

# Mennon Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Inserts for August 25, 2013

## Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 24 – Worship – 9:30 am Sunday school – 10:45 am

Sept. 27-29 - Church retreat at Penn Valley

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

**Message**                    Sunday, August 25  
Michael Howes  
**Greeters**                 John & Kathryn Landis

Sunday, September 1  
Stories of God's Love  
John & Mim Buckwalter

~**Pastor Michael will be on vacation** from Monday the 26th through Saturday the 31st. For pastoral care needs, please contact Chris Kennel. For other church needs please contact Neil Reinford.

~**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 will be:

Sept. 1 – Rose Kennel and Ruth Ann Reinford

~**Church Retreat Registration Forms were put in your mailboxes Aug. 11.** A revised version was sent via email this past week. If you did not receive the revised version, see Gladys Landis. Registration forms and payment (checks to FDMC) are due back to Gladys by Sunday, September 8.

~**New in the library:** A 5 minute CD, "Nancy's Garden", telling about Nancy Marshall's work in Belize. You may sign this out the same way you do a library book.

~**The summer worship time switch with First Deaf** ends this coming Sunday, Aug. 25. On Sunday September 1 Witmer Heights will resume the regular times: Sunday school at 9:30 and Worship at 10:45. First Deaf will have Worship at 9:30 and Sunday school at 10:40.

~**August 25 will be the last Sunday to give to 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 \$529.17.** If you wish to contribute to this project, mark your check memo line or offering envelope with “S.S. Project” and put it in the offering basket this Sunday.

## 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](http://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>

## 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](mailto:beryl.jantzi@everence.com) or call 800-442-7930.

## Syrian Refugee Crises

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) received a special request for winter clothing and shoes for the country of Lebanon, as they receive Syrian refugees. **This is a one-time, special request for August and September 2013 only**, to be shipped by late September/early October. The items can be for children, women, and men. Items should be in *good condition* (clean, not too worn, no holes) and should have no religious or patriotic messages. Coats; sweaters; long sleeve shirts/blouses; long pants; backpacks; shoes, especially men's shoes (no slippers); very long skirts (ankle length only) for women. Call Ephrata Material Resources Center 717-733-2847 with questions.

**~LANCASTER MLK FILM OPPORTUNITY:** You are invited to join the community for a special one-night screening of the landmark documentary, *KING: A FILMED RECORD*, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s iconic "I Have a Dream" speech. One of the hallmarks of cinema verité filmmaking, *KING: A FILMED RECORD* presents a full picture of Martin Luther King, Jr. in his own words and unbiased by commentary. **Showing: Wed, Aug 28 at 7 pm at Manor Stadium 16 Theater on 1246 Millersville Pike, Lancaster IF there are 100 tickets reserved before the deadline, which is Monday, August 26. Cost is: \$11.** [Click here](#) for more information & to reserve your ticket. Invite your friends!

## Events promoted by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:

- **Early churches in Lancaster County**—This six part lecture series concludes with Michael Sigman speaking on “**Evangelical from the beginning: The story of the Evangelical Congregational Church**” on **Monday, August 26**, at 7:00 p.m., held at Garden Spot Village Chapel. For more information see [www.lmhs.org](http://www.lmhs.org).
- **Pennsylvania German Dialect Classes** are now open for registration. Beginner classes run September 17 through November 19, and Intermediate classes September 19 through November 21. Both lessons run 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visit [lmhs.org/Home/Classes](http://lmhs.org/Home/Classes) or call 393-9745 for more information.
- **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](mailto:manager@lmhs.org).



**Mennonite  
Disaster  
Service**

**RESPONDING  
REBUILDING  
RESTORING**

This is the MDS Update for August 22, 2013

### **URGENT NEEDS**

#### **Staten Island, NY:**

Skilled crew leaders are needed immediately.  
Cooks are needed Sept. 2 – Sept. 7.  
Short-term groups are needed in September.

