

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Inserts for October 27, 2013

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Nov. 6 - Family Night – Plants and Animals for our Enjoyment – art fun with Velma Magill

Nov. 13 – Worship Team meeting – 7:00 pm

Nov. 19 – Board of Directors meeting – 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 27
Message Michael Howes
Greeters Chris and Rose Kennel

Sunday, November 3
Michael Howes
John H. and Kathryn Landis

~Encouragement Link Assignments – Week of October 27- November 2

Laura Hoffer- Jan/Dean Mast ~ Sarah Hoffer - Gladys/John Landis ~ Olivia Mast - Rose/Chris Kennel

~Church Directory change - John & Gladys Landis' email address changed to gladjohnlandis@gmail.com

~The fall Sunday school quarter's offerings began 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”.

~Are you a person who enjoys being part of a team that plans worship services? If this is something you have interest in and would like to try, the Worship Team invites you to contact Lorrie Stoltzfus at ssls73@hotmail.com to become part of the Advent Planning Team. This is a short-term commitment consisting of one or two meetings toward the end of October/beginning of November and some follow up to ensure plans are carried out throughout the Advent season. We ask you to prayerfully consider this excellent opportunity to become involved in our worship services.

~The Parent and Preschool Center's annual Sub and Car Wash Tokens Fundraiser has been launched. Forms are on the table at the back of the auditorium for you to place orders. See either Velma Magill or Esther Mast if you have questions or want to give payment at the time of ordering. Subs **will be delivered on Thurs. November. 14.** Car wash tokens make wonderful stocking stuffer Christmas gifts and you don't have to go shopping to find them... just place your order and they will be delivered to you.

~CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages and meets on Tuesday mornings in the fellowship hall at Mellinger Mennonite Church. On Tuesday, October 29, Lydia Nimon will speak on the topic “Mommy Mandate: Raising Disciples of Jesus” This could have been entitled “The Purpose Driven Mom”, because no one “accidentally” raises godly children! Lydia's desire is to encourage moms in knowing what to do, why they do it, and to believe that they can fulfill the call of God on their lives to raise their children to know God and make Him known!

News from other sources/agencies

~Friday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. when *The Hospitality of the Two-Handed Tea*, Eastern Mennonite Missions' annual mission vision banquet will take place on at the Lancaster County Convention Center. Enjoy dinner, a tea ceremony, and stories with special guests David and Grace Shenk and friends. Visit emm.org/events or contact Jessica Mueller at 717-898-2251 for more information.

~October 31, November 1 and 2, when Lancaster Mennonite High School will present Jon Jory's recent stage adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Weaver Auditorium of the Calvin and Janet High Fine Arts Center on the Lancaster Campus. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7 for senior citizens and \$8 for adults, and may be reserved by calling the box office at 299-0436, ext. 340 or online at: boxoffice@lancastermennonite.org Discounts are available for groups of ten or more.

~You are invited to attend the “Invest in the Vision” dessert reception on **Thurs., November 7, from 7-8 pm** at the Lancaster Conference Office. (More information in your mailbox flyer.) RSVP is helpful but not required by Nov. 4. Phone 717-293-5246 ext. 100 or llivengood@lanasterconference.org.

There are many other events to consider by going to www.lanasterconference.org



LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL

Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATES!



Schedule of Events

Friday, November 15

- **Hess's Famous Pork and Chicken Barbecue**
 - Take-out available from 2:30-8 p.m.
 - Dine-in from 4-8 p.m.
- **Bridges to the Future Campaign Kickoff, 6 p.m.**
- **Music Through the Ages Concert, 7 p.m.**

Saturday, November 16

- **FFA Country Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.**
- **3v3 Basketball Tournament, 8:30 a.m.**
- **Keeping the Tempo musical performances 9 a.m.**
- **Iron Bridge 5K Run/Walk, 9:30 a.m.** [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event.
- **Benefit Dinner and Auction, 5 p.m.** [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event by email.

Watch the LMS website for auction items and more details.

For questions regarding November events, or if your business would like to sponsor the weekend, contact Tina Campbell at campbelltk@lanastermennonite.org or (717) 509-4459, ext. 709.

Tina Campbell Events Liaison

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**Fabric Wrapping
Shadow Art
Light Show**

Don't miss it!
November 15, 6 p.m.
Witness the transformation of our iconic iron bridge.

Transformation by
Emmett Murphy, class of 1962
Ryan Rohrer, class of 1995
LMS Students

Bridges to the Future: A Campaign for LMS Students

Go to <http://www.lancastermennonite.org/support/fallfestival/ironbridgeshadows.php> for more details about this unique art and light show. It will inspire you to want to be there!

~Registration is now open for the Iron Bridge 5K Run/Walk on the beautiful Lancaster Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School **Saturday, Nov. 16, starting at 9:30 a.m.** The early registration deadline is November 6. Go to www.ironbridgerun.org for more information and registration.

