

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for June 8, 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

June 7 – Community Picnic at East Lampeter Park – 4:00 – 7:00 pm (details below)
June 8 – Nancy Marshall will preach to First Deaf congregation. Witmer Heights is invited.
June 15 – Becky Lee Hess will preach to Witmer Heights congregation.
June 15 – Sunday school fellowship Sunday. 9:30 – 10:30 am. No class sessions.
June 18 – Elder Team meeting – 6:00 pm.
July 9 – Worship Team meeting – 7:00 pm.
July 13 – Fellowship meal at noon

	<u>Sunday, June 8</u>	<u>Sunday, June 15</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Becky Lee Hess
Greeters	Mim Eberly and Kathryn Landis	John H. Landis and Esther Mast

~**Thanks for the generous contributions** at the Nancy Marshall fund-raiser meal last Sunday. The money given from First Deaf and Witmer Heights at the meal, plus the S.S. project funds, brought the grand total to **\$1,374.33**. A check will be sent to Virginia Mennonite Missions for Nancy's support.

~**Nancy Marshall's foster daughter, Sulmi**, will need to have a Good News version of the Bible for high school this fall. Does anyone have one on their shelf that they no longer want or use? See Nancy or email her: nancyinbelize@yahoo.com. Nancy will be at church this Sunday, June 8. So if you have a Good News Bible, that you would like to give to her, bring it with you Sunday.

~**Join Witmer Heights Mennonite Church Saturday**, June 7, from 4:00-7:00 pm at the High Pavilion of East Lampeter Park for free food, fun, and fellowship. Spend the evening on the playground, walking the trails, and playing favorite yard games! We need volunteers to bring food and assist on the day of the picnic. You can still sign up online at the Witmer Heights Mennonite Church website, under the "Links" toolbar and "Sign Up Sheets." Please contact Donna Reinford, Shelby Swartley, Kathryn Landis or John H Landis with questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

~**There are actually several sign-up sheets on the website.** www.whmchurch.org. In the search box, type **sign up sheets** and click on Search. The following options will appear for the summer quarter.

Sunday School Teachers. ~ Worship Services

Login to view and enter your volunteer sign up.

~**The first of the Summer Fellowship Sundays** (instead of Sunday school) will be June 15. Fellowship and refreshments will take place from 9:30-10:30 in the basement hallway of the west wing. Sign-up sheets to help with the refreshments will be passed in the adult Sunday school class. (Remaining Sundays will be July 20, August 17, and August 31.)

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

~**Gene and Erica Sanchez** are looking for an apartment in the Lancaster area. They want to move back to the area. They miss Witmer Heights and the schools around here. If anyone knows of a 2-bedroom apartment close to church, preferably without oil-based heating please see Tricia Stoltzfus. They would like to move in the beginning of July.

News from other sources and agencies:

~The 140-voice Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster itinerary:

Sunday, **June 22** at 7:30 p.m., MCCL will conclude its fifteenth year anniversary celebration with a concert at Lancaster Mennonite School's Calvin and Janet High Fine Arts Center. The concert is open to the public. Tickets are not required, but a freewill offering will be received. More information can be found at www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org , by emailing mccl@lancastermennonite.org., or by calling 717-455-7025.

~Events promoted by Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:

- **Music in the Orchard**—Sopa Sol and Indian Summer Jars perform the inaugural concert for the 2014 Music in the Orchard Series on Saturday, **June 14**, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. Visit hansherr.org for additional information about tickets and the bands.
- **Blacksmith Days**—Come to the Hans Herr House and Museum to learn about this traditional art of fire and steel on Friday, **June 20**, between 12 and 4 p.m. and on Saturday, **June 21**, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. This event is free, but standard rates apply for tours of the Hans Herr House and the Lancaster Longhouse.
- **From Germany to Germantown**—Join the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society on this exciting field trip and sail on the Kalmar Nyckel—a replica of the ship that first brought European settlers to the Delaware Valley. Experience old Philadelphia and explore Germantown. The trip takes place on Saturday, **September 20**, leaving the Society at 7:30 a.m. and returning to it at 5:30 p.m. Visit lmhs.org for more details.

Lancaster Mennonite Conference

An Exploration of the Teaching Position on Homosexuality

When: June 20-21; Fri. 7:00-9:00 pm; and Sat. 8:15 am-12:30 pm

Where: Alive Church Ephrata, 510 Stevens Rd., Ephrata, Pa. 17522

Register in advance: <http://anexploration.ticketleap.com/anexploration/>

For pastors, congregational leaders, interested members seeking to better understand the ongoing discussion across the church from the perspective of the discerned teaching position of Lancaster Conference and the membership guidelines of Mennonite Church USA. Dr. Mark Thiessen Nation, theology professor at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, will explore the teaching position on homosexuality in two general sessions Friday evening and Saturday morning. Saturday will also include 14 workshops in two sessions on a variety of related topics by LMC leaders. Registration fee of \$15/person is reduced to \$10/person when 5 or more individuals from the same congregation register together. Advance registration necessary, but payment may be made the day of the event. Cash or check payable to LMC. Register online by signing up for one workshop for each session.

