

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for August 17, 2014

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 17 – No Sunday school – Come at 9:30 for fellowship, coffee, snacks, and Ball Field Bash planning.
Aug. 19 – FDMC, Inc. Board meeting – 6:30 pm.
Aug. 20 – Elder Team – 7:00 pm.
Aug. 23 – Ball Field Bash at Witmer Heights. **4:00 – 7:00 pm.**
Aug. 24 – Children’s Bible memory
Aug. 31 – Fellowship meal and celebration of Michael’s ministry among us at WH.
Sept. 10 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm.
Sept. 26, 27, 28 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley Retreat Center.
Oct. 20 – MCC workday at the Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

	<u>Sunday, August 17</u>	<u>Sunday, August 24</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Michael Howes
Greeters	Wes Newswanger and Mim Eberly	John/Mim/Nathan Buckwalter

~**During the Sunday school hour on August 17**, we will have a time of food, fellowship, and time of preparations for the Ball Field Bash scheduled for August 23. John J. Landis will be providing candy for the aerial candy drop. Volunteers are needed to help tape pre-made positive messages onto the candy. Many hands make light work! All ages are invited to assist! If you would like to provide fruit, a baked good, and/or juice for the fellowship time, please contact Donna Reinford at 391-8210 or donnareinford@verizon.net. A preview of all carnival games will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

~**Plans are coming together for our Ball Field Bash on Sat., August 23, 4:00-7:00 p.m.** Church members are needed to volunteer to assist with invitation distribution, games and activities (including face-painting, whoopie pie walk, obstacle course, beanbag toss, ladder golf, ring toss, giant tic-tac-toe, etc.) food service, set-up, clean-up, etc. See Jan Mast, Donna Reinford, or Shelby Swartley to sign up.

The festivities will culminate with an aerial candy drop by (our own) John J. Landis, at 6:15 p.m. Mike and Angie Conrad will DJ our musical entertainment, and hot dogs, popcorn, watermelon, and walking tacos will be served. Please reserve the date and consider now how you might participate!

~**Nathan Buckwalter’s** Akron Club from Friendship Community is having a Car Wash and Lunch Stand Fundraiser on **August 23 from 9:00 – 2:30** at Oregon Dairy. He would appreciate your support of this event.

~**August 31 will be Michael's last Sunday** of his two year role as intentional interim pastor. We will celebrate the contributions that Michael and Sue have made to our congregational life in two ways. The first is through an extended time of sharing during the church service. The second way will be through a fellowship meal following the church service. Look for other ways to mark this time if you are unable to be present that day.

~**The Sunday school project for the summer quarter (June, July, August)** is for Water Street Ministries. **Water Street Mission Statement:** Our purpose is to advance the kingdom of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ and do missionary, relief, and rescue work of all kinds. **In addition to children’s offerings, adults may contribute by marking your check or giving envelope “S.S. Project” and it will be applied to that project.**

~**Retreat information** was put in church mailboxes and also sent via email. The retreat will again be held at Penn Valley Christian Retreat Center, September 26-28. **Please return the registration form to Dave and Shelby Swartley’s mailbox by September 14.** Make checks payable to First Deaf Mennonite Church. If you have questions, see Shelby or Dave.

Stumptown Mennonite Church is inviting everyone to two events: (See posters at church for more details.)
Renewal Services – September 7 at 10:am. and Monday, September 8 at 6:30 pm. at the church
Bird-in-Hand Community Hymn Sing & Worship – September 7 at 6:30 pm at the tent in Bird-in-Hand

~VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

~ **CVCCS (located at Lapp Electric)** has a Food Bank that is open Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. There is also a Clothing Bank open four Tuesdays of each month, 9am to 1pm. Both Banks are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, call 208-3711. Kathryn Landis from our congregation has volunteered at the Food Bank and says it is very interesting.

~**Filling school kit bags for MCC:** These are MCC's most requested item. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies and bring hope to refugee families. A special thank you to Ruth Ann Reinford for sewing all the school kit bags for us to fill. They are located on the bench behind the sanctuary. The following items go into the kit:

4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
8 unsharpened #2 pencils
1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
12 colored pencils (in packaging)
1 large pencil eraser

Please have kits returned to the church by September 9

News from other sources and agencies:

~**Everence Client Appreciation Events** - Summer is in full swing. Everence is excited to invite you to our client appreciation events! Learn about other news and local happenings at everence.com/lancaster. Join the Everence team for food, fun, prizes and more at any of these locations as we express our appreciation for our Lancaster area clients:

Lincoln Highway office

Friday, Aug. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m.
East Lampeter Park, 2330 Hobson Road
Please **RSVP by Aug. 18** by calling (717) 394-0769.

Mount Joy

Friday, Aug. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m.
Rapho Park, 960 Strickler Road
Please **RSVP by Aug. 18** by calling (717) 653-2977.

Ephrata

Friday, Sept. 5, from noon to 5 p.m.
Everence office, 1020 Sharp Ave.

Don't miss our Youth Savings Week activities the week of each client appreciation event.

Also you will have the chance to pick up information about an exciting simulcast event we're sponsoring on October 10 called L2, featuring John Maxwell. To purchase tickets, visit www.thegoblegroup.com/L2.

~**Everence Day of Generosity** - Christ-like generosity is never merely transactional; it's relational! Could you spare a little time to do something generous for people in your community? Everence Lancaster is sponsoring a Day of Generosity on **Saturday, Oct. 11**. Form a team to help people who need a hand. Everence will award \$1,000 each to six teams to give to charities of their choice. Visit <http://www.everence.com/Lancaster/> for an application or more information.

~**There are many events* being promoted** by Lancaster Conference that can be seen on their website instead of taking space in Menno Bulletin. Check this link <http://www.lancasterconference.org/events/calendar.php>. weekly for any new events or updates. **Updated August 6**

***Details on following events are on the Lancaster Conference website:** Music in the Orchard – Aug. 9, Joanne Shenandoah Concert – Aug. 30, Native American Craft classes – Aug. 9, Bookworm Frolic – Aug.13-16.