

Mlenno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Inserts for August 11, 2013

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 11 – Worship – 9:30 am Sunday school – 10:45 am

Aug. 14 – Worship Commission – 7:00 pm

Aug. 20 – Board of Directors – 6:30 pm

Aug. 21 – Leadership Team – 7:00 pm

Sept. 27-29 - Church retreat at Penn Valley

October 21 – Volunteer at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

| | <u>Sunday, August 11</u> | <u>Sunday, August 18</u> |
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| Message | Michael Howes | Michael Howes |
| Greeters | Wes Newswanger & Becky Nolt | Jim & Phyllis Oswald |

~**This week volunteers from Witmer Heights** packed and delivered around 210 lunches for children through the Summer Lunch Program organized by Conestoga Valley Christian Community Services. Special thanks to Lisa Kachel for planning the menus and getting much of the food at the Lancaster County Food Bank and to Neil Reinford for coordinating everything. Thanks to all the volunteers!

~**Make sure the Church Retreat dates (Sept. 27-29) are on your calendar.** Our own Michael Howes will be the resource person.

~**The congregational leadership** for next year was affirmed by 95% of those who voted.

~**The Worship Commission** has planned for persons to share “Stories of God’s Love” during the summer months, following the pattern of last summer. The last in the series is:

Sept. 1 – Rose Kennel and Ruth Ann Reinford

~**The summer worship time switch with First Deaf** continues through the end of August. On August 18 at 10:45 we will have the final Sunday School Fellowship Sunday with pastries and juice in front of the church. August 11 and 24 we will have Sunday school (following worship) from 10:45-11:45.

~**Parent & Preschool Center News Update:** Ruth Ann Reinford has faithfully served the Parent & Preschool Center since 1979 when she began as a Story Hour teacher. In 1981 she began employment as a teacher in the Preschool and continued through 2000. Since then she has served as a substitute teacher and served on the Board of Directors (3 years as Secretary and 6 years as Member-at-Large for Witmer Heights/First Deaf). She has sometimes been called upon to fill in for the Director when Chris Stahl needs to be out of the office. As of July 1, 2013 Ruth Ann completed the allotted 9 years for Board service, but continues to be available as a substitute at the Preschool. Heartfelt thanks are extended to Ruth Ann for her many years of dedicated service to this important ministry of the Mellinger District. Also as of July 1, Velma Magill began a 3-year term as Member-at-Large for Witmer Heights/First Deaf and Esther Mast began her third 3-year term as secretary of the Board. Your prayers and volunteer support to this ministry is appreciated.

~**The Parent & Preschool Center has a shortage of volunteers** for the Tuesday morning Connections program. Please consider this opportunity to serve the mothers of our community. Contact Chris Stahl at the Center either via email, preschool@mellingerchurch.org or by phone, 717-397-5717.

~**The summer Sunday school project is for Zimbabwe Food Relief Action**, helping villagers of Matobo District, Matabeleland, Zimbabwe. For information regarding this project go to the website: <http://www.zfra.org>. Click on “Why is this work needed?” (Very interesting information.) Or take time to read information on the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium. **The offerings received thus far total \$175.17.** If you wish to contribute to this project, mark your check memo line or offering envelope with “S.S. Project.”

News from other sources/agencies

~Below are a few of many events being promoted by Lancaster Conference.

To see the calendar and read about other events, refer to this link:

www.lancasterconference.org/events/calendar.php. Hover over any date for more description of the event. Click to see if there are costs and/or how to register.

Mennonite Women

Sister Care: Equipping Women for Caring Ministry a ministry of Mennonite Women USA

November 1-2, 2013 (Friday 7-9pm; Saturday 9am-4:30pm)

Mellinger Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Cost: \$35/person or \$30/person for a group of 10 or more

Presenters: Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener

Brochure: <http://www.lancasterconference.org/p/SisterCare.pdf>

Choice Books

Local Christian book distributor **Choice Books of Pennsylvania** is having a **70% OFF** clearance sale **Saturday, August 17, 8am - noon**. Located at 121 S. Main St, Manheim, PA. Parking at rear of building. Thousands of books and several hundred titles offered, providing enjoyment for all ages. This is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on your fall reading at great bargain prices. Cash and checks only. For more information or questions, call 717-665-3933 or go to www.choicebooks.org

End-of-Life Planning Seminar

Everence and Akron Mennonite's End-of-Life Planning Team are collaborating to host a pilot introduction for others interested in learning more about the model that Akron Mennonite Church has put in place. Specifically designed for individuals from congregations that are serious about making this a part of the overall ministry to their members. It will be a two-day, intensive, introductory workshop held on **October 11 & 12**. At least two, but no more than four, people from each congregation should attend. **Register by September 6**. For more information contact Beryl Jantzi at beryl.jantzi@everence.com or call 800-442-7930.

