is on last legs)
- Special sewing project: We would like to put cushions on some of the benches in the lodge. Contact David or Saralyn (director@camrec.org) for more details.



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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.