

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Inserts for December 8, 2013

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 10 – Pastoral Congregation Accountability Team meeting – 7:00 pm

Dec. 11 – Worship Team meeting. – 7:00 pm

Dec. 11 – MYF356 – Christmas caroling in the community – 7-9 pm

Dec. 18 – Family Night Christmas caroling at Conestoga View followed by refreshments– 6:45 pm

	<u>Sunday, December 8</u>	<u>Sunday, December 15</u>
Message	Christmas Breakfast & Program	Michael Howes
Greeters	Mim Buckwalter and Wes Newswanger	Rose and Chris Kennel

~During the Advent season, there will be no open mic sharing time during the worship service.

Mim Eberly will be serving as the scribe for sharing time throughout Advent. Sharing will be done in Sunday school. If you have an item you wish to share with the congregation but will not be in the adult Sunday school class, please see that Mim gets it. Mim will then be giving the information to the worship leader to be incorporated in the pastoral prayer and will be sending them via email to the total congregation so everyone can be joining in prayer for the concerns and in rejoicing for the praise items.

~The Christmas breakfast and program is this Sunday, December 8. Witmer Heights is in charge of organizing the 8:30 breakfast and First Deaf will give the 10:00 program. If you missed signing up to bring food, contact Gladys Landis. **Invite your friends and neighbors.**

~The Pastoral Search Team nominations are due to Neil Reinford by December 8. If you need a ballot, contact Neil Reinford. Continue to be in prayer for this process.

~On Sunday Dec. 8 there will be opportunity for you to give to a special separate offering for the capital fund.

~Capital has been spent down to \$7,402, and there are two capital expenditures that are necessary:

- | | | |
|---|-----------|------------------------|
| 1. Re-coat approximately 15,136 sq. ft. of the flat roof* | \$15,550. | |
| 2. Outside masonry repair | \$ 600. | Total \$16,150. |

*We are beginning to experience a roof leak and needed to repair it.

~WH Ladies, remember to RSVP by **December 8** regarding the Christmas Tea. Contact one of these:

Rose Kennel -Rose Kennel - crkennel@netzero.net or 293-0020

Jan Mast - jmast@goodbooks.com or 393-6806

Lorrie Stoltzfus - ssls73@hotmail.com or 413-3061

~Encouragement Link for week of December 1-7 (extended another week – through Dec. 14)

Laura Hoffer – Lillie/Ed Martin Sarah Hoffer – Phyllis/Jim Oswald Olivia Mast – Eileen Ranck

~CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages and meets on Tuesday mornings in the fellowship hall at Mellinger Mennonite Church. The next program will be **Tuesday, December 10**, when the music group, *Gloria Deo* will present a *Christmas Celebration of Music*, which will feature a variety of holiday music to inspire you to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. **Note: This program will be given in the auditorium of Mellinger Mennonite Church. Come and bring your friends!**

~The Franconia-Lancaster Choral Singers Christmas concert will take place at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday (December 8) at Lititz Church of the Brethren. The program will include a cantata, a John Rutter piece and a variety of Christmas carols with opportunities given for the congregation to sing along. See Steve Stoltzfus for tickets.

~**The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster** will perform a series of Christmas concerts in December.
Saturday, **December 7**, 7:00 p.m., at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, Gordonville
Sunday, **December 8**, 4:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, Lancaster
Tuesday, **December 10**, 7:00 pm. at Neffsville Mennonite Church, Neffsville
Tickets are not required, but a freewill offering will be received.

~**The Lancaster Mennonite High School Christmas Concert** will be held **Sat. December 14 at 4 p.m.** on the Lancaster Campus featuring string orchestra, full orchestra, Concert Choir, Campus Chorale and Chamber Choir. A Christmas Tea fundraiser with the Campus Chorale follows at 5:30 p.m. – To attend the tea you must RSVP to campuschorale@lancastermennonite.org. The middle school concert is Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Band will have a separate concert on January 7. Admission is free and the public is invited.

