



Peace & Popcorn:

a Menno-Hof winter series




 **January 20, 2012, 7 p.m. at Menno-Hof** ~ RSVP required for events held at Menno-Hof (seating is limited) 

Healing of memories: Apology and forgiveness in our relationship with Lutherans and Catholics

John Rempel, professor of theology and Anabaptist studies and associate director of the Institute of Mennonite Studies at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.; and André Gingerich Stoner, director of holistic witness and interchurch relations for Mennonite Church USA in Elkhart

When we think about Anabaptist origins, Lutherans, Catholics and others who persecuted us are part of the story. An amazing breakthrough has come about in the past fifteen years. Catholics have approached us with a wish for the healing of memories. Lutherans have gone beyond that to apologize on a global level for persecuting us because of our beliefs. In this event, John and André will tell stories about how this reconciliation is taking place and how we might respond to it consistent with our convictions.

 **February 19, 2012, 6 p.m. at Menno-Hof** ~ RSVP required for events held at Menno-Hof (seating is limited)

Is the Gospel of peace still relevant?

John D. Roth, professor of history at Goshen (Ind.) College

Since 9/11 and the growing divisions within our national political culture, some Anabaptist-Mennonite congregations have begun to reconsider traditional understandings of nonresistance. Our young people today do not face the question of military conscription and arguments supporting the “war on terror” can sound compelling. In light of all this, some are asking whether the gospel of peace is still relevant, especially since this conviction sometimes seems to be an obstacle to mission. Join in a conversation focused on these important questions.

 **March 25, 2012, 6 p.m. at Menno-Hof** ~ RSVP required for events held at Menno-Hof (seating is limited)

Forgiveness in an unforgiving world?

Steve Nolt, professor of history at Goshen (Ind.) College

The response of the Amish community in Nickel Mines, Pa., to the horrific school shooting that took place there October 2006, stunned, inspired and sometimes angered observers near and far. Did the Amish immediately forgive a killer? Was that possible or even proper? Steve Nolt will explore some of difficult issues and questions that the Nickel Mines story raised and consider the Christian witness that an honest understanding of forgiveness can offer an unforgiving world.

 **April 29, 2012, 6 p.m. at Siloam Fellowship, Goshen, Ind.** (corner of SR 4 & CR 35)

Swords into plowshares: How the Seagoing Cowboys helped repair a broken world Peggy Reiff Miller, Milford, Ind.

They were students and farmers, bankers and preachers, laborers and teachers. They were the seagoing cowboys—men and boys who volunteered to tend the livestock shipped to war devastated countries after World War II by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the Heifer Project. Of the approximately 7,000 seagoing cowboys, nearly 1,000 of them were Mennonite and many more were Amish, some of who will be sharing their stories at this event.