

You are invited to attend the Spring program of the
Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

To be held at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard Oregon

March 15, 2009

2:30 P.M

Program:

Moderator. Jerry Barkman

Devotional. Jana Gingerich

Offering for PNMHS Building Fund

Introduction of our Guest Speaker, Dr. Tim Janzen, MD

Announcements. Bernard Showalter, PNMHS President

Genetic Genealogy, A New Tool for Genealogists

This presentation will provide an overview of how information stored in our DNA can help us answer genealogical research questions. The basics of DNA will be discussed, including the 4 types of DNA generally tested for genealogical purposes: the Y chromosome, the X chromosome, autosomal DNA, and mitochondrial DNA. A summary of the information being learned from the Mennonite DNA project, in which over 1700 people of Mennonite ancestry are being tested by the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation and/or Family Tree DNA, will also be presented. The results from the people of Russian Mennonite ancestry may be found at www.mennonitedna.com. If you are interested in giving a DNA sample to the SMGF for free testing as part of the Mennonite DNA project, please bring a copy of your pedigree chart to the meeting so that it can be included with your DNA sample.



Dr. Tim Janzen

Tim Janzen is a family practice doctor at South Tabor Family Physicians in Portland, Oregon. He has had an interest in genealogical research for over 30 years and has particularly been involved in Mennonite genealogical research for the past 13 years. He has a web site that summarizes many different sources available for Mennonite genealogical research found at www.timjanzen.com and has given many presentations about Mennonite genealogy in the United States and Canada. In the past 4 years Tim has become very interested in using DNA analysis to help complement traditional genealogical research. Glenn Penner and he are the co-administrators of the Mennonite DNA project. Tim is married to Rachel Janzen and they have 4 children.