

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for September 2, 2018

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

- Sept. 9 – Registration forms and payment for Retreat due to Neil Reinford.
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. 10 – Community Night – 6:15 meal, followed by food activity.
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.

	<u>Sunday, September 2</u>	<u>Sunday, September 9</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Jonathan Stoltzfus
Greeters	Wes Newswanger and Esther Mast	Mim Eberly and Becky Nolt

~ **Sunday, September 9. Registration forms and payment for the fall retreat Sept. 21-23** are due to Neil Reinford on this date.. The forms were placed in church mailboxes earlier. (If you need one, see Neil Reinford.) Make checks payable to First Deaf Mennonite Church. Our Retreat speaker this year is Eric Seibert, professor at Messiah College, who has recently written *Disarming the Church: Why Christians Must Forsake Violence to Follow Jesus and Change the World*.

~**Sunday, September 9, Evening from 4:30-7:00**, The Lancaster County Park pavilion has been reserved to host the churches in the Lancaster, Lititz, and Mellinger districts. This event is like a family reunion of all 14 churches from these three districts. Bring a dish of food (large enough to feed your family) to share at a common food table. Bring a lawn chair for comfort.
~Joe Miller and Rodney Martin, Bishops

~**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.

~**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.

~ **Tuesday October 3 and Tuesday October 30. Service opportunity:** First Reformed Church on E. Orange St. in Lancaster is looking for volunteers to help serve a community meal on the dates shown.. Three people are needed for each date. 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 or sign up on the Sign-up sheet at back of sanctuary.

~**Sunday, 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.

~**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.

~**MCCL Accepting Registrations**

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is accepting registrations for two programs: Prelude Music (kindergarten - grade 1) and Choristers I & 2 (grades 2 -5 and grades 5 - 8). These non-auditioned classes offer vocal training in an atmosphere that strives to expand the musical, social, and spiritual growth of every singer. Classes are held Tuesday evenings from September through November and again in February through April. To register, contact mccl@lancastermennonite.org or 717-455-7025.