

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for February 23, 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

Feb. 26 – Informational meeting – worship leaders, song/musicians, and children's story readers -7:00 pm
March 5 – Lenten meal - (soup/dessert/meditation/children's activity)
March 9 – Fellowship meal at noon – Bring hot and cold dishes to share
March 12 – Family night – 6:45 pm
March 12 – Worship Team meeting – 8:00 pm
March 15-16 – Lancaster Conference – Celebration of Church Life at Lancaster Mennonite High School
March 18 – Pastoral Congregation Accountability Team meeting – 7:00 pm
March 19 – Elder Team meeting – 6:00 pm
April 7 – Workday at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.

	<u>Sunday, February 23</u>	<u>Sunday, March 2</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Michael Howes
Greeters	John/Mim and Nathan Buckwalter	Becky Nolt and Becky Rutt

~**Encouragement Link** – February 16-22 (extended to March 1)

Laura Hoffer – Velma Magill Sarah Hoffer – Rose/Chris Kennel Olivia Mast – Gladys/John Landis

~**Thanks you notes from college students:**

Laura Hoffer – 2/15 - Thank you SO much for the box of goodies and the wonderful letters. It is always a highlight of my year to receive a care package from my home church! All the wonderful treats will keep me fed until the end of the school year! It is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Sarah Hoffer – 2/18 -I am so blessed to have such a wonderful, caring church family. I received the Valentine care package today and I was so amazed and humbled by how generous our church is. I am beyond thankful for all of the goodies and cards that you sent me. It truly means so much to have a church that cares so much about the life and success of their college students. While I was reading all of the cards, I could not help but feel overwhelmingly blessed by the loving and caring hearts of the members of Witmer Heights. Because of your incredibly generous gifts of food, treats, and beverages, I intend on spreading those blessings to some of my friends here on campus. Thank you all so much for everything you do! I truly appreciate every email, card, and package that I receive.

Olivia Mast – 2/16 - Dear Church Family... Thank you SO much for the care package I received this week! What an outpouring of love. It's wonderful to be reminded of the loving community I come from. Thanks to each of you for the handwritten notes. Your prayers and encouragement are always appreciated. I've already started munching on goodies, and my roommates thank you as well. Hope to see you soon. Blessings!

~**A Lenten meal is planned for 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. Winter Center. Everyone is invited to attend and support her musical gifts. No cost; just come and enjoy!

~**Witmer Heights is having a workday** at the MCC Material Resource Center in Ephrata on **Monday, April 7 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Those who would like to join the fun will meet at the Resource Center on the 7th. If you want to attend but don't have a ride, please contact Sophia Mast (717-393-6806) about carpooling options! Thanks for your willingness to be Christ's hands and feet!

~**2014 Dates for Witmer Heights Fellowship meals:** Mar. 9, May 18, July 13, Sept (Retreat), Nov. 9

~**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.

~**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 Sunday, March 16.**

~**NOTICE: A new procedure for finding teachers for the over 55 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. **The new quarter begins next Sunday. As of now, 6 dates have been filled. If you are willing to teach, but don't feel comfortable using the online option to sign up, please talk with Donna Reinford. Any date with no teacher will be designated as a Fellowship Sunday for that class which meets in Room 12.**

~**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 25**, the topic will be **"Tug-O-War Contest – Pulled in Multiple Directions"** with speaker, Jane Weigel. Learn about making priorities in your life and actually sticking with them. Discover your gifts and where you are called to serve in order to be energized and not drained by your commitments. **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."**

News from other sources/agencies

~**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.

~**Friendship Community 2014 events:**

Feb. 28 – Friendship Heart Gallery Art Auction,
April 7 – Talent Night,
April 16 – Wenger Foundation Praise Dinner,
May 9/10 – Fest & Auction,

September 4 – Golf Classis,
October 24 – 42nd Anniversary Celebration
November 15 – Harmony Concert,
December 5 – Christmas Drama

~**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.
- **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 or call 717-393-9745 for more information.

~**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 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.

~**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. A detailed job description is available, by request. Applications are due by February 15, 2014.

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~**The Lancaster Conference website** – 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 **February 18**. Feel free to check there for additional information.