

# Altenno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for October 11, 2015

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Oct. 14 – Worship Team – 6:30 pm.  
Oct. 18 - MYF Soup & Salad Fundraiser meal at noon at Mellinger Fellowship Hall.  
Oct. 19 - MCC Volunteer day at MCC Resource Center - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Oct. 25 – CVCCS Open House – 12-4 pm. located at 2420 Gehman Lane, (near Lapp Electric).  
Oct. 29 – Elder Team – 6:00 pm.  
Nov. 4 – Witmer Heights Community Night – ages K – Adult. Meal begins at 6:15 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.

	<u>Sunday, October 11</u>	<u>Sunday, October 18</u>
<b>Message</b>	Randy Keener	TBA
<b>Greeters</b>	Esther Mast and Mim Eberly	Jim and Phyllis Oswald

~**Thanks to everyone who attended** our kickoff Community Night Upside Down/Backward Meal Wednesday evening! Your support and involvement is so appreciated and you all looked great! A special thank you to those who prepared the food, those who set up and cleaned up, the special singers, and also to Alana who saw and purchased the book of family night ideas we are using this year. It truly is a team effort and wonderful to be part of WHMC. Blessings to you all,  
~Shelby, Eileen, and Tricia

~**Encouragement Link for Oct. 4-10** - (Extended through Oct. 17)

Micah Boyer - Mim/John Buckwalter	Olivia Mast - Lisa/Craig Kachel
Sarah Hoffer - Vanessa/Dan Boyer	Marie Swartley – Rose/Chris Kennel
Allison Kachel - Gladys/John Landis	Rebecca Swartley – Karen/Abe Diffenbach

~**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 **Oct. 11** by reading Chapter 5 on “Meditation.” Chris Kennel 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.)

~**Connections - Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00, at Mellinger Fellowship Hall.** The October 13 topic is “Watch Me Grow” with Lucinda Harnish and Rebecca Brewer. Every child grows and learns new skills at his or her own pace and children can vary in skills and development. Hear an interview of developmental milestones (birth-first) as well as services provided by the Lancaster County Infant/Toddler program and Lancaster – Lebanon IU 13 Preschool Early Intervention Program..

~**The Parent and Preschool Center fundraisers** have been launched for this school year which will again include Subs, Car Wash Tokens, and Giant Rewards. Sign up sheets for the Subs and Car Wash tokens will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Subs will be available Nov. 12. Regarding Giant Rewards,.. if you signed up last year for the Preschool, you do not need to sign up again. Last year this earned \$1150 for the Preschool and all you need to do is show them your Giant Rewards card every time you shop there in order for the Preschool to get the credit. If you have questions whether you're signed up for sure, call Chris Stahl at 397-5717

## News Items From Other Organizations

~**CVCCS will be having an Open House** on Sunday afternoon, **October 25** from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Come and learn first hand how this local organization serves the needs of our community. Discover how you can become involved.

~**Remember to bring to church these needed items for CVCCS Food Bank:** canned pasta, pasta sauce, pancake mix, pancake syrup, instant potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, and baked beans are some popular items. Put in the box provided at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for donating to help those in need.

### ~**Help refugees in Germany**

“The flow of refugees into Germany, already very high, is expected to increase in a way we’ve never seen before,” said an EMM worker in Halle. To assist in this crisis, EMM is appealing for donations. Funds received will assist with: emergency housing, utility costs, welcome packages, German language courses to integrate the refugees and help them qualify for the job market, and outreach to refugee children, among other items. Give with “Refugee crisis” noted either online ([www.emm.org/give](http://www.emm.org/give)) or via check to EMM (P.O. Box 458, Salunga, PA 17538).

~**Freedom In Christ Fellowship, Lebanon PA and Lebanon Christian Fellowship are working together** to raise money for the Syrian Refugee Crisis. We will be donating the money received at the pancake breakfast Saturday, Oct. 24, 7-11 am. to Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Central Committee. Following is their websites and information on their work with refugees both in Syria and Germany.

<http://www.emm.org/index.php/give/more-ways-to-give/projects/item/1785-give-refugee-relief-in-a-time-of-crisis>

<http://mcc.org/learn/more/syria-iraq-crisis-response>

~**The 34th Annual Paradise Crop Walk** will be held on **Sunday, October 18th**, rain or shine. Registration is at 1 p.m. at Leacock Presbyterian Church, 3181 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise and the Crop Walk will begin at 1:30 p.m.! Participants are asked to solicit sponsors and hand in their donations when registering. Crop Walk literature and donation envelopes are available @ most of the area churches - or just come with your donations and walk on the 18th - the Paradise Crop Walk folks will handle the paperwork.

There is a choice of a 3-mile route or a 5-mile route for walking or biking. For the 3-mile walk, Drinks, Apples and Candy will be available near the Covered Bridge on N. Belmont Road - restrooms will be open at the Paradise Twp. Park. For the 5-mile walk/bike, a refreshment stop and restrooms will be at the Harvest Drive Family Motel on Harvest Drive. Sponsored nationally by Church World Service, the event has a goal of stamping out hunger throughout the World, the United States, and the Paradise Area. Twenty-five percent of the monies raised will go to the Paradise Food Bank, which is administered by The Factory of Paradise.

The Paradise Crop Walk is organized by a number of the Paradise Area Churches. Donations can be sent by mail by anyone wishing to contribute to the Paradise Crop Walk. Send money or your check - make out to Church World Service, and mail to: Alba Ruhl, Paradise Crop Walk Treasurer, Leacock Presbyterian Church, 3181 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise, PA 17562. (Richard L. Smith, Coordinator, 717-687-0745)

~**Lancaster Mennonite School will hold school-wide Visitors' Day Monday, October 12**, at all five campuses: Kraybill (PreK-8) in Mount Joy, Lancaster (grades 6-12), Locust Grove (PreK-6), New Danville (PreK-5) and Hershey (K-12). Parents can drop in at any campus from 8:30-10 a.m. to talk to school administrators, get tours and observe classes. Prospective students for grades 6-12 can get tours from 8:30-10 a.m. or choose to attend classes and experience a school day. A half-day experience and pre-registration is recommended for students interested in middle school. To pre-register or for more information about the drop-in for parents, student visitation day or admissions in general, please contact Christy Horst at (717) 509-4459, ext. 312.

~**Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties** is thrilled to announce our annual evening of family fun, often referred to as our Kaleidoscope event. This year we are celebrating the 25th and final year of the event! The evening will feature a family-style community dinner, favorite storytellers and past entertainers, and 25 years of memorabilia and photos. Join us in this community celebration and support Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties' life changing ministry to homeless single mothers and their children on **Saturday, November 7**, from 5:00 to 7:30pm at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, 3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA. Call 717-394-7406 x 106 or 610-380-1360 X 106 to register! Find more details at [www.BridgeofHopeLCC.org](http://www.BridgeofHopeLCC.org).