

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for September 21, 2014

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

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 21</u>	<u>Sunday, September 28 - Retreat</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Robert and Audrey Kanagy
Greeters	John H. Landis and Kathryn Landis	Retreat Committee

~**There will be no services held at Witmer Heights on Sunday, September 28.** The congregation will be at Penn Valley Retreat Center for the annual church retreat from Friday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Sept. 28. Regular worship services will resume at the church on Sunday, October 5.

~**This quarter's Sunday School Project** will be supporting six Karen refugee children with choir tuition for singing in The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster.. These children represent three different family units. The refugees are from Burma (Myanmar) and struggle to meet their daily needs. Extra activities require added support. The families are regular attendees at Habecker Mennonite Church where they do receive lots of support. If wanting to contribute to this project, please mark your envelope or check memo line for the S.S. Project.

~**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. **Lois Weaver will lead the class on Sept 21. Hopefully you can prepare for the discussion by reading the third chapter "The Gift and Intimacy" before that.** A schedule of dates, chapters and facilitators is available.

~Church Directory Updates

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~**Stumptown Mennonite Church has invited Witmer Heights to participate in** an educational event "*End of Life Planning.*" Several from Witmer Heights have been attending and highly recommend these informational meetings. At the final meeting, **September 24**, Loren Bender will speak on "Options for the Final Arrangement of the Deceased Body." The meeting begins 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:

~Lancaster Mennonite School and Hesston College to present musical documentary performance

Internationally acclaimed baritone Anthony Brown will present "I Go On Singing," an original tribute to the African American performer and civil rights activist Paul Robeson, at **7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18**, in the Fine Arts Center on the Lancaster Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School, 2176 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster.

Jointly sponsored and presented by Lancaster Mennonite School and Hesston (Kan.) College, Brown's tribute to Robeson is a 90-minute song-filled, multi-media presentation that reveals him as a towering figure in 20th century American history. **This is a highly significant event for Central Pennsylvania.**

Tickets are \$15 for adults, and free for high school students and younger. Tickets can be reserved in advance by calling Lancaster Mennonite School at (717) 509-4459, ext. 703. Go to www.igoonsinging.com for more information about the performance.

~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.

~Annual Storytelling Night—Experience an evening of storytelling with the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society at Stumptown Mennonite Church on **Monday, September 22 at 7 p.m.** Hear from Elizabeth Soto Albrecht, moderator of MCUSA and faculty member at Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Richard Thomas, Superintendent at Lancaster Mennonite Schools, and past moderator of MCUSA.

~There are many events being promoted by Lancaster Conference that can be seen on their website instead of taking space in Menno Bulletin. Check weekly for any new events or updates at this link <http://www.lancasterconference.org/events/calendar.php>. **Updated September 3.**

~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