

Allenno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for February 22, 2015

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Mar. 1 – Witmer Heights invited to “Frosty Fellowship” at Mellingers – 6-8 pm.
Mar. 4 – Family Night – meal, lesson, and game night.
Mar. 11 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm.
Mar. 19 – Elder Team – 7:00 pm.
Mar. 21 – Celebration of Church Life 9 am-3 pm – Mount Joy Mennonite Church. (One day only)
Mar. 22 – MYF356 Soup and Salad Fundraiser meal at Mellinger Fellowship Hall at noon.
April 6 – Workday at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

	<u>Sunday, February 22</u>	<u>Sunday, March 1</u>
Message	Rance Darity	Randy Keener
Greeters	Karen Diffenbach and Becky Rutt	Mim Eberly and Esther Mast

~**Melvin and Arlene King extend a thank you** to the Witmer Heights and First Deaf congregations for the get well cards, visits, prayers, and generous food. We really appreciate your kindness.

~**My coins count!... My coins count!** Sitting in my pocket when they could be doing good. My coins count, my coins count! We can make a difference in the world! Bring your coins and empty your pockets as you contribute to change in our world during our exciting kick-off (Sun. Feb. 22) to “**My Coins Count 2015!**” (**Penny Power**)

~**The youth group is having a Generation Gym Night on Friday, February 20 from 6-9 at LMH gym.** This is a fundraiser for the youth group. Admission is by donation and we will have a youth auction to help raise money and also a food stand. There will be games for all ages. We would love to have the “over 20 yr. olds” play basketball and volleyball. If you are interested in playing just come ready to play. If anyone would like to donate food for that night please call Brenda Weaver at [717-725-9800](tel:717-725-9800). Questions?? Just call Brenda.

~**Mellingers would like to invite Witmer Heights** to our Frosty Fellowship on **Sun. evening, March 1 from 6-8** in our Fellowship Hall. It is a casual, come and go as it suits type of night for all ages. We all usually just hang out, play games, eat sundaes and popcorn, and just fellowship together. There is no set program....except maybe some music in the background.

~**Witmer Heights received an invitation** for the Johnstown Christian School Choir to sing at our church on May 3rd for the Sunday morning service. We want to make sure we can handle hosting 30 students in our homes before we agree to them coming. If you would be willing to host some students in your home, please reply to me with how many you could roughly host. The kids would need to be picked up at the church Saturday, May 2nd in the evening at Witmer Heights. Please RSVP back to Randy Keener as soon as possible so that he can let the leader at Johnstown know if this is a possibility.

~**Leon and Leona Oberholtzer will appreciate your prayers** as Leona is scheduled for surgery this Tuesday morning, Feb. 24th. Leona was diagnosed with a very serious and aggressive uterine cancer and, at some point after surgery, will need chemotherapy. We are experiencing the peace of God deep within but also have those moments when we wonder what the journey may mean for us in the days ahead. We are very grateful for our church families who are very supportive and who truly do care. ~Blessings! Leon and Leona

~**Encouragement Link – Feb. 15-21 (can extend to Feb. 27)**

Laura Hoffer - Mary/Paul Zehr
Sarah Hoffer - Mim Wert
Allison Kachel - Lois/Marvin Weaver
Olivia Mast - Karen/Abe Diffenbach
Sophia Mast - Mim/John Buckwalter

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

~**Next Connections meeting – Tuesday, February 24, 9:00 a.m.** at Mellinger Mennonite Fellowship Hall. Jenny Gehman will speak on *Do What Leads to Life Part I: Of Roses and Raspberries*. Come to gain courage and be equipped to bloom and bear fruit in the midst of pain. Hear Jenny's story of living with a chronic condition and follow others in Scripture.

~**Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Benefit Concert.** You are invited to attend *A Celebration of Hope and Healing*, a benefit concert featuring spirituals and the stories behind the songs. Dr. Sherrie Strange Pratt, NYC soprano, joined by the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (Chamber Choir) and Nick Peterson, baritone, will be in concert on **Sunday, February 22, 3 p.m.** at Neffsville Mennonite Church. A free-will offering, with a recommended donation of \$20 per person, will be taken to support the Chamber Choir in their summer assignment to the Balkans through Eastern Mennonite Missions.

~**The Lancaster Mennonite High School drama students** are working hard on their latest production: the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, showing on **March 5-7**. It is a show that you want to miss. To reserve tickets for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, please contact the LMS box office at (717)299-0436, ext. 340, or email boxoffice@lancastermennonite.org. Tickets are \$10 for adults. Groups of 10 or more and seniors are \$9 each.

~**Emulate, a fresh and elite vocal ensemble**, from Eastern Mennonite University is coming to the Lancaster area. Directed by Ryan Keebaugh, the group specializes in madrigals; jazz, modern, and contemporary concert literature, both secular and sacred. Their inaugural tour, -- *Songs of Innocence and Experience* -- features the works of Durufle', Tavener, and Nystedt amid additional selections that will uplift, touch, and reflect upon the human soul and condition. Local appearances include: **Friday, March 6, 9:55 a.m.** – Chapel of Lancaster Mennonite High School, 2176 Lincoln Hwy East, and **Friday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.** at James Street Mennonite Church, 323 W. James Street, Lancaster. The choir's desire is to emulate Christ in word and action. (John 13:15)

~**Stewardship University**, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community, is coming to Lancaster on **Saturday, March 7, 2015**. Should the pastor know how much money each family unit donates to the congregation? Mark Wenger and Beryl Jantzi will explore this topic in *What should the pastor know about offerings?* For more information or to register, contact Kevin Nofziger at (800) 653-9723, kevin.nofziger@everence.com or visit stewardshipuniversity.com.

~**Lancaster Conference Celebration of Church Life** will be held March 21, from 9 am to 3 pm at Mount Joy Mennonite Church. (one day only this year) To see more details on events and registration go to <http://www.lancasterconference.org/p/Registration.pdf>

~**Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties** will hold their annual Garden Luncheon on **Saturday, March 21, 2015**, at The Desmond Great Valley Hotel in Malvern, Pa. Silent auction opens at 10:30am. Luncheon follows at 11:30am. Former White House Chef, John Moeller, will delight luncheon guests with the story of his journey to the White House, consequently serving three First Families, and currently owning and operating his own catering business in Lancaster, PA.

To make your reservations for this elegant event, please call 610-380-1360 x 106. Individual tickets cost \$65 and all proceeds from the luncheon and auction will benefit Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties and their work helping homeless single mothers find housing and build better futures for themselves and their children. Due to the popularity of John Moeller as guest speaker and limited seating, early registration is encouraged. For further information about the event or to preview the silent auction list, visit www.bridgeofhopelcc.org.