

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for January 4, 2014

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

- Jan. 4 – Communion during Witmer Heights worship.
Jan. 7 - Family Night - 6:15 pm. Meal (provided by Mim Eberly and Jan Mast) and activity.
Jan. 14 - Worship Team - 7:00 pm.
Jan. 15 - Elder Team meeting - 7:00 pm.

Sunday, January 4
Message Randy Keener
Greeters Jim and Phyllis Oswald

Sunday, January 11
Randy Keener
John H. Landis and Kathryn Landis

~**Sympathy and care** are extended to the Gehman/Nissley family in the death of Minerva Gehman Nissley, longtime member at First Deaf/Witmer Heights. Minerva died on December 22. Her memorial service was held at Stumptown Mennonite Church on Sunday afternoon, December 28. **Memorial contributions may be given to First Deaf Mennonite Church, Inc. Mark your check or envelope and put in the offering at church, or mail to First Deaf Mennonite Church, Inc., 2270 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602.**

~*Thank you to First Deaf and Witmer Heights congregations for your outpouring of love in the passing of our dear Mother, Minerva Nissley. We appreciate your kindness and generosity through cards, prayers, flowers, your presence, baking cakes, serving food...the many ways you have shown support. God's blessings as you continue to serve Him! With love & thanksgiving, Nelson & Phyllis Gehman, Nancy & John Leaman, Sally & Randy Martin and families. (Editor's note: See addresses for these families on page 2 of Menno Bulletin.)*

~**Keep Don and Ginny Ranck** in prayer for some very difficult decisions to be made regarding the best path forward following her surgery on Dec. 17. Pray for the neurosurgeons, neurologists, DCVax experts, laboratory specimen analysts, clinical program specialists, and others whom will all huddle to come to a consensus on a plan. Praise to God for the decisions made so far that have been right ones for Ginny, although some have been very expensive. However, the family believes she will come through with flying colors and are grateful to all who have been helping along the way. Your love, concern, dedication, and assistance in getting through this difficult time will not be forgotten.

~**Prayers are also requested** for Arlene King, member of First Deaf, and mother of Vanessa Boyer and Lisa King-Kachel. Earlier this week Arlene fell at home and suffered a significant break to her right shoulder. She had surgery at Regional Medical Center Friday morning. The family felt blessed to have the surgeon and interpreters of their choice. Pray for Arlene and Melvin as Arlene recovers and as Melvin assists as caregiver.

~**Encouragement Link for week of January 4-10**

Laura Hoffer – Jan/Dean Mast Sarah Hoffer – Phyllis/Jim Oswald
Allison Kachel – Becky Nolt Olivia Mast – Esther/Ernie Mast Sophia Mast – Eileen Ranck

~**The Winter S.S. quarter began the first Sunday in Dec.** The adult class is studying the Uniform Series “Acts of Worship” facilitated by volunteers from the class. Sign up sheet is in the adult classroom. On Sundays where no one has volunteered, there will be a time for fellowship. Rance Darity will lead the discussion on Sun., Jan. 4.

~**Next Family Night will be January 7.** The meal begins at 6:15 followed by an activity. Please notify Shelby or Tricia by Sunday, Jan. 4 how many of your family will be attending so meal planners know how much to make.

~**Next Connections meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 6** at Mellinger Mennonite Fellowship Hall. Carol Leaman will oversee the activity: Tying Knots of Love. Please join in this simple service activity. Knot comforters that will go to people in need through Mennonite Central Committee. It will also be a time to visit as we work together. Connections is a place to meet new friends, hear fun, helpful, and thought provoking topics, and find support in times of joy and sorrow. Young and old, alike, enjoy these mornings together.

Nelson/Phyllis Gehman
42 Cypress Drive
Leola, PA 17540

Nancy/John Leaman
159 Glenbrook Rd
Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505

Sally/Randy Martin
340 Forest Ave.
Ambler, PA 19002

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

~A seminar “Regaining Our Missional Edge” hosted by Church on the Other Side will be held **Saturday, January 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at Vision Columbia, 291 S. Fourth St., Columbia, PA. Josef Berthold and several other speakers will focus on being multiplying missional churches. See flyer in your mailbox at church for additional details. **(This could be a helpful seminar to enhance the vision of Witmer Heights.)**

~**On Thursday, January 8**, parents of prospective students are invited to drop in at the Locust Grove Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School from 8:30-10 a.m. for a light breakfast and the opportunity to chat informally with the principal. Tours are available, and parents are welcome to observe classes in session. The Locust Grove Campus is located at 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster.

On Thursday, January 22, parents of prospective students are invited to drop in at the New Danville Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School (PreK-5) from 8:30-10 a.m. for a light breakfast and the opportunity to chat informally with the principal. Tours are available, and parents are welcome to observe classes in session. The New Danville Campus is located at 393 Long Lane, Lancaster.

~**Children in kindergarten through second grade** are invited to register for the spring 2015 semester of Prelude Music. Part of the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, Prelude Music is a non-auditioned group whose primary goal is to engage children with music. Playing, moving, listening and singing are important components. Classes are held Tuesday evenings in February through April at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. **Registration deadline is February 10.** For more information, contact mccl@lancastermennonite.org or call 717-455-7025.

~**Join friends of Sunday School Meditations** at an upcoming Dinner Meeting being held on **Sat, January 31**, at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland, PA. The meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. The speaker will be Keith Weaver and The Messiah's Messengers will provide the music. Come prepared to receive a blessing and to enjoy a delicious meal. For information or complimentary reservations, contact any board member: Ken/Joanne Hershey 717-284-3841, Clifford/Gloria Bender 717-872-1866, Larry/Marian Harnly 717-569-3008 e-mail: ssmeditations@gmail.com.

~**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. **Updated Dec. 17.** <http://www.lancasterconference.org/events/calendar.php>.

~**Registration for Mennonite Church USA Convention will open** January 15, 2015. If you plan to attend, go to <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/convention-411/> and click on links for information about all aspects of KC2014 **to be held June 30 to July 5, 2015**, in Kansas City MO.

~**Registration for Mennonite World Conference's Assembly**, “Pennsylvania 2015,” is now open. Go to www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015registration to learn more and to register for this global gathering of worship and fellowship, **to be held July 21-26, 2015**, in Harrisburg, PA. This is a once-in-a-generation event!

~**Mennonite World Conference book discussion**—Prepare for PA 2015 by learning more about the beliefs that 1.7 million Mennonites and related groups share in common around the world. **Attend a book discussion of “What We Believe Together” on Monday evening, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Forest Hills Mennonite Church** (100 Quarry Rd., Leola, PA 17540). Three persons with deep connections to Mennonite World Conference will lead the conversation—Richard Thomas, Devin Manzullo-Thomas, and Phyllis Pellman Good. Books are available from Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society (717/393-9745, or at www.lmhs.org).