

## Koinonia's Extra News

on Friday, January 23

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**KEN MEDEMA** will perform this Sunday at a concert to benefit the Koinonia building fund. We hope you will all come out to hear him and participate in our "fun-raiser". You also have an opportunity to meet and talk with Ken over dinner. Barb and Mike invite you to join them at El Rancho de Tia Rosa on Saturday at 6:30 or at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Sunday at 5:00. Please make your reservation with Barb via email or phone. Please leave a message if no one is available to answer the phone. In addition, we need a few volunteers to help with ticket sales and ushering. Please contact Barb if you can help. The concert is at First United Methodist, Phoenix, from 7-9 p.m.

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**They're Back** - "Tribes of Koinonia," take your stations. Winter rains are raising a new crop of weeds in your territories and they're growing fast. The sooner you remove them the easier the job will be.

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**Greetings from Bishop Opondo** - Praise the Lord, i hope you are fine, we are too fine in the lord's name, apart from it has not been raining for the last four months and there are alot hunger in Kenya.It has also been announced by the goverment of Kenya. Many people in Kenya are now living on the roots of some plants and the fruits in the bushes. This is because of the Post Violence Elections and corruptions in Kenya. We are praying for our country and we hope you will help us pray.

The tailoring centre is doing well apart from the payment in the Month of December , we will not be able to pay the workers and we are praying for this.

We are praying for you as you usher in your New president. Greet the Koinonia Church and your family. May God bless you.

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**No so Frequently asked Questions** at *Third Way.com* (an info center for the Mennonite Church)

How do Mennonites feel about Christmas presents?

Why will a Mennonite-run store not sell an American flag?

Are marriages arranged?

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## Other Events and Information

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The MCUSA requests that every congregation and individual within the Mennonite Church USA keep their current search for a new Executive Director in prayer. Please pray for God's wisdom and the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit throughout. Remember the committee, potential candidates and current staff who continue their work while anticipating transition.

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## Events in Neighboring Churches

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### Women's Spring Retreat

March 13 - 15  
at Prescott Pines

From their Flyer:



# WOMENS SPRING RETREAT MARCH 13-15, 2009

## “LUMPS IN THE MIRROR”

(IF I am fearfully and wonderfully made, why  
Do I see lumps as I pass by a mirror? )

**SPEAKER  
PAM GOOD**

Come laugh, listen and share together as we find the truth in  
how God views us.



### **PAM GOOD**

**Pam has been married to Steve Good for 27 years and they have 3 young adult children;**

**Megan who is currently finishing at Duke Divinity, Gillian who is married to James Perry who lives in Anchorage, AK, and Colin who is currently involved in the “YES” program through Eastern Mennonite Missions. Pam grew up in Northern Indiana and through Steve’s pastorates, has lived in Oregon, Ohio, and Iowa before moving to Arizona in 2002. Pam likes to play tennis, snow ski, trying new recipes and reading by a nice cozy fire (O.K. maybe not in Arizona).**

**Pam is passionate about women understanding our worth in the Lord’s view vs. what our culture screams at us ...**

**Ladies we are offering a weekly payment plan for retreat so the cost isn’t so much at one time. Please contact Michelle Kane to get that started.**

**Michelle 623-217-4566.**

**Ladies also remember you must provide your own linens and towels.**

**Also don’t forget we need gift baskets donated for our silent auction.**

Also remember for retreats to be successful we  
need every  
Women's support and prays.

Arizona Retreat Committee  
2009

REGISTRATION FORM  
COST IS \$97.00 FOR THE WEEKEND.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Church or Person you want to room  
with \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE ALL REGISTRATION IS DUE BY March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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