

# Altenno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for March 20, 2016

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Mar. 24 – Maundy Thursday Service – 6:00 pm. Foot/Hand washing, Meal, Communion

Mar. 27 – Easter Sunrise Service – 7:30 am. (See detailed announcement below)

April 1 & 2 – MCC Relief Sale at Harrisburg, PA <http://mcc.org/get-involved/events/pennsylvania-relief-sale>

April 4 – WH Volunteer day at MCC Material Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

	<u>Sunday, March 20</u>	<u>Sunday, March 27</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Randy Keener
Greeters	Karen Diffenbach and Esther Mast	Chris & Rose Kennel

~**You are strongly encouraged to** attend a combined Sunday school class for a question and answer time on the affiliation discernment question with two of our church leaders. Mark these dates on your calendar:\

April 24 - Moderator Keith Weaver

May 15 - Bishop Jason Kuniholm

### ~Encouragement Link for Week of March 13-19 (extended to March 26)

Micah Boyer – Esther/Ernie Mast

Sarah Hoffer – Janet B/Wes Newswanger

Allison Kachel – Becky Nolt

Maria Swartley – Phyllis/Jim Oswald

Becca Swartley – Sophia Mast

Leslie Wang –Velma Magill

### ~Thank You note from Sarah Hoffer...

~I just wanted to thank you all for the care package. It is so special for me as a college student to know that I still have a church family at home that send goodies and notes of encouragement. This semester I am studying abroad in Munich, Germany. The European semester starts in early April, so I am leaving Sunday, March 20th for Germany, and I will be returning to the US on July 27th. I will be taking several classes in German as well as potentially completing an internship with a German firm. I would greatly appreciate your prayers as I enter into this semester! My address while I'm there is: Richard-Wagner-Straße 27, 80333 München, Germany.

~**Coins add up.** Each year spare change collected by churches, children, and families add up to more than \$600,000 for MCC's work around the world. At WH we began collecting coins on Feb. 28 during the morning offering and will continue for the remainder of Lent. **See Becca Swartley if you are interested in matching funds.** The My Coins Count Campaign will help support clean water, nutritious food, and educational initiatives around the world. **(Mar. 13 - \$225.00 x2 = \$450.00)**

### ~Holy Week events at Witmer Heights and CV Community.

1) **Maundy Thursday Service March 24th at 6 PM** We will begin with foot-washing or hand-washing, followed by a light meal, singing, and communion. All of the food will be provided.

2) **Community Good Friday Service March 25th at 7 PM @ Breakout Ministries.** An event open to the community that some of the Conestoga Valley churches organize. Breakout Ministries is located at 2400 Anita Court, Bareville, PA 17540.

3) **Easter Sunrise Service March 27th at 7:30 AM** Join us for singing and reading the Easter Story in the beautiful outdoors behind the church. **Please bring your own lawn chair.** A breakfast will follow in the fellowship hall at 8:15 AM. **There is a signup sheet** in the back of the church to sign up to bring an egg dish or fruit. Pastries provided.

~**Next Connections - Tuesday, March 29, (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.) (Spring Break – March 22)** On the 29<sup>th</sup> Denise Groves will talk with us about teaching our girls to maintain a pure heart. And does purity go beyond modesty? This interactive workshop will give us tools to teach girls, no matter how young or how old, what it means to have a pure heart and to help them discover the purpose God has for them

**An invitation came** to Witmer Heights from Stumptown Mennonite Church for young adults to join them on April 5 at 7:00 pm for “Rise Up” an evening of worship and praise.

Rise up... a generation seeking the ways of Jesus,

Rise up... with a loud voice of praise

Rise up... with joy, hope, and renewed passion

Rise up... to gather as young adults to connect with God and each other.

~ **Request from Becky Rutt:** Creating bulletin boards is not in my basket of gifts. Is there someone who would like to make some bulletin boards for the library? Please see me. Thank you to Ruth Ann for creating the last few.

## ~New Books in the Library

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Kon 1 & 2 Chronicles by August H. Konkel.

Book #30 in the Believers Church Bible Commentary series. The author is professor of O.T. at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

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Ful The Baobab Tree by Brian K. Fulmer. Please note the illustrator is our own Velma Magill.

Young Daniel can't run and work like other children because of his club foot. Old Joseph helps him understand that though the baobab tree looks like it was planted upside down, God created it with a purpose as he also created young Daniel.

Donated by Mim and John Buckwalter.

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Sho Ryan and Jimmy and the well in Africa that brought them together by Herb Shoveller.

Ryan was only 6 when he learned that there are people in Uganda who do not have clean water. He worked very hard doing chores to earn money to dig a well in the village of Agweo where Jimmy lived. Eventually with help from many others, the well was dug. Ryan went to Africa to see the well and meet Jimmy. Even 6 year olds can make a difference when there is friendship, compassion, and determination. Donated by Don and Judy Stoltzfus.

~**Annual Banquet**—Come to this year's Annual Banquet of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and hear Nelson Kraybill, president of Mennonite World Conference, speak on "Alternating Currents among Global Anabaptists." He will promote an understanding of the lively dynamics of Christian mission, service, and evangelism across cultures today. The banquet will be held at 6 pm on Saturday, April 2, at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland. Tickets cost \$25 per person and can be purchased online at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or by calling (717) 393-9745. **The deadline for registration is Saturday, March 26.**

## ~Want to Make a Difference in Someone's Life?

You just might be the person God has in mind to influence someone that needs your guidance. **CV Homes of Hope** is looking for volunteers that would like to mentor families or serve as budget coaches.

Families experiencing homelessness need encouragement and hope for the future. Volunteers have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these families. Training is provided for both mentors and budget coaches. After training you will be contacted to see if you are available to work with a family. During that time you meet weekly or biweekly (depends on the family) for 4-6 months until the family completes their time in the CV Homes of Hope. Then you can take a break or continue with a new family.

Mentor Training is on Friday, April 22 from 8AM – 4PM at Ephrata Community Church

Budget Coach Training is on Friday, May 6 from 8AM – 4PM at Grace Church, Lititz, PA

Cost for training for CV Homes of Hope volunteers is covered by the CVHOH Board.

Contact Sue Orth if you are interested in this ministry. [sueo@zionleola.org](mailto:sueo@zionleola.org) or 717-656-9200