

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for March 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

NOTE: Penny Power offerings began March 2 and will continue every Sunday in March.
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
March 23 – MYF356 Spaghetti and Salad Fundraiser meal at Mellinger at noon
April 7 – Workday at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.

	<u>Sunday, March 16</u>	<u>Sunday, March 23</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Michael Howes
Greeters	John H. and Kathryn Landis	Mim Eberly and John J. Landis

~**Penn Power offerings continue each Sunday** in March for the PA MCC Relief Sale. Penny Power 2014 will support the food program work that MCC is doing around the world <http://food.mcc.org/>. **This year at Witmer Heights we are hoping to raise at least \$500** through your contributions. Total at this point for March 2 and 9 (as well as including the S.S. offerings for the winter quarter) comes to **\$252.04**. Please help by bringing your pennies and other loose change to a special interactive Penny Power collection, which will be held each Sunday following the regular offering. We are looking for persons in the congregation to match the amount given each Sunday. **Contact Lisa King-Kachel to volunteer for a Sunday to match...** 717-656-0228 or email jam3@ptd.net. **Special thanks to Chris & Rose Kennel for matching on March 9.**

~**Announcements during worship:** During the Lent season our services will not have a time for announcements. If you have an announcement that missed the *Menno Bulletin Weekly* that you would like to be made known on a given Sunday, **please email it to Sophia Mast at sophia.m.mast@gmail.com no later than 9 p.m. the Saturday prior.** Each Sunday Sophia will be compiling the announcements she receives into a PowerPoint presentation that will be projected after the service. If you have questions, contact Sophia.

~**Save the Dates!** On Saturday, June 7 and Saturday, August 23 Witmer Heights Mennonite Church will host a picnic at East Lampeter Park in the High Pavilion. More details will come as we get closer to the date.

~**Encouragement Link for March 16 – 22**

Laura Hoffer – Eileen Ranck Sarah Hoffer – Becky Nolt Olivia Mast – Phyllis/Jim Oswald

~**Minerva Nissley turned 93** on Monday, March 10. On Tuesday, March 18, Minerva will be moving to Conestoga House at Landis Homes Retirement Community. Keep her and her family in your prayers during this time of transition.

~**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: Neil Reinford, Marvin Weaver, Jon Stoltzfus, Madeline Mast, Shelby Swartley or 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.**

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

~**NOTICE: The new Sunday school quarter began March 2.** Volunteers are still needed in the over-55 adult class. All March and April dates are filled. All May dates are still open. Any date with no teacher will be designated as a Fellowship Sunday for that class which meets in Room 12. Talk with Donna Reinford or go to this link to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BADAB2BA2FC1-adult>.

~**Witmer Heights is having a workday** at the MCC Material Resource Center in Ephrata on **Mon., 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!

~**CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages** and meets on Tuesday mornings in the fellowship hall at Mellinger Mennonite Church. **Tuesday March 18** the topic will be **"Telling Our Stories."** Several women will share their personal walks of faith!

News from other sources/agencies

Spring is coming and so are auctions!!

~New Danville Campus Benefit Auction

The New Danville Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School (Grades PreK-5) will hold its annual benefit auction **Friday, March 28.** Food begins at 4 p.m. and the auction begins at 4:30 p.m.

~Locust Grove Benefit Auction

The Locust Grove Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School (grades PreK-6) near Smoketown will hold its 40th annual benefit auction **Friday, April 11.** Barbecue is available from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Other food begins at 2:00 p.m., and the auction begins at 4:00 p.m.

~Friendship Community 2014 events:

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

~Three Mennonite Historical Society Events...

- **Annual Banquet**—Come support the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and fellowship with Ervin Stutzman, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, as he reflects on: "Can the quiet in the land keep their peace?" The banquet will be held Saturday, April 5, starting at 6 p.m. at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland. Tickets can be purchased online at lmhs.org or by calling 717-393-9745.
- **Lancaster Family History Conference**—"Say Cheese!" This year's Lancaster Family History Conference brings Maureen Taylor to speak about family history through photographs, in addition to numerous seminars, workshops and field trips, on April 24-26 at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center. For more information and to register, visit lmhs.org, or call Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society 717-393-9745.
- **Folk Art Tour and Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner**—Take a tour of Lancaster County Old Order Mennonite Folk Arts on Saturday, April 12, 5 – 9 pm, leaving from the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Buck wagons will ferry participants between the extended Hoover family farms and workshops of painters, carvers, and woodworkers. The evening will conclude with a Pennsylvania Dutch dinner. For tickets visit lmhs.org or call 717-393-9745.

