

# Menno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for February 16, 2014

**2014 Church Motto:** "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zeph. 3:17

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

February 18 - Board of Directors meeting - 6:30 pm  
February 19 - Elder Team meeting - 6:00 pm  
February 19 - Family Night - 6:45 pm  
February 19 – MYF356 Bible Study Prayer & Praise Night / FH Student-led worship time  
February 28 – Planning Meeting for Lenten services -7:00 pm  
March 5 – Lenten meal (soup and pie/dessert) night – 6:00 pm

|                 | <u>Sunday, February 16</u>     | <u>Sunday, February 23</u>      |
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| <b>Message</b>  | Michael Howes                  | Michael Howes                   |
| <b>Greeters</b> | Esther Mast and Wes Newswanger | John//Mim and Nathan Buckwalter |

~**2014 Dates for Witmer Heights Fellowship meals:** Mar. 9, May 11, July 13, Sept (Retreat), Nov. 9

~**Thanks to my church family** for your prayers, cards, food, and gifts to encourage me (and my nurse, Esther) on my recent surgery journey. We feel confident in God's present healing and believe that whatever lies ahead will be under His care.  
~Ernie Mast

~**A Lenten meal will occur on Ash Wednesday, March 5** at 6:00 pm at the church. Soup will be provided. Please bring a pie or another favorite dessert to share. There will be an activity for the children following the meal. Pastor Michael will be sharing a Lenten meditation.

~**Leslie Wang** is having a piano solo concert on **Friday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m.** at the Millersville Univ. Ware Center. Everyone is invited to attend and support her musical gifts. No cost; just come and enjoy!

~**The Pastoral Search Team met with Bishop Jason** on January 29 to begin the process of hiring a Pastor for our congregation. The first step, of course, is to find persons who would be a good fit for our congregation. We are opening this up to each of you to submit name(s) of pastors who you feel would be good candidates for Witmer Heights. Please give your suggestions in writing to one of the Search Team members. They are Neil Reinford, Marvin Weaver, Jon Stoltzfus, Madeline Mast, Shelby Swartley and Eileen Ranck. In addition to the name, please include contact information, i.e. address, email, phone, and a brief description of how you know him/her or why you feel he/she would be a good fit. **Submit these recommendations by the third Sunday in March, which is March 16.**

~**NOTICE: A new procedure for finding teachers for the Adult Sunday school class** has been implemented for the Spring quarter. Instead of the Grow Team finding teachers, a paper sign up list will be circulated on Sundays, or you can go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BADAB2BA2FC1-adult> to sign up online. Volunteers from within the class can select a date or multiple dates to teach. The theme for the spring quarter is *Jesus and the Scriptures: Understanding Jesus in the light of the Old Testament*. There will be 4 teacher's guides circulating so that all teachers have adequate time for preparation. **To date, only 3 dates have been filled. If there are any dates with no teachers, those Sundays will be designated as a Fellowship Sunday. The new quarter begins in two weeks with no teachers signed up for March 2, 9, and 16.** Contact Donna Reinford if you don't feel comfortable using the online option.

~**Don't forget that Janelle Metzler continues to be** a faithful prayer warrior for our church family. If you have needs that you can't share openly or any other requests that need prayer, give them to Janelle, put in her mailbox at church, call her 717-201-8007, or mail them to her at 2922 Church Rd, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505. She will pray daily and fervently for you.

~**CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages** and meets on Tuesday mornings in the fellowship hall at Mellinger Mennonite Church. **Tues., February 18**, the topic will be **“Hiking the Jesus Trail.”** By walking the hills and valleys of the Holy Land, the scriptures take on a freshness that is spiritually moving. The *Jesus Trail* is a four-day hike from Jesus’ childhood home in Nazareth to the village of Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. This is a chance to see the land Jesus knew, not through a tour bus window, but as Jesus and his disciples experienced the land of Palestine.

**NOTE: Tuesday March 11th will be a Connections Make-up Day. Originally there wasn’t anything scheduled for that date because it was during spring break. Speaker will be Ann Gible. Her topic will be “The Power of a Thankful Heart.”**

~**Note to Witmer Heights from EMM (Eastern Mennonite Missions)** –Thank you for your extravagant financial support. Though we came short of reaching our 2013-year end appeal goal, we are so thankful for those who generously gave and continue to support God’s mission through EMM. *“As a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.” Isaiah 61:11*

~**Daughters of Zion will present a program** of song and drama on **Saturday, Feb. 22**, at 7:00 pm. The choir is composed of ladies from ages 8-15 that meet every second Saturday of the month at Witmer Heights/First Deaf Church for practice and fun. Further details are listed in poster on the bulletin board.