~**Bulletin items from the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:**

- **Christmas Candlelight Tours**—Celebrate with the 1719 Hans Herr House and Museum with evening tours as it prepares for Christmas. **Tours run 6-8 p.m. on Friday, December 6, and 5-8:30 on Saturday 7.** A new tour begins every fifteen minutes. Prior registration necessary, and can be done online at hansherr.org or by calling (717) 464-4438.
- **Pennsylvania German Folk Art Sale**—Come browse the work of two-dozen local artists. **The sale continues through December 31**, Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30-4:30 p.m., at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society bookshop, 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

News from other sources/agencies

~**Employment Opportunity - Head Dining Hall Cook -- Lancaster Campus.** A full-time position is available at the Lancaster Campus for Head Dining Hall Cook Experience in the culinary field, being able to lead a team and work well with others, and an understanding of Anabaptist Christian faith are qualities we are seeking. Persons of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups are encouraged to apply. For more information contact Dottie Weber at (717) 299-0436 ext. 328, or weberdg@lancastermennonite.org.

~**Friendship Community Opportunities** - Do you have a heart for serving others? Do you want a rewarding career? Friendship Community is in need of part-time care providers for Adults with a Developmental Disability in Lancaster and Lebanon County group homes. Friendship Community is a Christian non-profit organization. The tasks of a care provider include assisting with hygiene, cooking, cleaning, transporting individuals using organization vehicles, administering medications and being a friend to individuals. If you are seeking an opportunity to serve others with flexible part-time employment during the upcoming holiday season and beyond, apply online at FriendshipCommunity.net. This is a great opportunity to impact the lives of others while enriching your own! For more information, call 717.656.2466.

~**Clean out your quilt closets for MCC!** Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale would like quilt-related items – the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your quilt or linen closet. For a detailed list of items, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board in the East hallway at church. These items can be dropped off at the 10,000 Villages store in Ephrata.

~**Notice to persons** hoping to go to New York to see Merle Good's new play, *The Preacher and the Shrink*— There are still seats available on buses making the trip on the following dates: **December 15 and December 21**. For details, go to www.thepreacherandtheshrink.com and click on the tab "Coming from Lancaster." All aboard!

~**Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly** comes to Harrisburg, PA, **July 21-26, 2015**. This gathering of 7,000 - 10,000 Mennonites and Brethren-in-Christ offers people in our area opportunities to host guests as well as serve in volunteer roles before or during the meetings. Begin considering how you and your family might participate. Please visit the MWC website at www.mwc-cmm.org and click on "Pennsylvania 2015" for more information and to apply now to be a host and/or volunteer. Printed paper copies of the application form are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Questions contact District representatives, Joe & Nancy Mast 717-399-3104. mastj@emu.edu

~**Don't forget**, there are many very interesting events to consider by going to the Lancaster Conference website – www.lancasterconference.org



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

**RESPONDING
REBUILDING
RESTORING**

This is the MDS Update for December 5, 2013

CURRENT NEEDS

Far Rockaway, NY: Office Manager Jan. 3 - Feb. 15

Crew leaders are needed in Far Rockaway, High River and Sayreville for January and February. Terms shorter than one month will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Cooks are needed in Bastrop, TX, Jan. 2 – 31.

Crew leader for a foundation building crew is needed in Bastrop, TX, Jan. 5 – 18.

RV Projects: There are openings in Braithwaite and Hattiesburg for January and February.

Short-term volunteers needed in High River, Alberta, beginning Jan. 13.

Short-term group needed in Duluth the week of Jan. 20.

There are a few weeks still open for short-term groups in February at various locations.

For information about weeklong 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL-UNIT MEETING

Come join us for fellowship, information and renewal at the 2014 Annual All-Unit Meeting in Bakersfield, CA, Friday and Saturday, February 7 - 8, 2014. Network and meet with MDS staff and volunteers from the US and Canada. Find information and registration at mds.mennonite.net or in the December issue of *Behind the Hammer*.

TORNADO CLEAN UP IN MIDWEST

Local MDS volunteers have been cleaning up debris in communities in Illinois and Indiana that were hit by tornados on Nov. 17. The response from local volunteers has been abundant and volunteers from outside the area are currently not needed.

In Washington, IL, where hundreds of homes were damaged and destroyed, MDS has partnered with Calvary Evangelical Church. Leonard Kennell, Region II Director, together with MDS volunteers, is working with local agencies and organizations to plan for the next steps in response.

