

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for September 7, 2014

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 7 – Jason Kuniholm will preach to Witmer Heights congregation
Sept. 14 – Retreat Registrations due today
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. 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.

Message Sunday, September 7
 Jason Kuniholm
Greeters Esther Mast and Becky Nolt

Message Sunday, September 14
 Keith Weaver
Greeters Mim Eberly and Becky Rutt

~Retreat is only 3 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 next Sunday, Sept. 14.** Make checks payable to First Deaf Mennonite Church. If you have questions, see Shelby or Dave.

~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. Hopefully you can prepare for the discussion by reading the first chapter before Sept. 7.

~Church Directory Updates

Miller, Shane & Joy – 326B Matilda Ave. Lemont, PA 16851
Zehr, Paul & Mary – Landline Phone – 717-381-2766

~Prayer Requests from Nancy Marshall in Belize:

- Pray for Sulmi to develop patience and tolerance with the interpreter.
- Pray for good relationships among the members of our church.
- Pray for more men to come to church, particularly the hearing husbands.

~Stumptown Mennonite Church has invited Witmer Heights to participate in an educational event "*End of Life Planning.*" Several from Witmer Heights attended the first meeting and highly recommend these informational meetings, which will be given on the remaining Wednesday evenings... Sept. 10, 17, and 24. Remaining topics include: "Organization of Finances and Estate Planning," "End of Life Medical Care," and "Options for the Final Arrangement of the Deceased Body." If you would like to attend, contact Glenda Groff at Stumptown to let her know you plan to come. 717-656-7878 or office@stumtownmc.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
Hymn Sing & Worship

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

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.

~**School Kit bags for MCC are due at the church by Tuesday, September 9:** 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

~**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 a night of old fashioned singing and worshipping the Lord in song.

~**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.