

# Menno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for January 10, 2016

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Jan. 10 – Rick Yanchuleff from North Star Initiative (speaker on this Sunday morning.) Bio on page 2.  
Jan. 10 – Fellowship meal at noon. – Bring hot and cold dishes of food to share.  
Jan. 10 – WH Sunday Game Night - 5:30-8:30 pm at Warwick Room - Landis Homes. (Directions below)  
Jan. 13 – Elder Team - 5:45 pm  
Jan. 13 – Worship Team - 7:00 - 8:00 pm.  
Jan. 17 – Communion Sunday  
Jan. 17 – Evening with Ervin Stutzman – 6:30 pm.  
Feb. 3 – Care Package Night - Signup sheet at back of sanctuary.

**Sunday, January 10**  
**Message** Rick Yanchuleff  
**Greeters** Jim and Phyllis Oswald

**Sunday, January 17**  
Randy Keener  
Karen Diffenbach and Becky Rutt

~**Our first fellowship meal for 2016** will be Sunday, January 10. Bring hot and cold dishes of food to share. Invite neighbors and friends to join you and share in the fellowship.

### Encouragement Link - Week of January 3-9 – extended to Jan. 16.

Micah Boyer – Janet B/Wes Newschwager  
Sarah Hoffer – Becky Nolt  
Allison Kachel - Phyllis/Jim Oswald  
Maria Swartley – Sophia Mast  
Rebecca Swartley – Eileen Ranck

### **~Evening with Ervin Stutzman – January 17**

Come at 6:30 pm. for an evening of worship and conversation with Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA. Time will include singing, Question and Answer with Ervin, and Prayer. Please feel free to invite others.

### **~Next Community Night – February 3.** Theme: Care Package Night. Meal begins at 6:15.

Children's activity – Make cards for college students and pack care packages

Adults - Knotting comforters – (c/o Eileen Ranck) Or make cards and pack care packages

The signup sheet for Care Package donations is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Be creative with your ideas.

### **~New books in the library:**

- 922 McK Rush of Heaven One woman's encounter with Jesus by Ema McKinley The author was diagnosed with reflex sympathetic dystrophy, a trauma induced disease that is extremely painful and leads to hand and foot deformities, curvature of the neck and spine and permanent confinement to a wheelchair. Then she heard Jesus say "Ema, give me your hand." This is her story of miraculous healing.
- 926 Lev Gray Matter A neurosurgeon discovers the power of prayer one patient at a time by David Levy, M.D. It took courage for Dr. Levy to ask the first patient if he could pray with her because he wasn't sure how she would react. She responded with tears and appreciation. He and many of his patients were transformed by the experience of praying together. Both books donated by Choice Books via Ernie and Esther Mast.

~**Witmer Heights Sunday Night Game Night and Finger Foods.** All are welcome to join in a game night on **Sunday eve, January 10 from 5:30 – 8:30** in the Warwick Room at Landis Homes. Please bring a finger food to share. Go in the Healthcare entrance at Landis Homes and take the elevator to the ground floor. The Warwick Room is to the left.

**CVCCS FOOD BANK UPDATE-** In December, 49 lbs. of food was donated by persons from our congregation. Thank You! Continue to support the Food Bank with donations of food (not expired). Needed items: pancake syrup, ketchup, oatmeal. Large packs of napkins and laundry detergent are also needed.

~**During the Winter Quarter (Dec. – Feb.) there will be two adult Sunday school classes.** One adult class meets in **Room 12** to study the Uniform Sunday school lessons with teacher volunteers from within the class. The other adult class meets in **Room 5** of the fellowship hall (where there are couches) for a time of sharing and fellowship.

~**The Sunday school offering project for the fall and winter months** is in full swing. 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. Mark your check or envelope. Total given to this project thus far is **\$538.49**.

~**Bio for Rick Yanchuleff (Yon-cha'-lef), Director of Strategic Development** at North Star Initiative. Rick is a graduate of Syracuse University and has more than thirty years experience in marketing and development, in both corporate and non-profit settings. After a life-changing experience in 2005 serving those suffering from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina in our nation's south east, Rick began his non-profit career.

Since then, his service includes working with the blind and vision impaired, working with women experiencing homelessness and/or a crisis pregnancy, three years serving Christians in the Middle East and North Africa who are experiencing unimaginable religious persecution, and currently working to restore women from the horrors of sex trafficking right here in Lancaster County.

North Star Initiative is a local non-profit ministry with the vision to restore women from trafficking. for freedom. for life. forever. Its mission is to provide support to woman who are survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs through a Christ-centered focus.

~**Next Connections - Tuesday, Jan. 12** Topic: "Soup's On!" – Enjoy warm fellowship over soup. Bring some of your favorite soup recipes to share, or simply come and try them out!

~**Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties** is seeking an Event & Development Coordinator. This full time position will work out of their Chester Co. office with some travel between the two counties. Focus will be on events, PR, and social media. Attention to detail, strong writing skills, experience in events and social media required. Must be available occasionally evenings and weekends for meetings or to attend and represent Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester County at community events. See full details at [www.lancasterchester.bridgeofhopeinc.org/contact-us/job-opportunities/](http://www.lancasterchester.bridgeofhopeinc.org/contact-us/job-opportunities/)

~**Lancaster Mennonite School** will hold a school-wide open house Thursday, January 28, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at its five campuses: Hershey (K-12), Kraybill (PreK-8) in Mount Joy, Lancaster (grades 6-12), Locust Grove (PreK-8) in E. Lampeter Township, and New Danville (PreK-5).

The open house will include guided tours and an opportunity to meet teachers and administrators. For more information, see [www.lancastermennonite.org/openhouse](http://www.lancastermennonite.org/openhouse).