

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for September 14, 2014

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 14 – Retreat Registrations due.
Sept. 17 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm.
Sept. 25 – Elder Team – 7:00 pm.
Sept. 26, 27, 28 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley Retreat Center.
Oct. 5 – MYF Soup & Salad Fundraiser at Mellinger
Oct. 5 – MYF Mentor/Mentee Kickoff at Mellinger
Oct. 15 – Elder Team – 7:00 pm.
Oct. 20 – MCC workday at the Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
Nov. 18 – First Deaf Inc. Board of Director’s – 6:30 pm.

	<u>Sunday, September 14</u>	<u>Sunday, September 21</u>
Message	Keith Weaver	Randy Keener
Greeters	Mim Eberly and Becky Rutt	John H. Landis and Kathryn Landis

~**Retreat is only 2 weeks away....** September 26-28. More information should be in mailboxes this Sunday. **Please return the registration form to Dave and Shelby Swartley’s mailbox by this Sunday, Sept. 14.** Make checks payable to First Deaf Mennonite Church. If you have questions, see Shelby or Dave.

~**Sympathy and care are extended** to Craig and Lisa Kachel and family in the loss of Craig’s father, Harold, who died Monday, September 8. Funeral services on September 13 were held in West Lawn, PA.

~**Answers to Prayer:**

John J. Landis reported that his heart catheterization revealed no further heart issues. The concentration now is on the needed aortic valve replacement. Thanks for your prayers, and continue to pray that the plans for this procedure will be ordered by the Lord.

Nancy Marshall wrote: "Thank you for praying. Last Sunday we had 10 women and 4 men and one boy. Two men that we have seen in the past, but rarely come, came to church. That was a direct answer to your prayers. Continue to pray."

~**Thank you for your very generous response** to the school kit project for MCC. When we delivered the school kits to the MCC Resource Center, a gentleman greeted us with a big smile! He was thrilled when we told him we had 228 school kits to be unloaded! We also thank Ruth Ann for sewing all the school kit bags for us to fill!
~Phyllis Oswald

~**This fall, the Adult Sunday school class is** 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. Ernie Mast will lead the class on Sept 14. Hopefully you can prepare for the discussion by reading the second chapter (including Scripture references) before Sept. 14. A schedule of dates, chapters and facilitators is available.

~**Stumptown Mennonite Church has invited Witmer Heights to participate in** an educational event "*End of Life Planning.*" Several from Witmer Heights attended the first two meeting and highly recommend these informational meetings, which will be given on the remaining Wednesday evenings... Sept. 17, and 24. Remaining topics include: "End of Life Medical Care," and "Options for the Final Arrangement of the Deceased Body." Meetings begin at 7:00 pm.

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 pm to 7 pm There is also a Clothing Bank open four Tuesdays of each month, 9 am 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.

~**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:

~**Join friends of Sunday School Meditations** at an upcoming Dinner Meeting being held on **Saturday, September 20, 2014** at Midway Reception Center, Lititz, PA. The meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. Enjoy an evening of old fashioned singing and worshipping the Lord in song.

~**LMS Admissions Drop-in October 6, 8:30-10:00 am.** On Monday, October 6, parents of prospective students are invited to drop in at the Lancaster Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School for light refreshments in Alumni Dining Hall and the opportunity to chat with school administrators, including elementary principals. Student-led tours are available from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m., and parents are welcome to observe high school chapel from 9:54 - 10:30 a.m. The Lancaster Campus is located at 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster.

~**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 September 3.**

~**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.

Updates on the needs at Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) may be seen at: www.mds.mennonite.net