[Click here to read the Mennonite World Review article about the Midwest tornados.](#)

BASTROP. TEXAS: 2011

BASTROP, TEXAS: 2011

Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

During this fifth week of the Bastrop project, we have three houses in the framing stage with hopes to have trusses set on one Thursday, and if the weather holds out, the trusses could get up on the other two. Our volunteers this week are all new to MDS and are from OH, PA, IN and WI with good skills and enthusiasm.

[Click here to read the Austin Chronicle article about the recovery work in Bastrop.](#)

BASTROP, TEXAS: RV PROJECT

Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

We had rainy, cold weather this week but fortunately, the house portion of Ms. Lisa's roof had been dried in on the previous Friday. This allowed our team to continue working in spite of the weather. We found lots of work to do with resizing window and door openings before the actual units could be put in place, but, by the end of the week all of those were installed and the house could now be locked up.

BRAITHWAITE, LOUISIANA

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Isaac

We are thankful for a good work crew and their good workmanship. The ramp we built for Mr. Marcus looks very good. His sisters came and gave us hugs of appreciation. They were all able to move into their new accommodations just in time for Thanksgiving because Marcus was now able to get into his place with his motorized wheel chair. The sisters are his caregivers.

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Three jobs were completed in the last week. The window was installed and trimmed at Mr. James' home, the roof was repaired and the laminate accessories installed at Mrs. Phyllis' home and our small repair task was finished at Mr. Albert's home. On the new MDS homes, underlayment was installed at Mr. Scott and Mrs. Jenny Lynn's. This home is awaiting the installation of vinyl flooring. Much was accomplished at Mrs. Susie's house. She stopped by most evenings, very excited with all that was constructed. The roof was shingled, the windows and doors placed, and much of the vinyl siding, soffit and fascia trim completed.

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Ms. Rosemary's house has received its final coat of sea-green paint, flooring has been started, and the trim and accessorizing still to come. More work was done on Ms. Stella's home, as well as drywall installation at Ms. Victoria's, and cabinets installed at Ms. Thelma's. We had a Thanksgiving feast and Ms. Rosemary came to share with us, which became a feast for our spirits to see how God sustains those who trust in Him. For those of you from previous work crews who may be reading this, you will be happy to know that Mr. Anthony and Mrs. Helen have received just the right amount of encouragement so they can restore their home all on their own.

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Disaster: 2013 Tornado

This week we repaired the bedroom and bathroom for Ms. Emma. She had that part of her home closed off since the tornado this last spring. By late Wednesday afternoon we had the floors leveled, replaced and a nice carpeting in the bedroom and vinyl in the bathroom. When she saw the results she was overjoyed to be able to use this part of her house again.

[Click here to view photos from the Hattiesburg project.](#)

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

Disaster: 2011 Floods

Ms. Jamie is pleased with the installation of her kitchen and bathroom cabinets. The laminate flooring is completely laid and the vinyl has been put on the kitchen, bath and entrance halls. Doors have been stained, the glossy polyurethane applied and all of them hung. The basement of Ms. Carolyn's house has all the drwall in and much of the taoina completed. Two rooms have

of Ms. Carolyn's house has all the drywall in and much of the taping completed. Two rooms have been painted with the primer. The basement bathroom has the tub installed. Clara and Jeff continue to work alongside of the crew at their house. Drywall and insulation was brought in and is now being installed in the house. The electrician has completed the rough-in.

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

Disaster: 2013 Tornados

The log siding was completed on Mr. Tom's mobile home and the roof job was completed on Mr. Jerry's home. We installed some drywall at Mr. Larry's home allowing him to complete the rest on his own. This was the same home where we moved a half of a double-wide trailer into place, framed the second half, roofed, installed windows and doors and sided. It is great to know that Larry and family will be in their new home soon.

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Weather turned bad this week but we did manage to use eight energetic volunteers to complete a roof job for Ms. Donna. The job began by removing four to five layers of shingles before new plywood could be installed, followed by shingles on a rainy Tuesday. The crew worked well into the night to ensure the roof would stay dry.

Follow us on Facebook: You can now receive timely MDS project updates when you "Like" us on Facebook: [Mennonite Disaster Service](#)

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

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.