

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for August 3, 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

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. 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 3</u>	<u>Sunday, August 10</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Rance Darity
Greeters	Jim and Phyllis Oswald	Chris and Rose Kennel

~A large representation of the members of Witmer Heights Mennonite Church submitted ballots and over 95% affirmed Randy Keener as our next pastor. Randy has accepted the affirmation. He is finishing his hospital chaplaincy at the end of August and will take a few weeks to refresh before his first official day as our pastor on September 15. Thanks to all for the prayer support through the process. May we continue to pray for our congregation as we continue figuring out together how to follow Jesus and make our community and the world a better place. Thanks to Madeline Mast, Eileen Ranck, Jonathan Stoltzfus, Shelby Swartley, and Marvin Weaver for their participation on the search team. Glory to God!

~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!

~Stumptown Mennonite Church has extended an invitation to Witmer Heights to participate in a one-day VBS Community Day on **Sunday, August 10**, from 3:00-8:00 pm. There will be Bible skits, games, crafts, "Airplane" rides, singing, fellowship meal, Ryan and Friends, and an ice cream social. A free will offering for a mission project will be taken. Registration is needed in advance.

A poster and registration forms are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

~Pastor Michael will be away on vacation Aug. 6-10. Contact Neil Reinford for any pastoral needs. Rance Darity will preach on Sunday, August 10.

~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.**

~VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

~**Sunday school teaching:** Contact Donna Reinford or sign up on the sheet in the adult S.S. class to help with teaching the adults this summer.

~**Worship leading:** Contact Lorrie Stoltzfus if you are willing to be worship leader on a given Sunday.

~ **CVCCS summer lunch program** (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) through August 21.

Help is needed in the kitchen from 9:00-11:00 to prepare the lunches. OR

A huge need is for persons to transport the lunches to the different locations. Pickup the lunches at LCCS (beside The Worship Center) at 11:00 am, drop them off at the designated site and return the coolers to LCCS. No need to stay with the children while they eat. If you have questions or want to schedule a time to help, call the coordinator, Lisa Storhaug, at 606-3331.

~**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 Sept. 9.

Thanks for your support of this project. Phyllis Oswald

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 July 16**

***Details of 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.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

**RESPONDING
REBUILDING
RESTORING**

This is the MDS Update for July 31, 2014

[CURRENT NEEDS](#)

Jamestown, CO

Project Director (Aug. 18 - Sep. 26)

Office Manager (Aug. 25 - Sep. 26)

Crew Leaders (Aug. 25 - Sep. 26)

Cooks (Sep. 1-26)

Short-term groups

High River, AB

Short-term groups (Aug. 11-15; 25-29)

Staten Island, NY

Assistant Cook (Aug. 4-16)

Crew leader (Aug. 4-16)

Family Project, Turner Valley, AB

Families with children, all ages

Aug. 3-8; 10-15

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](#)

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.

Applicants 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. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

[NEW VIDEO](#)

Click here to [view the new MDS video](#) including an overview of the most recent responses and looking back at what MDS has done in Bastrop, TX, and after Hurricane Katrina.

[ALAKANUK, ALASKA](#) - Disaster: 2013 Flood

This week our work involved finishing up some projects on Mr. Harry's house. At Ms. Monica and Mr. Francis' home some of the work included building the arctic porch, putting on the roof and doors were installed. We continue to work six full days every week. Our social activity consists of an occasional trip to the Yukon River, a Sunday boat ride to the Bering Sea for five or six people and attending church on Sunday morning.

[ALBERTA FAMILY CAMP](#) The Alberta Unit is running a Family Project at Camp Valaqua near Turner Valley, AB. Families with children of all ages come with their own RV, tent, or tent trailer to volunteer for a week at a time. Volunteers are provided with meals, tools and meaningful work, giving them an opportunity to use their skills and learn new ones. Families will work together to build cabins. MDS will not provide childcare or a special program for the children, but the camp may provide occasional fun activities.

At the end of the first week four new cabins were well underway. All of the families worked hard but also enjoyed the time together and making new friends.

[CIRCLE, ALASKA](#) Disaster: 2013 Flood - Work in Circle has been progressing very quickly, thanks to our hard-working, efficient volunteers. Since the work will be completed, the project will close early, Aug. 7, with all volunteers going home on Aug. 8.

[CRISFIELD, MARYLAND](#) - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy - The Crisfield project will be managed by the Somerset Co. Long Term Recovery Committee until the fall when MDS leadership will return.

[HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA](#) - Disaster: 2013 Flood The MDS Youth Project is well under way. The youth have come eager and willing to work and are tackling some interesting "small space" jobs that also need to be done. The saying "many hands make the work lighter" is true in this case as the job list continues to have jobs completed and signed off. The projects have included demolishing a deck and fence, leveling gravel for a basement, some yard work, framing complete basements, insulating, hanging drywall, mudding and painting. We seem to have done a little bit of everything!

[JAMESTOWN, COLORADO](#) Disaster: 2013 Flood

We had another good week in Jamestown with two great youth groups; one from Lima, OH, and the other from Colorado Springs, CO. Both the groups worked really hard and did a great job! The volunteers moved more dirt and rocks out of Mr. Burt's house and also put in the subfloor. At Mr. Jeremy's house we poured cement floor and at Mr. Dave's we did some more painting and staining. There was some insulating done at Mr. John's house and clean up at various sites.

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

We had two youth groups volunteering this week, totaling 25 people. The two groups worked well together and finished work for the homeowners who are waiting to return to their homes. Along with helping MDS the youth worked for a local church, cleaning abandoned yards. They also served World Care Center helping to clean local beaches and providing home cooked meals for a relief tent.

Contributions may be sent to: (or you may donate online)
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Can.: 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6
Tel: USA (800) 241-8111 Can. (866) 261-1274