

Altenno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for November 1, 2015

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

- Nov. 4 – Witmer Heights Community Night – ages K – Adult. Meal begins at 6:15 pm.
Nov. 8 – Fellowship meal at noon. Bring hot and cold dishes to share. Bring neighbors and friends.
Nov. 11 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm
Nov. 17 – First Deaf Inc. Board meeting – 6:30 pm.
Nov. 19 – Elder Board meeting – 6:00 pm
Nov. 25 – MYF Thanksgiving Eve. service at Mellinger – 7-8 pm. All welcome.
Nov. 29 – Fifth Sunday hymn sing at Stumptown. – 7:00 pm.

Sunday, November 1
Message Randy Keener
Greeters John H. and Kathryn Landis

Sunday, November 8
Janet Breneman
Chris and Rose Kennel

~**The next WH Community Night is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 4.** Please contact Shelby Swartley to sign up to bring food. Check the email from her that went out to the church on Monday, Oct. 19. The meal is served at 6:15. Activities include: Different ways to pray (children) – Shelby. Nutritional Eating (adults) – Judy. Building Loom frames (men) – Abigale. Please come and support this new Community Night format **for EVERYONE at Witmer Heights...** not just the children.

~**Encouragement Link for Nov. 1-7**

Micah Boyer – Phyllis/Jim Oswald
Sarah Hoffer – Eileen Ranck
Allison Kachel – Ruth Ann/Merle Reinford

Olivia Mast – Becky/John Rutt
Maria Swartley – Judy/Don Stoltzfus
Rebecca Swartley – Tricia/Jon Stoltzfus

~**During the Fall Quarter the Adult Sunday school class** is studying the book “The Making of an Ordinary Saint: My Journey from Frustration to Joy with the Spiritual Disciplines” by Nathan Foster. Prepare for the class on **November 1** by reading Chapter 8 on “Service.” Neil Reinford will be the facilitator.

~**The Sunday school offering project for the fall and winter months** began on Sunday, October 4. The project will raise money for North Star Initiative. North Star Initiative is a nonprofit organization working to help women in Lancaster who have been or are in the sex-trafficking industry. The nonprofit is raising money for a group home called “The Harbor” where women who have been in the trafficking world can receive healing, therapy, and a safe place to live. The director said they could fill the house today with women from Lancaster if they had the house available. Please prayerfully consider giving to this ministry that serves broken women. Mark your check or envelope. Thank you for your support! (The June, July, August offerings will be included.) Total given to this project thus far is **\$146.23**.

~**The Missionary Support Team for Nancy Marshall** met with her Virginia Mennonite Missions representative on Monday eve. to discuss her financial needs. Fundraiser letters were put in church mailboxes. If you did not get one, please contact one of these MST members: Phyllis Gehman, Deb Hoffer, Jan Hoffer, Mike & Gwen Hurst, Esther Mast, or Cindy Witmer. Please consider a generous donation for this missionary cause. Thank you.

~**Connections - Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00, at Mellinger Fellowship Hall.** The November 3 topic is part of a “Stewardship Series: Development through Puberty.” Jessica McCardell, D.O., will lead a discussion of normal development of girls and boys as they go through puberty. Knowing what to expect and when to expect it can make this transition easier for you and your kids! Women’s health may also be discussed.

~**The Parent and Preschool Center fundraisers** are in full swing for this school year. Again it include Subs, Car wash tokens, and Giant Rewards. **Sign up sheets for the Subs and Car Wash tokens are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Orders are due no later than Nov. 5. Delivery date is Thursday, Nov. 12.** Thanks for your support!! See Esther Mast if you have questions... and be sure to use your Giant Rewards card every time you shop at Giant since it earns money for the Preschool. If you’re not sure you are signed up, call Chris Stahl at 717-397-5717.

~**A Savemart shopping bag** filled with many items has been under the mailboxes for several months. Can someone come forward and tell what it is for or to whom it belongs? Otherwise it will be donated to a worthy cause. See Esther Mast.

News Items From Other Organizations

~**Food Bank Update:** WHMC donated 50 lbs of food during Sept. and Oct. Thank you. Please bring donations to church and put in the box provided at the back of the sanctuary. Suggestions for donations include: jelly or jam, pancake mix, syrup, oatmeal, cans of soup, canned pasta, pasta sauce, instant potatoes, peanut butter, and baked beans.

~**Another great need at CVCCS Food Bank** is for volunteer “man power” to lift, load, carry cases of vegetables, etc. consistently on Wednesday mornings. Are there college students living at home who would have no classes Wed. morning? Or is there anyone laid off work right now who could volunteer several hours a week? Or are there retired folks who fit the description of strong, healthy folks? There seem to be mostly women willing to help, but we need some strong “backs” as well. Please contact Pastor Randy Keener for information on how to get in touch with Deb Sprunger.

~**Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties’ annual family event** will be held on **Saturday, November 7**, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, Gordonville, PA. Enjoy this year’s 25th celebration and final Kaleidoscope event with a family-style dinner, favorite entertainers, and 25 years of photos. To register, call 717-394-7406 x 106 or 10-380-1360 X 106 or visit www.BridgeofHopeLCC.org for more details.

~**From Mennonite Historical Society....**

- **How in the World Have we Changed?**—Hear Mennonite and Brethren in Christ leaders reflect on Mennonite World Conference and how the Anabaptist world has changed over the last 50 years. This free event will be held at 7 p.m. on **Monday, November 9** at Lancaster Brethren in Christ Church, 1865 Fruitville Pike, Lancaster, Pa.
- **Weaving Class**—Learn your way around a hand loom and shuttle during this weaving class for adults. Susan Weaver of Warp Seed Studio will teach this class. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Saturday, Nov. 14**, at the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum. To reserve your space visit hansherr.org or call [\(717\) 464-4438](tel:7174644438).
- **Pennsylvania German Folk Art Sale Opening**— Come to the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society for the opening of their annual sale of handcrafted goods. Meet the artists, listen to live music, and enjoy light refreshments while perusing traditional art. The reception takes place **Friday, November 20** from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Society, 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

A Blessing for You

May your journey into autumn be filled with color and texture.

May you generously share this beauty with others.

May Christ, your companion, teach you to wait and to hope.

- Marlene Bogard