

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for August 24, 2014

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

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 24</u>	<u>Sunday, August 31</u>
Message	Paul Zehr	Michael Howes
Greeters	John/Mim/Nathan Buckwalter	Jim and Phyllis Oswald

~If you’re reading this before Sunday, don’t forget to come to the Ball Field Bash on Sat., evening (Aug. 23) from 4:00-7:00 p.m. There will be games and activities (including face-painting, whoopie pie walk, obstacle course, beanbag toss, ladder golf, ring toss, giant tic-tac-toe, etc.) and food. Bring your neighbors and friends. 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. Check with Jan Mast, Donna Reinford, or Shelby Swartley to see if help is still needed.

~Another Saturday event to support ... 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 seeing you there and participating in this event.

~This fall, the Adult Sunday school class will be reading and discussing the book, "*Sexuality: God's Gift.*" The class discussion will be facilitated by a variety of instructors. We will discuss ten of the 16 chapters, including: The Gift and Intimacy, The Gift and Singleness, The Gift and Marriage, The Gift and Same-Sex Orientation, The Gift Misused, and more. Jonathan Stoltzfus will lead the class on Sept 7 by providing an introduction to the quarter and discussing chapter 1. A schedule of dates, chapters and facilitators will be provided on Sept 7, however, the book is currently in your mailbox so you can prepare for week 1 by reading Chapter 1.

~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.

~Two more Sundays Aug. 24 and 31 to give to the Sunday school project for the summer quarter (June, July, August) ... Water Street Ministries. Their mission statement says: 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 Witmer Heights to participate in an educational event “*End of Life Planning*” and will be given on Wednesday evenings... Sept. 3, 10, 17, and 24. If you missed reading it via email, you may see it on the bulletin board at church. If you would like to attend, contact Glenda Groff at Stumptown to let her know you plan to come. 717-656-7878 or office@stumptownmc.org.

~**Two other events that Stumptown is inviting** everyone to attend are:

Renewal Services – Sunday, September 7 at 10:am. and Monday, September 8 at 6:30 pm. at the church.

Also on September 7 at 6:30 pm at the tent in Bird-in-Hand will be the Bird-in-Hand Community

(For more details, see posters on both events posted on the bulletin board at church.)

Hymn Sing & Worship

~**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

~**Lancaster Mennonite School offers many opportunities to volunteer at all four campuses.**

Volunteering helps to make quality Christian education affordable for more families while building a sense of community. If you are interested in touching the lives of children in a Christian school environment, contact the principal of your preferred campus location (see www.lancastermennonite.org) or contact Miles Yoder at 717 509-4459, ext. 302, or yoderme@lancastermennonite.org.

News from other sources and agencies:

~**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 20**

~**Consider joining the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Prelude Music class**, a non-auditioned exploratory music program for children in kindergarten through grade 2. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at 5:15 p.m. or 6:15 p.m. from late September through April at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, Lancaster. To register, contact Prelude Music Director Dot Smith at preludemusic@lancastermennonite.org or 717-799-4103.

~**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.