

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for August 23, 2015

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 23 – Bible memory by the children in both First Deaf and Witmer Heights worship services.

Aug. 27 – Elder Team – 6:00 pm

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 23</u>	<u>Sunday, August 30</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Randy Keener
Greeters	Karen Diffenbach and Becky Rutt	Mary Zehr and Wes Newswanger

~Church Retreat is only 5 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.

~The Retreat Planning Committee needs your help collecting items for our Saturday evening activity. We would welcome contributions of the following items put in a box that will be under the mailboxes in the east hallway.

- empty paper towel rolls
- empty toilet paper rolls
- empty, clean tin cans

Thanks! We look forward to our time together at Penn Valley!

~Choose a date: 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

Remaining meeting dates are:

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. 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

~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 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.

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.

Fill bags with...

- 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

~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.