

# NEWS & NOTES

GLENNON HEIGHTS MENNONITE CHURCH

MAY

2015



**May 28**

Pizza & Pricing Party

**May 30**

Yard Sale

**June 30-July 5**

Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City

**July 5-12**

Family Promise rotation

**July 21-25**

Mennonite World Conference Assembly in  
Harrisburg, PA

**August 7-9**

Mountain States Mennonite Conference Annual  
Assembly, Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM

**September 12-13**

Church retreat at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp



FROM THE



On Sunday, May 17, we will be receiving new members into our congregation. Obviously, you don't have to be an official member to be a vital part of our life as a worshipping, serving, caring community. We

warmly welcome the participation of all who wish to hang out with us. Each person is a truly appreciated. But there is something very encouraging and deeply meaningful to us when folks decide to become official members, when they express their willingness to join in taking responsibility for our life together, when they publically affirm that being part of this particular group of believers who are trying their best of follow Christ in life, is important to them and they want to stick with us.

As a pastor I think a lot about commitment. Actually, it is a concept that I occasionally struggle with. What level of commitment to the church and church activities can I realistically expect? Here at Glennon Heights we have a relatively high level of commitment to participation in our regular worship services, and an amazing record at showing up to help with things like Family Promise. This is incredibly encouraging. Still, sometimes I think there could and should be more. This feeling seems to come from deep inside me. What is that all about? Is it something that is useful, or just old-fashioned, bothersome and superfluous?

Recently I read the book, Being Mortal, by Dr. Atul Gawande. (I highly recommend this book and will happily loan it to whoever would like to read it.) It's a book about aging and dying and it is full of unanticipated gems. One that jumped out at me is in the chapter entitled, "A better life." Dr. Gawande quotes a philosopher named Josiah Royce, who has focused his studies around the question, "What do we need in order to feel that life is worthwhile?"

# May

## ANNIVERSARIES:

7 - Bob & Myrna Johnson  
19 - Bethany & John Simpson  
20 - Elaine & Travis Hale

## BIRTHDAYS:

2 - Charlene Epp  
11 - Delores Tanglen  
17 - Rachel Stutzman  
18 - Ellen Mast  
18 - Mimzy Wellberg  
19 - Dennis Rhodes  
19 - Alina Yoder-Horst  
21 - Connie Panushka  
23 - Jim Brenneman  
27 - Claire Mattoon  
31 - Dave Owen

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

**May 3:** "Second Chance Center – getting involved,"  
led by Dave Owen and Hassan Latif

**May 10:** "Dwelling with DOOR in Denver,"  
with Martin Ngwa and friends

**May 17:** "Council meeting," led by Travis Hale

**May 24:** Memorial Day holiday – no Sunday School

**May 31:** Sunday School review and planning,  
led by Pastor Betsy

## From the Pastor, continued

The answer, Royce believes, is connection to a cause beyond ourselves. According to him, this is an intrinsic human need. The cause can be large or small; the important thing is that, in ascribing value to the cause and seeing it as worth making sacrifices for, we give our lives meaning. Royce calls this loyalty.

That's what caught my attention: the word loyalty. I'm a child of the 1960s and early 70s when the concept of loyalty went out of fashion. Instead, we questioned authority! At the same time I grew up in a community, a family, a church, which assumed and expected loyalty, though not necessarily expressed in that language. I don't particularly like the word. Mindless loyalty can lead to exploitation. But I also know that I need to be attached to something larger than myself in order for my life to have meaning. Being firmly attached, being willing to make sacrifices, large and small, for this cause – in my case, my faith lived out through the Mennonite Church – is the definition of being loyal. As I've thought about this, I realize that this is very, very important to me. I'm actually a convinced loyalty freak. Who'd-a thunk it?

"Loyalty," Royce writes, "solves the paradox of our ordinary existence by showing us outside of ourselves the cause which is to be served, and inside of ourselves the will which delights to do this service, and which is not thwarted but enriched and expressed in such service." To me, this seems to describe what faith is all about.