Events promoted by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:

- **Music in the Orchard: Vinegar Creek Constituency and Secondhand Suits, Saturday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m.**—Bring a picnic supper and listen to local and regional bands at the 1719 Hans Herr House in the second of five concerts in this summer music series. Tickets are \$5, children under 12 free. For information: www.hansherr.org.
- **The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is looking** for volunteers to help out with a variety of jobs at their annual Bookworm Frolic **book sale from August 14-17**. Contact Helena Neufeld at www.hneufeld@lmhs.org for more information.
- **The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is looking** for a volunteer to assist in appraising and listing used books online. Must be available at least one day a week and should be comfortable using a computer and scanner. For more information, contact Dorothy Siegrist at www.dsiegrist@lmhs.org.
- **Pennsylvania German Dialect Classes** are now open for registration. Beginner classes run Tuesdays, September 17 through November 19, and Intermediate classes Thursdays, September 19 through November 21. Both classes run 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For more information, visit www.lmhs.org/Home/Classes or call 717-393-9745.
- **A different conflict: The Civil War meets religious peacemakers in Lancaster County**—Register for the **Saturday, October 12 field trip** and explore the impact of the civil war on religious communities practicing the way of peace in Lancaster County. Call 717-393-9745.

For more information on these events, contact LMHS at: (717) 393-9745 or by email to Dorothy Siegrist at manager@lmhs.org.

This is the MDS Update for August 8, 2013

URGENT NEEDS

Colorado: Day volunteers are needed near Colorado Springs, CO, to assist with clean up efforts after the Black Forest wildfire. The work will include sifting ashes at home sites and carrying debris to the roadside. Limited overnight accommodations are available for out-of-town volunteers. All volunteers need to schedule in advance. Overnight volunteers are responsible for their own linens and food (kitchen access is available.) E-mail Raymond Beggs, r2beg@aol.com or call the Binational office, (717) 735-3536, for more information.

Far Rockaway, NY: A caretaker is needed for the Far Rockaway project while it is closed from Aug. 24 – Oct. 5.

Skilled crew leaders are needed immediately in Staten Island, NY.

Minot, ND: Short-term group needed Aug. 18 - 24. Finish carpenters in great need, but all skill levels accepted.

Staten Island, NY: Cooks are needed Aug. 26 - Sep. 7; short-term groups needed in September.

CURRENT NEEDS

Staten Island, NY: Project Director needed from Sept. 23 - Dec. 14.

Fall Projects

Fall projects will be open in Bastrop, TX, Crisfield, MD, Far Rockaway, NY, Staten Island, NY, and Minot, ND.

Project Directors, office managers, cooks and crew leaders are needed beginning in October.

Short-term groups are needed this fall at all locations.

RV Projects

RV Projects will be open in Braithwaite, LA, and Hattiesburg, MS, from Oct. 13 - Dec. 13. Volunteers are needed at both locations.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed and live in the US, please call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net. Volunteers in Canada please call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

SUNDRIE, AB - Family Project

Cabin building project

It was exciting as three families arrived Sunday night; all from LaCrete, AB. After orientation, a tour of the area and the work site, and a snack, it was time to settle down and rest for the week of hard work and fun ahead.

Monday morning, after singing, devotions and going over our work assignments, we walked to work. By the end of the day we had insulated two floors and placed the plywood. The interior framing was complete on Cabin 1. Lots of good food, warm RV's and snack breaks kept us going in spite of the rain and cool temperatures that interrupted the work mid-day.

[BUSBY, MT - Youth Project](#)

Disaster: 2012 Wildfire

The task of repairing fences means replacing burned posts, replacing some wire, putting in new corner posts and cutting down burned trees that were close to the fence lines. Our youth volunteers are working hard!

Click here to view photos of the [Montana Youth Project](#) on Facebook.

[CRISFIELD, MARYLAND](#)

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

We had a very productive week. Mr. Charlie's house received handrails and the utilities are hooked up. Mrs. Ruth's house had a ramp and steps finished. Ms. Deborah's house had the leaky roof fixed and Mr. James' house received trim, molding and a set of new doors.

[FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK - Youth Project](#)

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Our volunteers last week came from Manitoba, Ontario, and Indiana. At Ms. Marcia's house ceiling joists were repaired, a door was framed in, the last of the drywall was hung, and mudding was started.

After doors were painted and hung, the bathroom vanity and trim installed, and the stairs stained, Mr. Scott's house is basically finished, and the homeowners are happy with the way it turned out. Ms. Esmine, whose home is finished, visited us for dinner on Tuesday evening, at which time she was presented with "The Hammer Rings Hope" and a crocheted blue afghan.

[HADASHVILLE, MANITOBA - Youth Project](#)

Cabin building project

It was a joy to see the progress on the two cabins that are being built for Living Bible Explorers and the inner city youth who use them. As soon as we finished our work, the campers moved in!

[MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA](#)

Disaster: 2011 Floods

Minot has been busy with finishing up several homes. Ms. Carol's home will be dedicated on Friday, Aug. 9. Ms. Carolyn's home will be ready for dedication the following week. We've been installing cabinets, making roof repairs, finishing plumbing and electrical needs. We are excited to see so many of our flooded families that much closer to being back in their homes. Our volunteers have been so faithful to see the goal of returning our families to their homes and have worked very hard this week.

[STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK](#)

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

This week our team consisted of 17 volunteers from Ontario, one from New York, one from Pennsylvania, and two from Manitoba.

In one home drywall was hung and mudding and taping took place, and another home had subfloor applied, back framing done, insulation installed, drywall hung, taping and mudding started. Our volunteers also installed crown molding and trim, fans and lights, doors and bi-folds were hung in several other homes.

On Wednesday night we were blessed to have the son of one of our homeowners join us for our evening meal and tell us the story of his experience during the storm.

It was a great week of work and enjoyment of each other as together we served in the name of Christ.

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Can.: 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6

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Call our office to learn more details.