

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Inserts for August 4, 2013

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 4 - Worship – 9:30 am Sunday School – 10:45 am

Aug. 20 – Board of Directors – 6:30 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 4</u>	<u>Sunday, August 11</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Michael Howes
Greeters	John J. Landis and Becky Rutt	Wes Newswanger & Becky Nolt

~**Joshua Reinford fell** on the steps at his house on Monday, July 29, and broke the radius and the ulna of his left arm. Neil and Donna are thankful for the medical care he received and ask for prayers for God's hand of healing to complete the work.

Dear Congregation...

~On August 4, immediately following the 9:30 worship hour, we will have a time of affirmation for the incoming leadership. If you are unable to attend please contact me by phone or email with your affirmation or inability to affirm the leadership. Only forms or email received prior to the meeting will be counted.

~If you have not yet completed the Interest/Volunteer Form that was included in a previous email, contact me to get a hard copy.

~We need volunteers to help prepare and deliver meals to ensure food security to some area children.

The dates are August 5, 7, 8. Contact me if you can help.

~**Neil Reinford, Cong. Chair**

~**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 are:

Sept. 1 – Rose Kennel and Ruth Ann Reinford

~**The summer worship time switch with First Deaf** continues through the end of August. The remaining date when we will have fellowship after our 9:30 morning worship service is August 18. Other dates in August we will have Sunday school at the church from 10:45-11:45.

~**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 \$172.92.** 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

~**The Alumni Association of Lancaster Mennonite School is hosting** a Business Networking Gathering **September 11** at Steeple View Lofts and the Friendship Community Art Gallery in downtown Lancaster. Both of these organizations are Christ-centered ministries dedicated to impacting their communities and beyond. You are invited to learn about these organizations and the restoration of this historic downtown factory building, and to take a tour of the lofts and art gallery. This event is open to anyone. A free breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information contact Tina Campbell at (717) 299-0436, ext. 709 or campbelltk@lancastermennonite.org.

~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:

- **Early churches in Lancaster County:** The story of the United Zion Church—A six part lecture series on the early churches in Lancaster County kicks off **Monday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m.** Held at Garden Spot Village Chapel. **The series continues every Monday until August 26, except for August 5.** For more information, see www.lmhs.org.
- **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.
- **Music in the Orchard: Cormorant's Fancy and Widad, Saturday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m.**—Bring a picnic supper and listen to local and regional bands at the 1719 Hans Herr House in the final concert of the summer. 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 July 25, 2013

URGENT NEEDS

Montana: A group, youth or adult, (20 max.) is needed to serve the week of July 28 in Busby, MT, rebuilding fences.

A cook is also needed for this project Aug. 4 - 17.

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.

Skilled crew leaders are needed immediately in Staten Island and Far Rockaway.

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; assistant cook needed Jul. 29 - Aug. 10; short-term groups needed in September.

CURRENT NEEDS

Cooks are needed for August and September in a variety of 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

MDS is seeking a part-time **Staff Accountant** (25 – 30 hrs). Primary responsibilities include: month end closing and preparation of monthly financial statements, reconciliations, general

month end closing and preparation of monthly financial statements, reconciliations, general ledger, fixed assets and assistance with preparation and analysis of budgets, working in an Excel and Quickbooks environment. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position. Resumes may be sent to jobs(at)mds.mennonite.net or MDS, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543, Attn: Human Resources. Review of applications begins immediately. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

For the full job description, see the MDS website, mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment .

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Volunteers from Manitoba worked with us last week. They worked on finishing the roofs on Mr. Charlie and Mrs. Ruth's houses. The siding on Mr. Charlie's house was finished and the siding on Mrs. Ruth's house was started. Volunteers built and painted benches for the ladies showers.

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK - Youth Project

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

This week we welcomed volunteers from Gehman Mennonite Church in Penna., as well as Pastors Nan and Kevin from Friendship Mennonite Church in Ohio. At Ms. Stella's house, the volunteers removed the old carpet, staples and tack strips from the floors, which were then cleaned. They also framed in a door, painted and hung other doors, painted trim and a bathroom, and mudded the drywall.

Drywall was hung, mudded and sanded at Ms. Myriam's home. Additionally doors were painted and hung, the stairs were repaired, some touchup painting was done. On Tuesday evening, we were joined by Ms. Eulissa and her daughter, for whom we held a home dedication.

HADASHVILLE, MANITOBA - Youth Project

Cabin rebuilding project

A lively group of 20 of youth and adults from southern Manitoba arrived on Sunday evening with enough energy to play volleyball. Cabin 1 was wrapped in house wrap. The 10 windows were hand delivered from the storage shed and were installed. The logs supporting the two entrance dormer roofs were notched, set in place and then bolted together. Extensive work was also done on Cabin 2.

See current photos of the [Hadashville project on Facebook](#).

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

Disaster: 2011 Floods

Mr. Gerald and Mrs. Marilyn joined us for supper and shared their story with our group. They were presented with a special quilt made by Mrs. Hoover from Bethel, PA. The Hoover family was in Minot in Feb. and met Mr. Gerald and Mrs. Marilyn during that visit. Mrs. Hoover was inspired to make a special quilt for the family.

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Some of our volunteers were experienced roofers, so despite the heat, we were able to strip and re-roof a home. Other volunteers worked on drywalling in two homes and painting in another two homes. We also started a subfloor in another home. It was unfortunate that we had to leave a ceramic tile job started the week before, but are glad that these homeowners are patient with us, understanding that we can only proceed on jobs as we have the talents for it. We could really use some finish carpenters again to finish a few jobs.

Contributions may be sent to:

USA: 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543 or
Can.: 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6

[Donate online](#)

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Remember the variety of ways you can give to MDS – volunteer your time, give money through cash donations, planned gifts, bequests and traded securities.

Call our office to learn more details.