In John 15:16 Jesus says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you." We already belong; the primal attachment is there. It's up to us whether or not we recognize it, whether we respond with our own commitment. If we do, when we do, things won't always be easy. Self-sacrifice is expected. In fact, it's crucial. But the reward – life with purpose and meaning – is well worth it. In fact, it is precious beyond words.

I am loyally your pastor,

*Betsy*



# *Easter Worship*





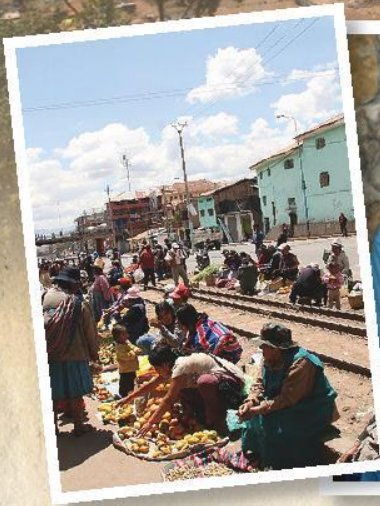




Duane & Joanna Harrison will be sharing their Vision for Peru with us on May 3.

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## PERU

**Population:** 29,849,303

### Faiths:

Roman Catholic 81.3%,  
Evangelical 12.4%,  
other 3.3%,  
unspecified  
or none 3%

The World Factbook,  
circa 2013

Dear family and friends,

**W**e want to tell you about an amazing opportunity we are looking forward to. About a year and a half ago Duane and I started talking and praying about serving with our family internationally. We were feeling like there was something different for us to do with our lives. We weren't sure what that would be at first, it started out as just a desire to serve. We spent several months looking at options and checking things out. About a year ago we started having conversations with Eastern Mennonite Missions about an opportunity to serve in Cusco Peru. The church has been active there for many years and they are interested in reaching out more to the neighboring villages where

many native Peruvians live. Their outreach includes, among other things, education and healthcare. They have partnered with EMM over the years to send workers to help in each of those areas. So after many months of conversations, application processes, and prayer, we have been accepted to serve with EMM for a minimum three year commitment. We are really excited to share this journey with each of you.

### Here's what we will be doing:

Initially we will spend the first 10 months in Costa Rica at a Spanish language school. While Bella, Parker, and I have a head start on language, it will be a great opportunity for all of us to sharpen our skills. This will allow us to be ready to serve once we get to Peru

and not be overwhelmed with communication as well as a new culture.

Once we are in Peru, Duane will be working with the school the church runs to build a new space. The church has stepped out in faith and purchased land to build the new school but now needs to raise the money to do the building. Duane will be able to use his contracting and construction skills to help build the new school.

I will be working with a healthcare worker training program. There are health promoters in many of the villages and part of my work will be to train them in health promotion and disease prevention.

I will also be able to go to the villages occasionally to do basic



assessments. There is also the opportunity to help in the clinic in Cusco.

The kids will be attending the school that the church runs. It is a bilingual school so they will be able to keep up with their studies of both English and Spanish.

We are excited about this new chapter in our family's life and a little overwhelmed as well. We will be raising all of our own support. Our goal is to be fully funded by June 2015. It is a daunting task to raise support for a family of five. We have included our prayer cards in this mailing and we are hoping each of you will prayerfully consider being part of our support team in any way that you can. Special

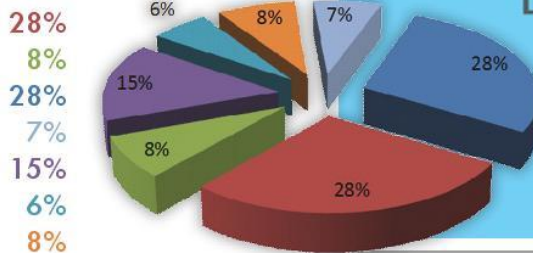
gifts are appreciated but if you are able to be part of our monthly support that is most helpful. Prayer support can't be underestimated and we would be most grateful for your prayers as we get ready and are on the field.