Flyer: http://www.lancasterconference.org/p/Teaching_Position.pdf

For more information or to register for the above event, contact Laura Stoner: 717-293-5246 x100 or lstoner@lancasterconference.org

~**There are many events being promoted** by Lancaster Conference. To see the calendar and read about the events, refer to this link <http://www.lancasterconference.org/events/calendar.php>. Hover over any date for more description of the event. Click to see if there are costs and/or how to register. **Updated: June 4.**





**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

**RESPONDING
REBUILDING
RESTORING**

This is the MDS Update for June 5, 2014

CURRENT NEEDS

High River, AB

Short-term volunteers: Jun. 17 - Jul. 12, Aug. 12 - 16 Volunteers with good construction skills needed Jul. 1 - 5

Skilled Crew Leader: Aug. 3 - 23

Construction Supervisor: Jul. 14 - Aug. 9

Staten Island, NY

Crew Leaders: Jun. 30 - Aug. 15

Assistant Cook: Jul. 20 - Aug. 15

Jamestown, CO

Crew Leaders: Jul. 7 - Aug. 15

Assistant Cook: Jul. 7 - Aug. 15

For information about week-long volunteer opportunities, call (717) 735-3536 or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net. For US volunteers who wish to serve long-term (one month or longer), call (717) 735-3536 or email ahurst@mds.mennonite.net. For Canadian volunteers who wish to serve long-term (one month or longer), call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Development Team Leader

MDS 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.

Staff Accountant

MDS is seeking a part-time Staff Accountant (30 hours) in the Lititz, PA, office. Primary responsibilities include: month end closing and preparation of monthly financial statements, working with volunteer bookkeepers, reconciliations, general ledger, fixed assets and assistance with preparation and analysis of budgets. Working in an Excel and Quickbooks environment.

Communications Specialist

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a full-time Communications Specialist in the Lititz, PA, office. The primary responsibility is to effectively shape, enable and promote the communications strategy of MDS' vision, mission and values.

Applicants for all positions must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position.

See full job descriptions on the MDS website, mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment.

Resumes may be sent to jobs@mds.mennonite.net or MDS, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543, attn: Human Resources. Review of applications begins mid-May. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

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Clean up continues in Winston County, MS, after it was hit by an EF4 tornado on Apr. 28. MDS has volunteers from PA and IN in the area this week. They are operating nine pieces of heavy equipment, seven skid steers and two track hoes, removing debris, downed trees and clearing the remains of totally destroyed homes to the curb. In Louisville, a town of 10,000 residents, more than 330 houses were completely destroyed and 160 houses suffered major damage.

MDS volunteers have contributed over 3,600 volunteer hours since the response began. Larry Stoner, Disaster Response Coordinator, expects the cleanup phase to continue several more weeks. Stoner noted the need for volunteers with skills to operate heavy equipment. MDS leaders are working with the local long-term recovery committee to determine the possibility of a rebuilding response.

Ohio Repair Project

The Western Ohio Unit is rebuilding homes in LaRue, OH, after they were damaged by a flood in 2013. Click here to see the [video of the project](#).

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

The Eastern Virginia Unit sent volunteers to frame a house last week. By Friday afternoon the house was dried-in.

HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA Disaster: 2013 Flood

Along with our repair work this week, our volunteers participated in the Community Clean-up day, sponsored by one of our partner agencies, Samaritan's Purse. The students headed out with gusto, wearing their bright blue MDS t-shirts, ready to "get out of the basement" and soak up some vitamin D. Their enthusiasm was well noted when they received the "Gold Shovel" award for the most creative video and photos of their team working. Tears were shed by the three different homeowners whose yards they restored to beauty once again.

Numerous opportunities arise for interaction with family members staying here at the Saddlebrook community, especially when we cross paths in the dining hall. One little fellow in particular likes to sit at the table while we eat, calling us each by name. The young boys especially love it when the college students kick the soccer ball around with them in the evenings.

JAMESTOWN, COLORADO Disaster: 2013 Flood

In Sept. 2013 Jamestown received its total annual rainfall in a matter of 48 hours. Roads were washed out and buildings destroyed by flooding and mud coming from the rising waters of James Creek and Little Jim Creek that run right through the town. Many residents were evacuated by helicopter. The highway and road into town were compromised in many areas.

MDS is partnering with Flatirons Habitat for Humanity to help get this small town rebuilt. Volunteers will be housed at the Jefferson Elementary School over the summer. MDS brought in a shower trailer which sits on the school playground. The long-term volunteers will be staying in a home downtown that survived most of the flooding. The first weekly volunteers arrive and will begin work the week of June 9-13.

Click here to see photos of [Jamestown on Facebook](#).

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy.

Last week we were blessed with two energetic Church Groups, the Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church and the St. Catharines United Mennonite Church. We also had an individual join us from the Lititz, PA, area.

We continued with many jobs from last week. Two of our short-term volunteers were able to join Leon and work on ceramic tile jobs. At Ms. Yolanda's house they finished the tile floor as well as adding the final touches to jobs in two other homes.

Other jobs included finishing the installation of Ms. Angelina's countertop, cleaning out a bathroom by removing tiles and a vanity in order to install a handicap tub in another home, installing some doors in Ms. Norma's house and some soffit work on Ms. Concetta's house.

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

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