

# Allenno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for September 6, 2015

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 9 - Worship Team - 7:00 pm

Sept. 22 - Elder Team - 6:00 pm

Sept. 21-25 – CVCCS Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser any day that week. (Rally night the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7 pm)

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

Oct. 4 – Communion service.

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

Oct. 25 – CVCCS Open House – 12-4 pm. located at 2420 Gehman Lane, Lancaster. (near Lapp Electric)

### Sunday, September 6

**Message**

J. Lester Brubaker w/Randy

**Greeters**

John/Nathan/Mim Buckwalter

### Sunday, September 13

Jason Kuniholm

Karen Diffenbach and Mim Eberly

~**Message from Don Ranck...** If you're reading this Friday (4<sup>th</sup>)... Everyone is welcome to come to Verdant View **early Sat. morning Sept. 5 (7:00 am)** to join in a special prayer time for Ginny. (see the Caring Bridge post from Sept. 3) Persons are welcome to visit the Ranck's any time **except** during the time when B & B guests are there for breakfast in the morning from 8:30-10 AM. Any other time is okay.

~**During the Fall Quarter in the Adult Sunday School Class**, we will be doing a book study of "The Making of an Ordinary Saint: My Journey from Frustration to Joy with the Spiritual Disciplines" by Nathan Foster. A team of teachers will lead the discussion. Please read the introduction and Chapter 1 by September 6. Jonathan Stoltzfus will teach/lead.

### **Here is a brief description of the book that was in your mailbox:**

Nathan Foster was just a child when his father's classic *Celebration of Discipline* brought the spiritual disciplines into the popular evangelical consciousness. More than thirty years later, Nathan made his own journey into the spiritual disciplines. As he sought day by day to develop habits that would enable him to live more like Jesus, he encountered problems both universal and unique. In this engaging narrative, he draws insights from saints of old to uncover fresh ways of living for the contemporary, postmodern Christian.

Through his successes, struggles, and failures, Foster invites readers on a journey of freedom, pain, frustration, and ultimately joy as he learns to rise above selfish desires, laugh at his own failures, and fall in love with God. Those who have read *Celebration of Discipline* will find in Nathan's book creative new ways to practice the disciplines that have been so formative in their lives. Those who are new to the spiritual disciplines will find that developing a vital, interactive, conversational relationship with God is within their grasp. As a result, the holy habits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are truly possible for all.

~**A Celebration of Life Service for Barbara Boyer** (who died Sept. 1) will be held at First Deaf/Witmer Heights Mennonite Church on Wednesday evening, September 9 at 7 PM. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

~**Church Retreat is only 3 weeks away - Sept. 25-27.** Registration forms were in church mailboxes. Return your registration and money to Dave & Shelby Swartley **by September 13**. Resource persons, **Jimm and Kaylene Derksen**, will share on the theme of "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!

~**One date left:** 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. 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 & Peace, Pastor Randy

Remaining meeting date is:

**September 8 – Petra Christian Fellowship (Location changed from Garden Spot Village)**

~**Last call for school kits.** School Kits will be taken to the MCC Material Resource Center on Tuesday Sept. 8th. Please have all kits at church by 9:30 A.M. Thank you!

~**Last call to Give Back! Donate a Backpack!**

CVCCS is distributing backpacks to needy students in the Conestoga Valley School District. This Sunday, **September 6th**, marks the end of the "backpack campaign in which both Witmer Heights and Mellinger congregations are participating. A box is 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.

~**Landis Homes Retirement Community will hold it's annual Fellowship Day on Saturday, September 12.** The creative, caring hands of many will make Fellowship Day possible. Whether you plan to participate in person or are present in spirit, join in the fun. Become an auction patron, donate an item, volunteer, host a Share-A-Meal or create excitement by providing a matching bid--your personal touch is part of a community touch. Auction proceeds go to the Caring Fund which helps support the benevolent ministry of Landis Homes. Check their website for the schedule.

<http://www.landishomes.org/Home/Sections/Giving/Benefit%20Events/Benefit%20Auction>

~**You are invited to attend the Sunday School Meditations fall Banquet and Hymn Sing on Saturday, September 19 at 6:00 pm** in the Midway Reception Center, just off route 501, north of Lititz. After a great meal, the hymn sing will be led by Spare Parts. Reservations are needed! Call now; 717-665-0573 or 569-3008. We hope to see you there!

~**Lancaster Mennonite Fall Festival and Homecoming Weekend** will be held on **October 2 and 3** this year. Check their website for the events and more information on how to be involved. Bring a friend.

<http://www.lancastermennonite.org/support/fallfestival/index.php>