

# Mennon Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for August 16, 2015

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 18 – FDMC Inc. Board meeting – 6:30 pm at church

Aug. 27 – Elder Team – (**note change of date from Aug. 20**) – time will be announced

Aug. 30 – Safe Church training during Sunday school hour. Attendance highly encouraged.

Sept. 25-27 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley Retreat Center. Details below and on registration form.

Oct. 19 – MCC Volunteer day at MCC Resource Center 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

	<u>Sunday, August 16</u>	<u>Sunday, August 23</u>
<b>Message</b>	Les Horning	Randy Keener
<b>Greeters</b>	Becky Nolt and John J. Landis	Karen Diffenbach and Becky Rutt

~**Nolan Livengood has been hired** by the Mellinger congregation as the new Youth Pastor. This process has been “in the loop” with our Witmer Heights church Elder and parents of our youth.

~**Church Retreat is only 6 weeks away - Sept. 25-27.** Registration forms were in church mailboxes Aug. 9. Return your registration and money to Dave & Shelby Swartley by September 13. Resource persons will be Jimm and Kaylene Derksen who will use the theme "Sabbath and Healthful Rhythm." They will also lead us in times of worship through singing.

~**Dear congregation:** As many of you are aware, the Lancaster Mennonite Conference has entered into a time of discernment in regards to its relationship to MC USA. Attached you will see a document put together by the Lancaster Mennonite Conference. All members of Lancaster Mennonite Conference are encouraged to attend one of the meetings to learn more about the process and discuss together the future of the conference relationship to MC USA. Let us be in prayer for these meetings, for our congregation, our conference, and our denomination. ~Grace and Peace, Pastor Randy

The schedule of meeting dates is: (Lancaster County locations bolded)

August 15 - Philadelphia Vietnamese Mennonite Church

August 20 - Baltimore/Washington location TBD

**August 27 - Lancaster County Elizabethtown Mennonite Church**

**August 29 - Spanish Council New Holland Spanish Mennonite Church (may be in Spanish?)**

**September 1 - Lancaster County Willow Street Mennonite Church**

September 3 - North Penn Agape Fellowship

September 5 - New York City United Revival in Brooklyn

**September 8 - Lancaster County Garden Spot Village**

### ~**Remaining Sunday school for August (End of summer quarter)**

Aug. 16, 23 adults will continue to study the book, “What We Believe Together” and others will hold separate classes.

Aug. 30 – Safe Church training - ~**Our final safe church training** is during Sunday school on August 30th. It is highly encouraged that all regular attendees attend this training as part of our safe church initiative. ~Pastor Randy

~**School kits are needed for MCC.** During the months of July and August, we will be filling school kit bags for MCC. Our thanks to Ruth Ann Reinford who sewed the bags for us to fill. Empty bags can be found at the back of the sanctuary. The following items are needed for each kit:

4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5 in. x 10.5 in. and 70 sheets)

8 unsharpened pencils

1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm. and 12 in.)

12 colored pencils (in packaging)

1 large pencil eraser

### ~**Give Back! Donate a Backpack!**

CVCCS is distributing backpacks to needy students in the Conestoga Valley school district. Beginning this Sunday, August 16th through September 6th, both Witmer Heights and Mellingers congregations are being invited to donate backpacks for this worthy cause in our community. A box will be available in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact Jansen Kachel at [janman@ptd.net](mailto:janman@ptd.net) with any questions.

**~From the CVCCS Newsletter on the church Bulletin Board:** Keep CVCCS in mind when you are harvesting your garden produce! They will take donations of fresh fruits and vegetables; fresh enough to keep refrigerated a couple of days without spoiling. Please call ahead and inquire if they have room for your donations. (717)208-3711

**Save the dates:** Sept. 21-25 - Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser Week for CVCCS. Rally night is Tuesday, Sept 22 from 5-7 pm.  
October 25 – CVCCS Open House – 12-4 pm.

**~Many who attended Mennonite World Conference have extra songbooks used at MWC.** We would love to continue to sing songs from these books and are inviting you to donate any extra songbooks you have to WHMC. If you have an extra copy, to donate, put it in Shelby Swartley's mailbox. They will be distributed among the song racks in the sanctuary.

**~Continue to pray for those in the process** of hiring a teacher for the PreK 4-5 class this fall at The Parent and Preschool Center. Pray that God will give wisdom and discernment for this important position.

### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL**

**~A part-time cook position is available for the evening meal at Lancaster Mennonite School, Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.** serving about 50 dorm students from around the world. A variety of menus offer the students nutritious options. Persons of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups are encouraged to apply. For more information please contact Dottie Weber at (717) 299-0436, ext. 328, or [weberdg@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:weberdg@lancastermennonite.org).

**~Lancaster Mennonite School is seeking a mini-bus driver for transporting students from the York area to the Lancaster Campus.** The time commitment is about four hours each day, with the possibility of additional hours driving field trips. Certification is preferred, but we are willing to train. Persons of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Jim Baer at [baerjw@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:baerjw@lancastermennonite.org).