### **News from other sources/agencies (next page)**

~**Share the following four employment opportunities** with your friends looking for jobs....

~**The Parent and Preschool Center** is seeking a person to oversee childcare in the infant room on Tuesday mornings during Connections. Volunteers help. This is a paid staff position and is available immediately. For more information or to secure an application, call the Preschool office at 397-5717.

~**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a full time Volunteer Placement Coordinator.** Duties include, but are not limited to all short-term volunteer and long-term US volunteer placement on MDS responses. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position. See the full job description at <http://mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment>. Resumes may be sent to [jobs@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:jobs@mds.mennonite.net) or MDS, Attn: Human Resources, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543. Review of resumes begins immediately. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

~**The Choice Books ministry has a full time job opportunity** for a “New Account - Sales Person”. This person needs to be gifted in sales, self-motivated and have a heart for the ministry being done through Christian books being placed in the secular marketplace across this country. This position offers a good opportunity monetarily, as well as advancement as a key person in the organization. Interested persons should email Ray Brubaker at... [brubakerr@pa.choicebooks.org](mailto:brubakerr@pa.choicebooks.org).

~**Museum Store Manager & Special Events Coordinator**—The 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum is looking for a Museum Store Manager and Special Events Coordinator working 60% time year round. Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to [director@hansherr.org](mailto:director@hansherr.org). A detailed job description is available, by request. Applications are due by February 15, 2014.

~**Everence Lancaster is sponsoring Stewardship University - Saturday, March 1 at Lancaster Mennonite School:** Discover how you can live a God-honoring life of holistic stewardship. Learn ways that the time, talent, money, health and relationships God has given you can be used to enhance and deepen your faith! You can register online using this link. <http://www.everence.com/k2.aspx?id=17632> If you have questions, see Lisa King Kachel, our congregational representative.

### ~Four Mennonite Historical Society Events...

- **Blush and Thrill of the Chaste: What we learned from writing our nonfiction books**—Come to Mellinger Mennonite Church (1916 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster) on **Monday, February 24**, at 7 pm to hear Valerie Weaver-Zercher and Shirley H. Showalter share their experience as Mennonite women writers. This event is free and open to the public.
- **Music in Worship**—Enjoy an evening of music from various branches of the Anabaptist tradition. This unique hymn sing will be held **March 6**, 7 p.m., at Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center (352 Martindale Road, Ephrata).
- **Beginning Fraktur workshop**—Learn how to create the imagery of fraktur! On Sat., **March 15** from 9 am to 12 pm, Emily Smucker-Beidler will conduct a Beginning Fraktur workshop at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Learn about the history of this Pennsylvania German folk art and how to create your own fraktur piece. Registration cost \$70 members and \$75 nonmembers, and can be done online at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org).
- **Pennsylvania German Dialect classes**—are now open for registration. Beginner classes run on Tuesdays from **March 11 through May 13**, and Intermediate classes on Thursdays from **March 13 through May 15**. Both lessons run 7 to 9 p.m. Visit [lmhs.org/Home/Classes](http://lmhs.org/Home/Classes) or call 717-393-9745 for more information.

### ~Friendship Community 2014 events:

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| Feb. 28 – Friendship Heart Gallery Art Auction, | September 4 – Golf Classis,                           |
| April 7 – Talent Night,                         | October 24 – 42 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration |
| April 16 – Wenger Foundation Praise Dinner,     | November 15 – Harmony Concert,                        |
| May 9/10 – Fest & Auction,                      | December 5 – Christmas Drama                          |

~**The Lancaster Conference website** – [www.lancasterconference.org](http://www.lancasterconference.org) contains information on many events being offered across the church and through various agencies. It is updated regularly. Most recent update was January 27. Feel free to check there for additional information.

**Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly** is coming 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](http://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](mailto:mastj@emu.edu)

**Update...** Mennonite World Conference is still looking for 700 more guestrooms in private homes for the world assembly in Harrisburg in July 2015. Registration can be done on-line at [www.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.mwc-cmm.org) - click on the "Pennsylvania 2015" link. Registration for hosts is open through March 2014, so please consider signing up now. It is a wonderful opportunity to host our brothers and sisters from around the world.

