

# *Menno Bulletin Weekly*

## Bulletin Announcements for August 19, 2018

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 26 – Children’s Bible memory.

Sept. 9 – 4:30 – 7:00 pm. at Lancaster County Park for Lancaster, Lititz, Mellinger Districts churches. **(Details below)**

Sept. 12 – Community Night Kick-Off – Meal at 6:15, followed by outside games and activities.

Sept. 21-23 – Annual WH Church Retreat at Penn Valley Christian Retreat Center.

Oct. 7 – World Communion Sunday. Combined worship/communion with First Deaf. Combined fellowship meal at noon.

Oct. 15 – Volunteer Day at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Nov. 3 – Women’s Regional Gathering at Stumptown Mennonite Church. 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

### Sunday, August 19

**Message**

Mia Swartley

**Greeters**

John H. and Kathryn Landis

### Sunday, August 26

Randy Keener

Jim and Phyllis Oswald

~**The children’s Sunday school offerings** this year go for the food budget for the people living with leprosy at Shirati Hospital compound. The previous funding was dropped, and they depend on outside help for food. Now that they have a fence around their garden they are raising their own vegetables. It costs about \$77 dollars per person for one month for the rest of the food budget. There are 20 people living there. We have two more weeks for giving. If you feel so led, please mark Sunday School Project on your check or envelope. Thanks so much for your generosity! Direct any questions to Don or Judy.

~ **Sunday, August 19, noon to 6 pm The Grape Leaf Cafe**, and its organizer Patience, invites the public to the Awash Restaurant, 1021 Dillerville Road, Lancaster 17602. 717-875-1320. Normally Ethiopian cuisine is served, but for this date they are offering Pakistani cuisine buffet, **prepared by Pakistani refugees for their self-help.** (You can see this restaurant on FaceBook.) Don and Judy Stoltzfus alerted us to this opportunity.

~**Sunday eve., September 9, 4:30-7:00 pm**, the Lancaster County Park pavilion has been reserved to host the churches in the Lancaster, Lititz, and Mellinger districts. This event is an invitation for the congregations of these three districts to gather for a time of fellowship/worship/food. Bring a dish of food (large enough to feed your family) to share at a common food table.

~Joe Miller and Rodney Martin, Bishops

~ **Registration forms for the fall retreat Sept. 21-23** were placed in church mailboxes. Complete and return, along with payment, to Neil Reinford by **September 9**. Make checks payable to First Deaf Mennonite Church. Our Retreat speaker this year is Eric Seibert, professor at Messiah College, who recently has recently written *Disarming the Church: Why Christians Must Forsake Violence to Follow Jesus and Change the World*.

~**October 7 - Worship Service and Communion with First Deaf**, World Communion Sunday. Chuck Snyder will preach and lead communion during a combined worship service at 10:40. Both congregations are invited to a combined fellowship meal after the service. Everyone bring food.

~**Tuesday, September 11** is the opening day for Connections, held in the fellowship hall of Mellinger Mennonite Church. Connections (part of the Parent & Preschool program) meets every Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00 and is a time to meet new friends, become educated and equipped through the speakers, and find support and encouragement in times of joy and sorrow. If you need a brochure, check with Velma Magill, our church representative.

~**Wednesday evening, September 12** is the “Kick-Off” for the WH Community Night. The fellowship meal begins at 6:15, followed by outdoor games and activities. Bring food, your neighbors, and plan to enjoy this time of fellowship.

~**Monday, September 10 at 7:00 pm. - Annual Storytelling Night** will take place at Landisville Mennonite Church. Hear stories from Donald Kraybill and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz. Kraybill has recently retired from Elizabethtown College where he taught sociology and directed The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies. Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz is the coordinator of MCC’s restorative-justice program. She has worked in restorative-justice processes since 1984.

~**Service opportunity:** First Reformed Church on E. Orange St. in Lancaster is looking for volunteers to help serve a community meal on **Tuesday October 3 and Tuesday October 30**. Three people are needed for each of those dates. You would arrive at the church at 4:30 PM and should be finished with clean up by 6:30 or 7. If interested call Peg Kepner at 717-371-3041 by Sept. 15.

~**A schedule of Workshops and Events** sponsored by Parish Resource Center beginning in September has been posted on the bulletin board in the East Hallway. Check it out there. If you wish to have a hard copy, check with Esther Mast