

Allenno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for April 5, 2015

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

April 6 – Workday at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

April 16 – Elder Team – 7:00 pm

April 19 – Fellowship Sunday instead of Sunday school – See Donna to sign up for pastries and juice.

April 19 – McKenzie Brubaker Concert at Mellingers (MYF356 Fundraiser) – 6:30 pm at Mellingers

May 3 – Choir from Johnstown will sing during worship service. (Includes fellowship meal at noon.)

May 13 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm.

May 19 – FDMC, INC. Board of Directors meeting – 6:30 pm.

May 29-30 – **SAVE THE DATE** for the Witmer Heights Women’s Retreat at The Welcoming Place, Akron, PA.

Message
Greeters

Sunday, April 5

Randy Keener
John and Kathryn Landis

Sunday, April 12

Christine Baer
es Newswanger and Mim Eberly

~ **Sunday, April 5... share Your Easter Flowers** - Please deliver your seasonal flowers to the church by 9:00 a.m. to help make the front of the sanctuary beautiful for our Easter celebrations. Remember to take them home after the service. See Lois Weaver with questions. ~Thank you!

~**NOTICE: Collecting coins for “My Coins Count” concluded March 29.** The amount collected to date is \$494.51. Persons wanting to still contribute by a check or cash, may put that in the offering through April 12. Mark your check or envelope for MCC “My Coins Count.” Perhaps someone would like to do a total match as well.

~**Next Sunday’s Bulletin (April 12) will be printed Wed. April 8.** Please have items /announcements to Esther Mast no later than 10:00 Wed. morning. April 8. Thank You!

~**Brenda Weaver, Youth Group Adviser**, will be at First Deaf/Witmer Heights the next two Sunday mornings between 9:00 and 9:15 to promote the envelope fundraiser that began at the Soup and Salad Fundraiser on March 22. **This is their big fundraiser for Mennonite World Conference.** She will bring what is left from the 150 envelopes numbered from 1-150. You decide what you would like to donate. For example, if you want to donate \$121 you would pick the envelope with 121 on it and you put that amount of money (or more) in the envelope. When you return the envelope to me with the money (or check) in it, you will be given a small appreciation gift from the youth. (The youth have asked local businesses for donations, products, etc.) If every envelope gets taken and the appropriate amount put in - we will raise \$11,325. Thank you for considering a gift.

~**Next Connections meeting will be April 7, 9:00 a.m.** at Mellinger Mennonite Fellowship Hall. The activity will be one of our favorites... **Play Money Auction.** Bring a gently used item or certificate for a service, and let the bidding begin! We will use play money... no real money is exchanged.

~**Sunday evening April 19, 6:30 pm, everyone is invited** to a concert featuring Mackenzie Brubaker at Mellinger Mennonite Church. A free will offering will be collected to raise funds for our youth to attend the July Mennonite World Conference in Harrisburg. Invite your family and friends to join us for an evening of music!

~**For those who volunteered to host students** from Johnstown Christian School **Sat. night, May 2**, see the signup sheet at church. (on table behind sanctuary). The choir will sing **Sun., May 3**, in our worship service.

~ **Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 pm** —CVCCS is sponsoring their first **Walk from Hunger fundraiser** at Conestoga Valley High School. Individuals or teams of 5 are invited to register. (There is a registration fee discount for teams of 5.) More details are available at <http://cvccs.org>. Please email or text/call Lisa King-Kachel at jam3@ptd.net or 717-371-9518 by Sunday, April 5th if you are interested in participating either as a walker or a financial sponsor. More details will follow

~**Encouragement Link – March 29-April 5 (extended to April 12)**

Laura Hoffer – Judy/Don Stoltzfus
Sarah Hoffer – Becky/John Rutt
Allison Kachel – Shelby/Dave Swartley