-Joe Mast

This is the MDS Update for **February 12, 2014**

### **URGENT NEEDS**

#### **Short-term volunteers**

Sayreville, NJ - Feb. 24 - 28, group of 12-15

Duluth, MN - Feb. 17 - 21, group up to 15 and Mar. 3 - 7, group of 6 - 7

Far Rockaway, NY - Mar. 17 - 21, group up to 12

Sayreville, NJ - Mar. 17 - 21, group up to 12

#### **Long-term volunteers**

Far Rockaway, NY - Head Cook, Mar. 1 - 28

Crisfield, MD - Head and Assistant Cook, Mar. 1 - 28

Sayreville, NJ - Head and Assistant Cook, Mar. 16 - 29

Duluth, MN - Office Manager, Feb. 27 - Mar. 28

Duluth, MN, Far Rockaway, NY, Sayreville, NJ, High River, AB, and Shawnee, OK - Crew Leaders - Mar. 3 - 28

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), call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail [epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net).

### **ALL-UNIT MEETING**

Nearly 250 people attended the All-Unit meeting in Bakersfield, CA, Feb. 7-8. Stories and information were shared and friendships were renewed. The All-Unit meeting for 2015 will be held in Hartville, Ohio.

[Click here to view photos from the All-Unit meeting.](#)

Click here to view the new MDS Year in Review DVD – [Bearing Fruit and Building Hope](#)

### **BASTROP, TEXAS Disaster: 2011 Wildfires**

Our volunteers are coming from all over to help the people of Bastrop. Last week KS, MB and PA were represented and this week we had volunteers from WI and some local folks from TX.

### **BASTROP, TEXAS: RV PROJECT Disaster: 2011 Wildfires**

Monday morning, following our devotions, Dennis, Cindy and Helen got to work on Ms. Sandra's insulation and others worked on siding. By Monday evening the house was ready for drywall. Work was also done on decks, railings and steps.

### **BRAITHWAITE, LOUISIANA Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Isaac**

Ms. Kathleen's home was the focus of the hustle and bustle this week. The rain and cold temperatures made her home the perfect place to work in; it was warm and dry.

[Click here to view photos of Braithwaite on Facebook](#)

### **CRISFIELD, MARYLAND Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy**

It happens all the time. We start the week as strangers and end the week as friends. At Ms. Annie's house we set the trusses and got the roof sheeted and papered by the end of the week. The framework for the front porch is in place and the gable ends are on the house. Ms. Annie still

watches and waits, and prays for the workers at her house.

**DULUTH, MINNESOTA Disaster: 2013 Floods**

Work was done on covering soffit and fascia at Mr. Ray's house when the weather was tolerable outside. Inside the volunteers installed kitchen cabinets, finished the laminate floors and laid ceramic tile in the bathroom. Interior doors were hung and trimmed.

**FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy**

Despite weather related delays, we made good progress on our homes this week. At Ms. Patricia and Mr. John's house we finished up work on the kitchen walls. Kitchen cabinets will be installed next week. At Ms. Mary Ellen's house we removed the flooring in preparation for more work in the basement. We will be insulating and hanging drywall there next week.

**HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI Disaster: 2013 Tornados**

In spite of waiting for inspections on Ms. Mattie's house, a good deal of work was accomplished. The house was abuzz at the end of the week with all eight of us working at plumbing, insulating and hanging drywall. Bernie and Jake spent many long hours working underneath the house in very cramped, cold and wet conditions in the crawl space.

**HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA Disaster: 2013 Flood**

Work has finished at Ms. Eve's house. Although she spends most of her day in a wheelchair, she still climbs a flight of stairs to her bedroom every night. We finished repairing her house and she was especially thankful for the extra handrail we installed so that she now has one on each side of the stairwell.

**SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy**

Volunteers sanded and mudded drywall in the living and dining rooms at Mr. Vasily's house. The crew installed drywall and taped and mudded in the kitchen. Squatters had been in the second and third floors of this house after Hurricane Sandy hit and they made a mess. On Thursday three volunteers went to the house and bagged up all the family's clothing and brought it to the convent to be washed. They then went back to the house and cleaned the bedrooms, washed the walls and floor, cleaned up the mess on the beds and floor. It looks great now and we hope to paint the walls for this family of eight.

**SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA Disaster: 2013 Tornados**

Mr. and Mrs. Ken needed a damaged camper moved, so our clever volunteers built a type of snow toboggan to put it on and slid it out of the way of a tree that needed to be cut down. Mr. Derrick's job was completed this week. The skirting on his mobile home was removed and replaced. We also built him an 8' x 10' porch and a 16' x 16' shed.

**STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy**

We had crews working in seven homes this week, insulating, hanging and finishing drywall, priming and painting, and installing new windows. We are thankful for their willingness to work hard, their positive attitudes and efforts that allowed us to accomplish so much.