

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for October 4, 2015

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Oct. 4 - Communion service
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).
Nov. 25 - MYF Thanksgiving Eve. service at Mellinger 7-8 pm. All welcome.
Nov. 29 - Fifth Sunday hymn sing at Stumptown.

| | <u>Sunday, October 4</u> | <u>Sunday, October 11</u> |
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| Message | Randy Keener | Randy Keener |
| Greeters | Wes Newswanger and Becky Nolt | Jim and Phyllis Oswald |

~Prayer and Praise:

Praise God for successful outpatient surgery for Judy Stoltzfus and pray for healing in the days ahead.
Pray for healing for Micah Boyer who had a knee injury during a soccer game last week.

~Sympathy and care are extended to Lois and Fred Gascho and family. Lois' mother, Mary Lefever died Sept. 20. The funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 26 at Mellinger Mennonite Church. May God's peace rest on this family.

~We welcome Sissi Zhang to Witmer Heights. She is an 8th grade student at Lancaster Mennonite Middle School and is living with the Dave and Shelby Swartley family. Sissi, (like Leslie Wang) is a very gifted pianist. Hopefully her gifts will also be a blessing at Witmer Heights.

~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. 4** by reading Chapter 4 "Solitude." Dave Swartley will teach/lead discussion.

~The Sunday school offering project for the fall and winter months will begin 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 6 topic is "Does God Have a Plan for You?" Hear the story of one woman's quest to save 300 babies at the end of the Vietnam war. Join in discussion around the tables and with the whole group in this "conversation café" experience from *Lifetree Café*.

~The Parent and Preschool Center has two needs. We are in need of a dollhouse for use in our Story Hour Room during Connections on a Tuesday morning. Secondly, we are in need of transportation for a child living near Millers Smorgasbord. The father is a student at Lancaster Bible College. It would be every other week on Thursday mornings. To help with either of these needs call Christine Stahl at 397-5717. Thank you.

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, syrup, instant potatoes. 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) or via check to EMM (P.O. Box 458, Salunga, PA 17538).

~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.