

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Inserts for September 1, 2013

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 15 - Items for Syrian crises due at church (see details below)
Sept. 27-29 - Church retreat at Penn Valley – Registration forms due September 8.
October 21 – Volunteer at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

	<u>Sunday, September 1</u>	<u>Sunday, September 8</u>
Message	Stories of God's Love	Michael Howes
Greeters	John & Mim Buckwalter	Chris and Rose Kennel

NOTICE: The switch in worship/Sunday school times for the summer ended last Sunday. 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.

~**Sympathy and care are extended** to Rance & Marilyn Darity in the unexpected death of their son, Jason, on Friday, August 23. The funeral will be held Saturday, August 31, 2:00 pm at Gap Community Church. Memorial contributions toward his 5 year old daughter's education fund may be sent to: Eden Lynn Darity Education Trust, c/o Rance & Marilyn Darity, 244 Harristown Road, Kinzers, PA 17535

~**Revised Church Retreat Registration Forms were put in your mailboxes.** 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. Also, please consider being a regular contributor to her support through Virginia Mennonite Missions. <http://vmmissions.org/learn/workers-by-program>.

~**The summer Sunday school quarter's offerings** for Zimbabwe Food Relief Action ended August 25. Thanks to all who gave to help villagers of Matobo District, Matabeleland, Zimbabwe have food. **The offerings totaled \$737.27.**

~**The fall Sunday school quarter's offerings** begin September 1 and will benefit North Star Initiative. North Star Initiative is currently focusing on the development of a restoration home specifically addressing the needs of domestic trafficking survivors, and is dually involved in community awareness, event fundraising, trafficking education, and is a founding member of the Lancaster Anti-Trafficking Network (LATN). To contribute to this project during Sept. Oct. Nov., mark your check or envelop "S.S. Project".

~**The Parent and Preschool Center welcomes you** to an Open House and Dedication of the new playground adjacent to Mellinger Mennonite Church at 4:00 pm September 8.

~**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.

You may bring items (listed above) to church and place them in the box located behind the sanctuary. Please have items at church by Sunday September 15th. Items will be taken to the MCC Material Resource Center on Wed. morning September 18th. (If you have questions about the delivery time, contact John & Kathryn Landis - 661-7247)

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>

From Milt Stoltzfus at Friendship Community

The Lancaster Christian Council on Disability (of which Friendship Community is a member) and Joni & Friends Eastern PA are hosting a Disability Ministry Summit on **Saturday October 19, 2013** at Calvary Church in Lancaster. **The summit is designed to educate and train local churches for disability ministries.** See Poster and insert in mailbox.

Here is the link for registration.

<http://www.joniandfriends.org/church-relations/northeast-ttr-summit/>

Please note that there is a cost to attend this event – there is a discount for early registration.

We encourage churches to send groups of 4 or more, which will also reduce the cost per person.

Lunch is included in the registration fee.

This is the 3rd conference/summit that the LCCD and Joni & Friends have hosted together. Over 400 people from 7 different states attended our last conference in 2009.

Bulletin items from Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:

- **Annual Storytelling Night**—Carolyn Wenger, former director of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, and Bishop David Sauder, of the Old Order River Brethren, will share stories from their life at 7 p.m. Monday September 23, at Landisville Mennonite Church (3320 Bowman Rd, Landisville, PA).
- **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.
- **Historic driving tour**—Explore historic Lampeter. The driving tour will take place Saturday, September 14, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., showcasing locations of interest in Lampeter. To get tickets and for more information, visit www.hansherr.org or call the 1719 Hans Herr House and Museum at (717) 464-4438.
- **Pennsylvania German dialect classes** are now open for registration. Beginner classes run on Tuesdays from September 17 through November 19, and Intermediate classes on Thursdays from September 19 through November 21. Both lessons run 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Visit lmhs.org/Home/Classes or call 393-9745 for more information.

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



**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.

For long-term volunteer opportunities (one month or longer):

in the US call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net

in Canada call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail 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

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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

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

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Call our office to learn more details.

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