Olivia Mast – Lois/Marvin Weaver
Sophia Mast – Tricia/Jon Stoltzfus

~**Witmer Heights Ladies**, mark your calendar for the Women's Retreat, **May 29 and 30**, to be held at The Welcoming Place at Akron, PA. Look for more information in a few weeks. ~Lorrie and Karen

~**Mellinger Mennonite Church is hosting their annual Vacation Bible School** on Monday, June 22 through Thursday, June 25. Last year we held VBS in the morning from 9-11:30 am and our attendance exploded! We had over 170 children, registered and attending each morning, mostly from our surrounding community. It appears that community parents appreciate a morning VBS, but that presents a volunteer challenge. VBS is so important and we want to make sure to use this unique opportunity to spread the Good News of Jesus to others. We are looking to partner with another church to make sure we can continue to share a quality VBS with our community. We have a need for people who are willing to be classroom helpers, help with games, snacks, and more. Are you interested? Contact Lynelle Kreider, Minister or Christian Education at Mellinger Mennonite, at lynelle@mellingerchurch.org for more information

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

~**The Lancaster Mennonite High School Campus Chorale 2014-1015 Schedule** (Madeline Mast sings in it)

April 19, Sunday – Groffdale Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm.
April 26, Sunday – Zion Lutheran Church – 7:00 pm.
May 3, Sunday – Landisville Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm
May 10, Sunday – Weaverland Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm.
May 17, Sunday – Stumptown Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm.

~**The 140-voice Mennonite Children's Choir Spring Concert Series Schedule** (Madeline Kachel & Becca Swartley sing in this)

April 16, Thursday – Willow Street Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm
April 19, Sunday – Weaverland Mennonite Church, East Earl – 6:00 pm
April 25, Saturday – The Leffler Chapel and Performing Arts Center, Elizabethtown College – 7:00 pm.
May 3, Sunday – James Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster – 4:00 pm
May 9, Sunday – Stumptown Mennonite Church, Bird-in-Hand – 7:00 pm

All the concerts are open to the public. Tickets are not required, but a freewill offering will be received. More information at www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org.

~**Lancaster Mennonite School will hold a school-wide open house** Sunday, May 3, from 1-3 p.m. at its five campuses: Kraybill (PreK-8) in Mount Joy, Lancaster (grades 6-12), Locust Grove (PreK-8) in Smoketown/E. Lampeter Township, New Danville (PreK-5) and the new Hershey Campus, formerly Hershey Christian School (grades K-12). The open house will include guided tours and an opportunity to meet teachers and administrators. See www.lancastermennonite.org for more information or call (717) 509-4459, ext. 312.

~**Annual Banquet**—Come hear Nancy Heisey, former president of Mennonite World Conference, speak on the topic “Does Mennonite World Conference Unify All Anabaptists?” at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society's Annual Banquet **at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 11**, at Yoder's Restaurant and Banquet Facility. Tickets are available for \$25 at lmhs.org or by calling (717) 393-9745.

~**The Jesus Stories**, written and performed by Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught, will be presented at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, **Sunday, April 26, 7:00 pm.**

~**Family History Conference**—“Celebrities and Cellmates:” This year's Lancaster Family History Conference focuses on finding that famous or infamous ancestor, with a keynote address by D. Joshua Taylor of the Genealogy Roadshow. There are also numerous workshops for the beginner or advanced genealogist. The **conference takes place of April 24 and 25 at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center**. For more information and to register, visit lmhs.org or call the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society at (717) 393-9745.

~**Of dioramas, Nobel prizes, and Mennonites**—Sample the artistic, literary, and historical heritage of southeastern Pennsylvania with this field trip by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society (LMHS). Learn about dioramas of Abner and Aaron Zook, view the largest collection of fraktur in any Mennonite museum, and enjoy the home of Nobel Prize in Literature winner Pearl S. Buck. **The tour takes place from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, May 2, starting and returning at LMHS.** Tickets cost \$84 for members and \$95 for nonmembers; register by calling the Society at (717) 393-9745 or by visiting lmhs.org.