Duane + Joanna  
Parker Isabella  
Ed # 17



#### EXPENSES

- Living Expenses
- Language School/Education
- Health Insurance/Taxes
- Travel Expenses
- Housing
- Children's Education
- Administration



#### EMM

designated for:  
Duane and Joanna Harrison

EMM online giving

<http://www.emm.org/donateform/recurring-donations-via-paypal-com>

payable to:

Eastern Mennonite Missions  
PO Box 458  
Salunga, PA 17538

#### Join our Team

Send Contributions to:

or



#### The Refuge

designated for:  
Duane and Joanna Harrison

The Refuge online giving,  
click donate button on bottom right

<http://therefugeonline.org/contact.html>

payable to:

The Refuge  
P.O. Box 6805  
Broomfield, CO 80020

**Aging  
Well**  
In Jefferson  
County, Colorado

# Jefferson County **Summit on Aging** 2015

Aging Well in a Healthy Community

## Save the Date

**June 4, 2015 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

**WaterStone Community Church  
5890 South Alkire Street, Littleton, CO 80127**

### **Keynote Speaker**

**Adam Fulton**, Associate Economist with Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) in Amherst, MA. Mr. Fulton has worked on numerous economic and demographic modeling projects with both regional and local planning organizations. He has been involved with economic impact analysis of tax policies and transportation projects throughout the nation. Adam was asked to speak on the economic realities, costs and benefits, of sustaining an ever-growing healthy aging community.

### **Workshops and Presentations**

June 4, 2015 is a day for the Jefferson County community to come together to discuss plans and ideas for Aging Well in a Healthy Community. The county and city officials have been asked to talk about how their community is preparing for an increased aging population. There will also be other workshops and presentations focused on Aging Well in Jefferson County.

For More Information on the Jefferson County Aging Well Project,  
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*People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway.  
If you are kind, people may accuse you of being selfish and having ulterior motives;  
be kind anyway.  
If you are successful, you will win over some false friends and some true enemies;  
succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway.  
What you spend years building, someone may destroy overnight; build anyway.  
If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway.  
The good you do today, people often forget tomorrow; do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;  
give the world your best anyway.  
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;  
it was never between you and them.*

*Mother Theresa*

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### **Update from the Action Center**

Its spring and the season is so symbolic of the work we are preparing to do in the Program Services Building at 8745 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave in Lakewood. As we open our doors, we begin a new chapter of service delivery; a fresh new way to greet and work with others.

We have our drop-in Intervention Program, which addresses immediate needs such as food, clothing and shelter. Our specially trained volunteer client advocates work with guests, discussing current issues in their lives while digging deeper to get at the causal issues.

We also have our appointment based *Self Sufficiency Pathways Program* with staff case managers working in depth with participants on their self-sufficiency action plan. In all programs, we utilize the Self Sufficiency Matrix which tests to 20 different domains of a person's life. We test pre, mid and post program engagement. This allows us to measure progress with the collected data. We now know our success levels with greater accuracy, therefore opening opportunities for program refinement.

As you can imagine, we are so excited to reach this place in our service delivery evolution. There is so much about the new facility that speaks to dignity and respect. We now offer a 2,500 square foot client choice grocery, where clients select their own food items, just like in a grocery store. Item choices are based on the USDA's Choose My Plate concept that emphasizes fruits, dairy, grains, protein and vegetables. This encourages on-going healthier food choices.

In the meantime, we completely repurposed our existing facility at 8755 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ave for receiving, processing and light storage. Last year, for the first time in our history, we distributed over \$10m of in-kind goods. This repurposing will help us become even better stewards of these generous and important gifts.

**Thank you for your ongoing support!**



# May 2015 Calendar

Monday, May 4	Bipolar/Depression support group, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 7	Worship Team meeting at Bontragers', 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Outreach Team meeting at Doris', 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 16	Men's breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 17	Leta Bontrager's students' piano recital, 4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 18	Bipolar/Depression support group, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19	Daytime Mennonite Women, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, May 20	Elders meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 25	Annual reports due
Thursday, May 28	Pizza & Pricing Party, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 30	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Yard Sale, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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### Our Mission

To be a faithful community of Jesus Christ

### Our Vision

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,

We envision growth;

building a community of faith which practices  
constructive responses to conflict;

and, in a world driven by fear, promoting a  
Christian voice of love and nonviolence.

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