

Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

December 2008



Christmas Greetings!

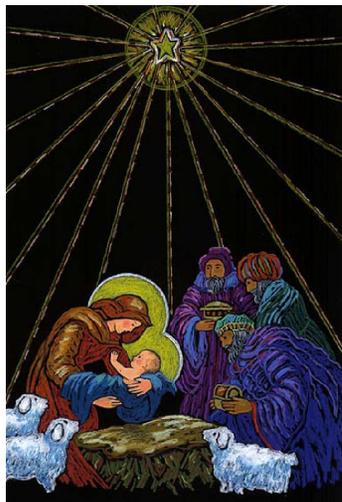
Every December I gravitate to the book of Isaiah. I love the picture it paints of the reign of the Messiah. In these last months of political and economic turmoil, this picture has become especially meaningful.

The prophecies in Isaiah go beyond the life of Christ to picture a day yet to come when the Messiah will reign. If we are disappointed in the leaders of our present world, we can take comfort in the hope of a Righteous Ruler yet to come.

Mal and I would like to wish you a joyful Christmas celebrating the coming of the One who will one day rule with justice and righteousness.

Eleanor Braun

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light...
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government
will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government
and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this. Isaiah 9: 2, 6, 7



Kathryn and Trevor Toupin

The NWMC has contracted Kathryn Toupin to plan Youth Activities at our Annual Convention on March 27-29/09 at Camp Caroline.

Kathryn went to high school in Airdrie, attended the Alliance University College, and has been involved in a variety of youth and children's ministries.

She and Trevor were married two years ago by Pastor Trevor Kiraka at the West Zion Church in Carstairs. Pastors and Youth leaders can expect that she will be contacting them in the days to come with pertinent information.

MEN!

Plan now to attend

Men's Retreat

Speaker: Stan Burkholder

Date: Feb. 6-8/09

Place: Camp Caroline

Cost: \$170

Pastors go free with 7 men!



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Did you know...

*Thirteen people attended a LIFE Weekend on Early Church History at **Smith, AB** in November. Check out our website at nwmc.ca or contact Mal Braun for more information on LIFE Weekends.

***Elbetia Gurdian**, daughter of Pastor Raul and Elisa Gurdian, together with a high school friend coordinated the Samaritan's Purse shoebox drive in Edson. They collected about 900 boxes.

***Don and Louise Alberts**, former Conference Moderator, have been in Israel and are returning this month.

***Ray Landis**, former Conference Minister, is having radiation treatments and should be finished by mid-January. Please pray for Ray and Joyce.

*Looking for evangelistic material? You might want to check out: www.wayofthemaster.com.

***Duchess Mennonite Church** held a Marriage Focus Seminar in November with Dr. Doug Weiss.

***The Edson Mennoite Church** welcomed 5 new members.

***Northern Cluster Meeting**: Pastors from 3 of our northern churches, Bluesky, Smith and Edson, plus a pastor from Grande Prairie, met for food and fellowship in Valleyview, AB in November. They meet together twice a year.

*Youth, are you interested in attending North America's largest Christian Music Festival? Edson is planning another trip to **Creation Festival** in George, Washington. Contact Chris at vanwoem@hotmail.com.

