

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for March 8, 2015

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

- Mar. 8 – Fellowship meal – Bring hot and cold dishes of food to share.
Mar. 11 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm.
Mar. 18 – Family Night – 6:45 pm. Bible lesson and activity
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.
Mar. 30-April 4 – Parent & Preschool Chick-fil-A fundraiser. (See details below.)
April 6 – Workday at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

	<u>Sunday, March 8</u>	<u>Sunday, March 15</u>
Message	Paul Zehr	Randy Keener
Greeters	John/Mim/Nathan Buckwalter	Mary Zehr and Karen Diffenbach

~A fellowship meal is scheduled for this Sunday, March 8. Please bring the usual food items to share.

~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.

~PLEASE NOTE - Currently, due to technical difficulties, you will no longer receive the Hear Ye! Hear Ye! email notice. However, **please be aware** that each week you may keep checking the church website... www.whmchurch.org. Friday p.m or Sat. a.m. The Church Bulletin and Menno Bulletin Weekly will normally be posted there no later than Saturday morning.

~Thank you for the great response regarding hosting students from the Johnstown Christian School Choir on May 3rd. We have enough host families at this point. More details will be coming, as we get closer to the date.
~Pastor Randy

~Another thank you note was received for the Valentine Care Package.

Take time to read Allison Kachel's lovely card posted on the bulletin board at church.

~The following thank you note was received from Water Street Mission:

Dear Congregation and Church Leadership: Thank you so much for your December gift to the Water Street Mission! It means so much that you would remember the homeless and hungry. Because of you, men, women, and families with nowhere else to go will have a safe place to sleep, 3 meals a day, and help to renew their lives. Thanks for sharing God's love in this way. If there's anything I can do for you, please let me know. We love to give tours or share on a Sunday morning about the impact of your giving. ~Maria Schastberger, Church Relations

~Encouragement Link – March 1-7 (and the week beyond)

Laura Hoffer – Gladys/John Landis
Sarah Hoffer – Jan/Dean Mast
Allison Kachel – Rose/Chris Kennel
Olivia Mast – Velma Magill
Sophia Mast – Lisa/Craig Kachel

~The Updated Church Directory (hard copy) will be available in your mailboxes by Sunday, March 8. There was not 100% response to a request for updates, thus we trust all information is correct. If you wish to have a Directory sent to you online, please request that from Esther Mast.

~No Connections on Tuesday, March 10. - Spring Break

~Next Connections meeting will be March 17, 9:00 a.m. at Mellinger Mennonite Fellowship Hall. Bonni Greiner will use examples from the Bible and everyday life situations to explore how to raise responsible, respectful, and responsive children in today's world,

~The Parent and Preschool Center is participating in a Chick-fil-A Spirit Week Fundraiser during the week of March 30th - April 4th from 6:30 am - 10:00 pm each day. A flyer will be put in your church mailbox by March 22. Use it as often as you want during the week for us to receive 15% of your bill as a donation. Tuesday March 31st will be our Rally Night when you can spin the wheel for a prize and visit with the Staff of the Parent and Preschool Center. This will also be a time to promote the Preschool to the Community. Digital flyers are also available on Facebook at Parent and Preschool Center or on our web page at www.mellingerchurch.org/preschool.

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

~The Lancaster Mennonite High School drama students (including Alana Stoltzfus from our congregation) have worked hard on their latest production: the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, showing Friday eve. March 6 at 7:30 pm and Saturday March 7 at 2:00 and 7:30 pm. It is a show that you won't 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, \$8 for students. Matinee \$9 adults and \$7 students. Groups of 10 or more and seniors are \$9.

~*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. Hear them 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>

~Thank God for the many who are involved in discernment with Lancaster Conference and Mennonite Church USA. We pray for God's wisdom, peace, and love to be fully demonstrated as we seek to follow Him in the coming year.

~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.