

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for March 30, 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.

April 7 – Workday at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am. – 3:00 pm.

April 9 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm

April 22 – Fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A for Parent & Preschool Center. Mark your calendar. Details later.

	<u>Sunday, March 30</u>	<u>Sunday, April 6</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Michael Howes
Greeters	Wes Newswanger and Chris Kennel	Mim/John/Nathan Buckwalter

~**The last Penny Power offering will be Sunday, March 30.** Penny Power 2014 will support the food program work that MCC is doing around the world <http://food.mcc.org/>. Total for March 2, 9, 16, 23 is **\$508.93**. (This total also includes the S.S. offerings for the winter quarter and some "over the top" matching funds) Please consider that we have a matching donor for the 30th as well as an anonymous donor who is willing to donate up to \$200 in matching funds. Give generously!

Special thanks to Merle & Ruth Ann Reinford for matching on March 23.

~**Announcements during worship:** During the season of Lent 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.

~**Encouragement Link for March 30 – April 5**

Laura Hoffer – Becky/John Rutt Sarah Hoffer – Shelby/Dave Swartley Olivia Mast – Ruth Ann/Merle Reinford

~ **Thank you for your prayers** for Minerva Nissley and her family this past week. Minerva returned to Landis Homes Conestoga House #123 Wed. pm. Visitors are welcome (please sign the guest book in her room, thanks)! Continue to pray for Minerva and family for comfort and peace as they receive support from hospice. ~**Address for Minerva Nissley:** 1001 East Oregon Rd., Lititz, PA 17543.

~**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!

~ **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>.

~**CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages** and meets on Tuesday morning 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. 30 – James Street Mennonite Church – 9:30 am
- April 6 – Neffsville Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm
- May 4 – Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster – 8:30 am and 11:00 am
- May 6 – High School Spring Concert at LMH – 7:00 pm
- May 11 – Ridgeview Mennonite Church – 10:15 am
- May 18 – Stumptown Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm

~**LMH Presents *Fiddler on the Roof***

Fiddler on the Roof, one of the longest-running shows in Broadway history, will be performed by Lancaster Mennonite High School **April 24, 25 and 26** at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, April 26. The musical features memorable songs such as "If I Were a Rich Man," "Miracle of Miracles" and "Sunrise and Sunset." Tickets are \$8 for students, \$9 for senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Groups of 9 or more may order blocks of tickets for \$9 each. Tickets may be reserved by calling the box office at 299-0436, ext. 340. (**Note:** Several Witmer Heights youth are in this drama.)

~**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.**



**Mennonite
Disaster
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**RESPONDING
REBUILDING
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This is the MDS Update for March 27, 2014

URGENT NEEDS

Long-term volunteers

~Head cook and assistant cook - Apr. 5 - 26 in Crisfield, MD. If you live within driving distance please consider cooking for a week.

~Crew leader, Mar. 31 - Apr. 12 in Far Rockaway, NY. If you live within driving distance please consider serving for a week.

CURRENT NEEDS

Long-term volunteers

~Crew leader - Apr. 15 - May 10 in High River, AB. If you live within driving distance please consider serving for a week or two.

~Head cook and assistant cook - May 12 - 24 in Staten Island, NY

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Short-term Volunteers

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

~High River, AB; Apr. 15 -19 - group up to 12 people

~Staten Island, NY; May 26 - 31 - group up to 20 people

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

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.

West Virginia footbridge build

Coordinated by the Shenandoah Valley Unit, a bridge is being built in Webster Springs, WV. The bridge will replace one that was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. Since this bridge has been destroyed, the homeowners have not been able to access the main road from their house when the stream is too high to traverse safely.

[Click here to view photos from the footbridge build.](#)

BASTROP, TEXAS - Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

We have been working on six houses, and last week we dedicated two on the same day. The gathering at Ms. Lyla and Mr. Javier's was the first of the day. Children and grandchildren came to marvel at the house with the blue roof and blue walls. The second gathering was at the house for the brothers, Mr. Jacob and Mr. Every. Family and neighbors gathered to enjoy the long distance view from the porch of the green house with the silver roof. MDS volunteers from the RV crew and traditional group took part in each of these joyous occasions. Four other houses are in various stages of completion.

BASTROP, TEXAS: RV PROJECT - Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

Most of the week we had great weather conditions to work in. We were even able to move some of the trim painting outdoors. Sometimes it is hard to believe that so much work can be accomplished in four days!

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On Monday we found out that our client, Ms. Lillie Mae, needed to move into her new home earlier than first anticipated. This meant all of our workers needed to shift into high gear to make the house ready for her. There is so much to be done in such little time, but by week's end we were amazed at all that had been accomplished. Ms. Lillie Mae was amazed too, always praising Jesus for each and every piece that goes into place for her new home.

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Last week we had a group of young people from Canada with us as volunteers. The long-termers felt reinvigorated with the enthusiasm and energy of these youth. We continue to praise God for bringing volunteers to Crisfield and sustaining us through the weeks. There will be three new long-term volunteers who have been guided by the Holy Spirit to come to Crisfield, MD.

DULUTH, MINNESOTA - Disaster: 2013 Floods

We will hold two home dedications this week. It is a treat for the volunteers who are here to participate in the dedications. We want to thank all of the volunteers who worked on these homes in the extremely cold weather (never missing a day) to make it possible to finish these three homes.

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Our volunteers had a very productive week. Mr. Carl and Ms. Ann's house had more windows installed, as well as the old siding removed and about half of the new siding put up.

Click here to see photos of the [Far Rockaway project](#) on Facebook.

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI - Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

The weather was beautiful this week so we took advantage of it and worked outside all week. The siding was started and nearly completed and the soffit and fascia was also started and about half of it completed. Several of us worked on Friday to get the sewer in since the trench was finally dug.

HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA - Disaster: 2013 Flood

Volunteers have been coming in large groups over the past few weeks with many skills which we are so thankful for. Most of the work is in repairing or restoring basement living areas.

A card to MDS from a client this week said, "Just a note to express my overwhelming gratitude for your extremely generous offer to help in restoring my basement. I don't know if you will ever be able to understand what this means to me. It gives me a chance to lessen the stress, breathe easier financially and perhaps most importantly, renews my faith in the goodness of people. Mennonite Disaster Service shows how we should all be living our lives." The clients have been very grateful which is very special to each of the volunteers.

SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Our volunteer group cancelled for this week, so long-term volunteer David called a friend of his and explained our plight. He was able to get 11 young men and one woman to come and volunteer. They were only here three days, but they got a lot of work accomplished in that short time. Thanks go to all the hard workers God sends our way.

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA - Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

Our volunteers are finishing up projects and cleaning up the camp as we prepare to close the project.

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

This week we had 17 volunteers from Oregon arrive bringing three PA relatives along with them. We had talent "overload", and it was put to good use. Although no jobs were completed or opened, much progress was made on the existing active seven projects.