~**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 **March 3.** Feel free to check there for additional information.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

**RESPONDING
REBUILDING
RESTORING**

This is the MDS Update for March 13, 2014

URGENT NEEDS

Short-term volunteers

Bastrop, TX - Mar. 31 - Apr. 4 - small but skilled group of volunteers to complete jobs and close project

Staten Island, NY- Apr. 28 - May 3 - group up to 12
May 26 - 31 - group up to 20

Booking for the summer months will begin Apr. 1, 2014

Long-term volunteers

Duluth, MN: Office Manager - Mar 17 - Mar. 28; Crew Leader - Mar. 24 - 28

Sayreville, NJ: Crew Leaders - Mar. 17 - 28

Crisfield, MD: Head cook - Apr. 7 - 25; Crew Leader - Mar. 31 - Apr. 25

High River, AB: Office Manager - Apr. 22 - May 9; Crew Leaders - Mar. 31 - May 9

Staten Island, NY: Crew Leaders - Mar. 31 - Apr. 25

Please consider serving in these roles so we can continue to bring people home.

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

BASTROP, TEXAS - Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

Last week the Bastrop project participated in the home dedication for Ms. Lisa. The Bastrop RV crew and traditional crew worked together to complete this home.

BASTROP, TEXAS: RV PROJECT - Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

On Monday, Alvin, Marlene, Bob and Bert did some mudding and sanding. By Tuesday two bedrooms were ready for paint while the rest of the house would receive some more mudding. By the end of the week all of the painting was done, except for the final coat of paint in the great room and one bathroom.

BRAITHWAITE, LOUISIANA - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Isaac

The work for the week centered around Ms. Lillie Mae's house with sanding and mudding drywall on the ceilings and walls. Dick worked on the window casings and doorways. Next week will most likely be spent priming and then texturing the ceilings and walls to get ready for paint. The paint colors have been selected, as well as the cabinets, and the appliances are on hand.

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Several of the group was able to meet Mr. Calvin and his family for an engaging interaction. Mr. Calvin's daughter wanted her bedroom painted an intense purple and picked out the color. She has lost so much and is excited about a new home with her own bedroom; the paint color is an important expression of herself. There was a sense of joy among the volunteers to do something special for Mr. Calvin's daughter.

DULUTH, MINNESOTA - Disaster: 2013 Floods

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Last week we had five volunteers from Manitoba. In one week they finished installing drywall and did all the mudding and sanding at Mr. Eric's house. Now it is ready for paint. Our new crew leaders, John and Miriam, worked right along with them. We all enjoyed Edna and Art's cooking. This week we welcomed a group of 17 from Hesston College.

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

This week we welcomed a group from Eastern Mennonite University. These volunteers gave up their spring break to help those in need of housing repairs. At Ms. Josephine's home, vents were installed to keep the pipes from freezing, switch plate covers, a door, baseboard trim, toilets, and a vanity were installed, the steps were painted, and the floor was prepared for ceramic tile. Several volunteers from MDS Storm Aid in Staten Island reroofed Mr. Carl and Ms. Ana Marie's home. Before this, daylight was visible through the holes in the roof, portions of which had been blown off by Superstorm Sandy.

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI - Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

This week we saw a great deal of progress on Ms. Mattie's house. Walls and ceilings were mudded, sanded, and painted with primer and two coats of finish paint.

HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA - Disaster: 2013 Flood

The High River volunteers continue to repair homes in partnership with several other non-profit agencies.

SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

At Ms. Shirley's house the range hood was installed, kitchen cleaned up, and the home dedication was held Friday afternoon. At Mr. Vasily's house repairs were made to the sidewalk, the front entrance door was painted, vinyl flooring was installed in the utility room, and broken tile in the shower on the first floor was replaced. In Ms. Elizabeth's place we started trimming the windows and laminate flooring was installed in two bedrooms.

The Sayreville project partners with Catholic Charities. Click [here to read an article](#) about this partnership. Click here to view [new photos from the Sayreville project](#).

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA - Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

What an incredible group for our final week. God definitely blessed us with these volunteers. Working steadily and surely on Miss Karen's house, Sarah Ann's crew was ready to mud away on Tuesday, but discovered that the mud was frozen! By the end of the week, they had taped and mudded the house. On Friday this group moved on to Miss Ang's home. Her job will encompass installing insulation and mobile home skirting, and to check out her heat tape, which is so important in these cold temperatures.

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Ms. Sal's house, one of the twelve projects currently receiving our attention, was officially completed this week. Work this week to finish another house included painting and installing dropped ceiling.

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