~You are invited to attend Lancaster Mennonite School's annual Benefit Dinner and Auction on the Lancaster Campus **Saturday, Nov. 16, starting at 5 p.m.** Advance reservations are required by Nov. 6. For more information and to register, please go to www.lancastermennonite.org/auction

~A **Sister Care seminar**, led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener, is coming on **November 1-2 to Mellinger Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA** – For more information, contact Kathy Weaver Wenger (717) 392-5923, mkwenger@comcast.net. **You can register by email, phone, or regular mail.** Seminars run 7-9 p.m. Friday evening and 9-4:30 Saturday. (Please note that Lancaster participants are asked to find their own lodging for Friday night.)

Sister Care seminars provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and for responding more confidently and effectively to the needs of others. Topics include: "Claiming my identity as God's Beloved," "Caring for Self and Others," "Compassionate Listening," and "Transforming Loss and Grief." Since the seminar was last held in the Harrisburg area much new material has been added!



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

**RESPONDING
REBUILDING
RESTORING**

This is the MDS Update for October 24, 2013

URGENT NEEDS

Minot, ND: Skilled crew leaders needed Oct. 28 - Nov. 30

Crisfield, MD: Office manager needed Oct. 28 - Nov. 30, crew leader needed Oct. 28 - Nov. 30

One or more foundation crews needed in **Bastrop, TX**, either the first or second week of November. Call the Lititz office, (717) 735-3536, for more information.

COOKS NEEDED

Crisfield, MD: Head cook needed Nov. 18 - 29; assistant cook needed Nov. 18 - 22

Minot, ND: Assistant cook needed Nov. 11 - 29

Staten Island, NY: Assistant cook needed Nov. 25 – Dec. 14

CURRENT NEEDS

Fall Projects

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

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. An RV Project will be open in Bastrop, TX, from Nov. 11 - Dec. 5. A few spots are open in Braithwaite and Bastrop.

We are currently scheduling short-term groups for fall and winter projects. Please consider serving in Duluth, MN, and High River, AB, as the needs are great but few volunteers are rallying to serve in these adventurous locations. Duluth is near scenic Lake Superior and High River is close to the Rocky Mountains and Banff National Park.

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.

CCP and Early Response Team Training in Bluffton

A training session for Congregational Contact Persons (CCP) and Early Response Teams is scheduled in Bluffton, OH, for Nov. 9, 2013. Hosted by the Western Ohio Unit and First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, CCPs, pastors, mission committee members and interested individuals are invited to attend. Registration is required. Check the MDS website for more information or call (717) 735-3536.

BRAITHWAITE, LOUISIANA

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Isaac

God has provided us with a talented work crew and we look forward to working together. Our first job is putting new shingles on nine homes. These homes were not flooded during Hurricane Isaac, but the wind removed a lot of shingles. The homes have been covered with blue tarps ever since and the owners are anxious to have the roofs fixed. Some of these homes also have inside damage which we need to repair, but not before the roofs have been replaced.

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

At Mr. James' house we installed countertops, a range hood, window trim and baseboards, and gave it a final cleaning. Two roofers repaired and replaced some broken shingles. At Mrs. Phyllis' house, crews replaced three windows, two storm doors, a screen door, and worked on the French doors and trim. Our new build is well underway with a crew installing front and rear porches, siding, and front and back doors.

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Our small crew worked on three houses this week. Despite our small numbers, good progress was made.

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Disaster: 2013 Tornado

Our first work week here in Hattiesburg, MS, has gone by already and everything is going well so far. We are nearly done renovating a house that was hit by the tornado in February. We have cut out the old drywall and put in new, and taped and painted it. We have put in a new window in the bedroom and made the handicap ramp much more solid and useable for her as the homeowner has a handicapped daughter to push around in a wheelchair.

Click here to view photos of the [Hattiesburg project on Facebook](#).

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

Disaster: 2011 Floods

This week we worked on Ms. Jamie's house, installing insulation, drywall on the ceiling and walls and siding. We also began a new project for Ms. Clara and Mr. Jeff. Walls were framed in their basement. The electrician will work there next week

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

Disaster: 2013 Tornados

On Saturday, seven ambitious students from the Hesston College Disaster Management Program and Russ Gaeddert, their professor, built a wheel chair ramp for Ms. Beito. The students came in Friday evening and experienced a condensed version of orientation, a night at an MDS project, and a typical morning routine including breakfast. After a day's work, they were able to see some of the devastation remaining in Moore. After supper they headed north back to the college campus. It was a pleasure spending time with these youth and realizing the promise for the future.

Click here to view photos from the [Shawnee project on Facebook](#).

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

The painting in Miss Rosemarie's house is expected to be finished this week. Four volunteers from PA and one from Alberta have been working on the project. The laminate flooring is also being installed. The tile is laid in the kitchen, bath, and laundry room of Miss Mary's house. The cabinets, countertop and sink are also being installed.

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USA: 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543 or

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

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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.