

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for March 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

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

	<u>Sunday, March 23</u>	<u>Sunday, March 30</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Michael Howes
Greeters	Mim Eberly and John J. Landis	Wes Newswanger and Chris Kennel

~**Penny 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, 9, 16 (as well as including the S.S. offerings for the winter quarter and some "over the top" matching funds) is **\$367.01**. **Special thanks to John and Becky Rutt for matching on March 16.**

~**Our last Penny Power offering** will take place on Sunday, March 30th. We have received an anonymous offer to match all funds collected (including the original matching donor) up to \$200.00. Please be sure to bring all your pennies, coins, and loose change!

~**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.

~**Everyone is invited to join the MYF356** for a Spaghetti 'n Salad Meal at noon on **Sunday, March 23** at Mellinger following the morning worship service. We appreciate your support. Just a **reminder** also to turn in your commitment forms toward our 356 fundraiser for our Summer Mission trip to Mexico. We are praying for 356 responses; to date we have received 66. If you lost the blue form that had been in your mailbox soliciting your financial participation and prayer support, see a youth group member.

~**Encouragement Link for March 16 – 22 (extended to March 29)**

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

~ **Volunteers are still needed in the over-55 adult class for the four Sundays in May.** All March and April dates are filled. 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!

~**Photos from Nancy Marshall's ordination** may be seen at: <http://Jesus-deafchurch.blogspot.com/>

~**New Address for Minerva Gehman:** 1001 East Oregon Rd., Lititz, PA 17543.

~**CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages** and meets on Tuesday mornings in the fellowship hall at Mellinger Mennonite Church. **Tuesday April 1** the topic will be **“Getting the laughter you’re after.”** Join us for a morning of humorous songs and jokes by comedian, Ken Hussar, who has been making people laugh for over twenty years with his offbeat humor and funny songs.

~**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

News from other sources and agencies:

~**The LMH Campus Chorale itinerary** includes Sunday morning and evening programs. You may want to mark your calendar to attend one or more of the following options:

Mar. 23 – Strasburg Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm

April 6 – Neffsville Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm

May 6 – High School Spring Concert at LMH – 7:00 pm

May 18 – Stumptown Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm

~**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.

~Keith Weaver's **State of the Conference Address** and Nelson Okanya's **Plenary Address** from the March 15-16 Celebration of Church Life weekend are available to listen to on the Lancaster Mennonite Conference's website: http://www.lancasterconference.org/events/celebration_of_church_life.php

Also, the **annual REPORT** is available on the LMC homepage: www.lancasterconference.org

~**Bridge of Hope National** invites you to the Annual Spring Gala **May 9, 2014** at Palm Court, DoubleTree, Lancaster. Featured speakers: Valerie Weaver-Zercher and Linda Byler. **More details on bulletin board.**

~**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 PA Dutch dinner. Tickets visit lmhs.org or 717-393-9745.

~**Field Trip: Herring Around Lancaster County**—Learn about the Herr families long history in Lancaster on a field trip with the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society on Saturday, May 3 from 8 to 5 p.m. Registration due April 17 and can be done by calling (717) 393-9745 or online at lmhs.org.

~**The 17th annual Lancaster County Messiah Sing-A-Long** will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, **Friday, April 25 at 7:00 pm**. The church is located at 2151 Oregon Pike, north of the Route 30 bypass, Lancaster. Singers from the community are invited to be part of the choir for the 2.5 hour evening and anyone is welcome to come and listen. Appropriate dress is business casual, creating a relaxed atmosphere among the players and singers. It is a wonderful evening of worship and music making. To discover more details about the history of this unique opportunity, visit us on the web at www.messiahssingalong.com. **Brochures are available on the rack in the East hallway at Witmer Heights.**