

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for March 9, 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 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

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 9</u>	<u>Sunday, March 16</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Michael Howes
Greeters	Esther Mast and Karen Diffenbach	John H. and Kathryn Landis

~**We are collecting PENNIES!** Each Sunday in March we are collecting pennies for the PA MCC Relief Sale <http://pareliefale.org/>. In 2013, Penny power raised \$145,509 for MCC's water program. As in previous years, MCC has a donor to match up to \$50,000 of the Penny Power contributions from the churches. 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. 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 Becky Nolt for matching on March 2.**

~**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, please email Sophia.

~**Grace Guntz's brother**, Allen prepared a 9-minute presentation of Grace's life which was shown at her funeral. This will be shown on Sunday after the fellowship luncheon for anyone who is interested in seeing it. It is well down and descriptive of her life.

~**Encouragement Link for March 2 – 8 - (extended through March 15)**

Laura Hoffer – Esther/Ernie Mast Sarah Hoffer – Jan/Dean Mast Olivia Mast – Lillie/Ed Martin

~**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 next Sunday, March 16.**

~**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>.

~**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 **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!

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

~**CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages** and meets on Tuesday mornings in the fellowship hall at Mellinger Mennonite Church. **Tuesday March 11**, the topic will be **“The Power of a Thankful Heart”** with speaker, Ann Gibble. Being thankful is a choice every person can make, regardless of circumstances. Why is this choice so life transforming?

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...

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

~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.

This is the MDS Update for February 27, 2014

URGENT NEEDS

Short-term volunteers

Staten Island, NY- Apr. 21 - 25 group up to 12
Apr. 28 - May 3 group up to 15
May 12 - 15 group up to 15

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

Long-term volunteers

Duluth, MN - Office Manager - Feb. 27 - Mar. 28
Duluth, MN - Crew Leader - Mar. 17 - 28
Sayreville, NJ - Crew Leaders - Mar. 3 - 28

MDS responses in Far Rockaway NY, High River, AB, Staten Island, NY, Crisfield, MD, and Shawnee, OK, will continue in April. We are in need of office managers, cooks, construction supervisors, crew leaders for the month. Please consider serving.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mennonite Disaster Service is seeking a full-time Volunteer Development Team Leader in the Lititz, PA, office. Duties include, but are not limited to, leading the volunteer development staff team in recruiting, training and placing volunteers at MDS responses. This position also provides vision and strategy to grow the volunteer base within MDS. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position.

For the full job description check the MDS website, mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment/. Resumes may be sent to job@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.

BASTROP, TEXAS - Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

Our volunteers are very productive. Mr. Jacob's interior trim was installed. Ms. Lyla's floors are installed and Mr. Nate and Ms. Michelle's house has its drywall finished. Ms. Dusty and Mr. Mike's house now has electricity, plumbing, and lots of insulation. Mr. Jim's house looks like a house and not a pile of lumber next to some concrete blocks.

BASTROP, TEXAS: RV PROJECT - Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

It was a busy week getting Ms. Lisa's house ready for the house blessing on Thursday. Don and Char did the window buildup and casing. Alvin installed the rest of the interior doors and bi-fold doors while Marlene came along and applied the casing. Cornie and Bruce worked at the plumbing and wiring details that always need doing when a job reaches the completion stage. Martha and Char painted the bi-fold doors and while Helen finished painting the skirting.

BRAITHWAITE, LOUISIANA - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Isaac

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We completed repairs on three homes this week in addition to working on the new home for Ms. Lillie Mae. The whole group worked at Mr. Kal's house on Monday, installing an exterior door and skirting on the exterior of his mobile home. A section of a damaged interior wall was also replaced. We were able to complete the roof cap on Ms. Lanore's house and fix an electrical problem at Ms. Brenda's house.

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

We had an energetic group this week from Bluffton, OH, that stepped right in and did the necessary little things without complaint. Little things like breaking up concrete, cleaning debris, and going back to the job site late in the evening to brush drying concrete. They almost completed a complex wheelchair ramp that incorporated an existing elevated deck under which lives a pot-bellied pig. A new build will be started next week.

DULUTH, MINNESOTA - Disaster: 2013 Floods

Two different groups arrived this weekend, one from Manitoba, and the other from the Minneapolis area. They brought many skills with them to help us with the finish-up stages of three homes. At Mr. Ray's house volunteers continued with finishing the trim work. The crew installed door casing and base, and worked on countertops at Ms. Pat's house, then finished the framing and window installation at Mr. Eric's house.

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

This week's group of 20 volunteers joined us from Saskatchewan, Canada. They accomplished many things at several houses. At Ms. Josephine's house, some framing was done, doors were customized and installed, two sump pumps were installed (which required a lot of concrete work), work was done on the stairs, trim installation was finished, the drop ceiling was installed and painting was done.

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI - Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

Bernie and Jake completed the plumbing. The bedrooms are ready for paint and most of the other mudding is nearing completion. On Friday we passed the plumbing inspection so now we can close in the rest of the walls.

HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA - Disaster: 2013 Flood

Work continues at Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Krystal's house. Volunteers carried out extensive framing work and helped the owner with electrical and plumbing renovations and most of the drywall hanging is completed and ready for finishing. Work at Mrs. Kat and Mr. Max's house started with removing plaster from main floor walls. A highlight of the past week was having Mrs. Kat and Mr. Max share with the volunteers about their experience going through the flood and recovering from it.

SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

At Mr. Vasily's house the ceramic tile flooring in the dining room was started and laminate flooring was laid in the living room. Sub-flooring was put in the kitchen and we are waiting for delivery of the kitchen cabinets. Volunteers finished painting the entire house; all three levels. Volunteers also tore out flooring and installed a sub-floor and then vinyl flooring at Ms. Shirley's house.

Click here to view photos from the [MDS Sayreville](#) response.

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA - Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

We are just about done with the work at Mr. Bill's house. Shingles are on the roof and the metal storage building is nearly done. James said Mr. Bill got choked up with gratitude, and that talking to people is the best part of working on their homes. Only final touches are left to do at Miss Mary's. Her roof is replaced, storm door put on, fascia and soffit repaired or replaced, and trees trimmed and cleaned up per her special request.

[STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK](#) - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

We had a great week again in Staten Island, with an energetic group of 15 students from Conrad Grebel University in Waterloo, ON, two volunteers from Orillia, ON, and five men from NY. We had some new long-term volunteers join us from ON and BC and cooks from NY. The week consisted of a lot of drywall hanging, mudding, sanding and priming. The students were willing to learn new skills and help in whatever way they could.

Click here to watch a video clip of an MDS client's story of [surviving Hurricane Sandy](#).

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