### **CURRENT NEEDS**

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

#### **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 projects.

For information about week-long volunteer opportunities call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail [cruntz@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:cruntz@mds.mennonite.net).

For long-term volunteer opportunities (one month or longer):  
in the US call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail [syoder@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:syoder@mds.mennonite.net)  
in Canada call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail [epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net) .

### **BUSBY, MT – Youth Project**

#### **Disaster: 2012 Wildfire**

Our group for the last week of our fencing project consisted of 15 youth and 5 adult sponsors from the New Bothwell Sommerfeld Church in New Bothwell, MB. They not only worked hard but also enjoyed learning about the Cheyenne culture and, as their leader Ken Heibert reported, “We built many closer relationships and more fantastic friends.”

### **CRISFIELD, MARYLAND**

#### **Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy**

Along with other jobs this week we worked on Ms. Ruth's insulation and drywall. She joined us for dinner on Tuesday evening and shared her story with us, thanking us many times and closing by singing for us. We followed that by a time of worship on the beach as the sun set. Friday afternoon the camp and vehicles were cleaned up. Most of the group headed for home with the satisfaction that they had helped get these homes nearer to completion and that they had served the Lord and had fun doing it. A few of the group were determined to finish the drywall in Ms. Ruth's house and returned there to work for a few hours.

### **FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK**

#### **Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy**

We had 12 volunteers from Winnipeg, MB, working at the project this week. At Miss Stella's house the garage door was removed and replaced to include an egress door, drywall was hung in the boiler room, an exhaust fan was installed in bathroom and a new door was installed in the boiler room. New doors were hung in the utility room at Miss Joan's home, exterior doors were painted, tile was grouted in the bathroom and some doors were adjusted. Miss Joan came to dinner on Wednesday evening and shared her story with us. At Miss Marcia's the drywalling, from hanging to final sanding, was accomplished in spite of some challenging situations.

## **MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA**

### **Disaster: 2011 Floods**

We were blessed to have five volunteers from PA staying for a second week, so they knew the projects well and could jump right in on Monday morning. John, who is a plumber/electrician, was sent from one site to another to do any of the jobs that required his expertise. Amos, who is a contractor, was also sent to various locations every day. Frank and Todd took on the work at Ms. Gabrielle's house, which they completed and so we are ready to dedicate that house next week. Gerry and Rich were assigned Ms. Olivia's project which they completed by the end of the week, much to Ms. Olivia's delight. Walter and Jay continued working on Ms. Carol's deck along with the help of various others. On Wednesday night we invited Ms. Carolyn and her daughter to join us for supper, after which they shared their story of struggles and regained hope and faith. You could sense their joy in the Lord as they spoke. What a time of blessing we enjoyed as we then dedicated their house the following day!

## **STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK**

### **Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy**

This week our most interesting job was repairing a house with a floor that sloped 10 inches from the front door to the back door! Our volunteers were up for the challenge. We dropped the floor two inches from the front door to the back of the living room. We were then going to slope the hallway three inches to the kitchen (exactly like it was before) but our client preferred a step. The kitchen and dining room are level and then we raised the back door two inches. By Friday afternoon, we had jacked walls, torn out flooring and floor joists, installed new floor joists, insulated and put down the new sub-floor and we gained our 10 inches. All this was done with the client living upstairs!

## **SUNDRIE, AB - Family Project**

### **Cabin building project**

Volunteers Angela and Rose spent hours at the saw cutting short pieces of wood for bunk bed parts while three-year-old Trudy and four-year-old Wyatt placed many of those pieces into neat stacks to be used by the assembly crew. It was amazing to see how efficient the assembly crew was at putting the wood into jigs and screwing them together. Throughout the project the staff of Camp Evergreen was very accommodating and often expressed appreciation for the work that was being accomplished by the MDS group.

Click here to see photos from the [Alberta Family Project on Facebook](#).

### **Contributions may be sent to:**

USA: 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543 or

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

[Donate Online](#)

Tel: USA (800) 241-8111 Can. (866) 261-1274

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