Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for December 2, 2018

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 2 – Annual First Deaf Inc. Business meeting immediately following Witmer Heights worship service.

Dec. 5 – Sister Care Tea – 6:15 (see more information below)

Dec. 9 – Combined FD/WH Christmas Breakfast and Program. Check the food sign-up sheet on table at back of sanctuary.

Dec. 9 – Community Night (no meal) Christmas caroling 6:30 pm. Bring cookies to share.

Sunday, December 2 Sunday, December 9

Message Randy Keener FD/WH Christmas Breakfast and Program

Greeters Chris Kennel and Becky Rutt Jim and Phyllis Oswald

~Encouragement Link - Week of December 2-8

Joshua Boyer – Janet B./Wes Newswanger
Micah Boyer – Joy/Shane Miller
Johanna Hoffer –Becky Nolt
Allison Kachel – Phyllis/Jim Oswald

Jansen Kachel – Jan/Dean Mast
Madeline Mast – Esther/Ernie Mast
Maria Swartley – Velma Magill
Leslie Wang – Gladys/John Landis

- ~Advent Giving to CVCCS Each day in December, up until Christmas Eve., add an item to a box, basket, bag, or whatever you want to use. Items can include: non-perishable foods, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues, soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, and personsl items i.e. deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. Bring your donations to church on Sunday, Dec. 30, and items will be delivered to CVCCS later that week.
- ~Check out the Adopt-A-Family Christmas tree at the back of the sanctuary. Again this year, Witmer Heights congregation is sponsoring a family through CVCCS Adopt-a-Family for Christmas. The family assigned to us includes the parents, 3 girls ages 11, 9, & 5, and one boy age 7. Please look for the Giving Tree at the back of the sanctuary. Individuals who are interested in participating will sign up for a gift item and then fill out a "gift tag" as a reminder for themselves. Lisa and Madeline Kachel will be available to help guide the process. All gifts should be brought to the church on or before December 9th. Thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to providing support to the Conestoga Valley families in need this Christmas season.
- **~Tuesday, December 4** Connections will meet from 9:15 11:00 am. at Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall. The theme "My Favorite Things" asks that attendees bring a favorite "thing" from the year a book, tool, kitchen gadget, food, make-up, cleaning item, kid's toy, etc. We can't wait to learn why it's your favoritse!
- **~Wednesday, December 5 6:15 pm** All Witmer Heights women are welcome to the annual Sister Care Tea, regardless of participation in a 2018 Sister Care Group. The speaker will be Sharon Hess. Bring a finger-food to share.
- ~Sunday, December 9 is the annual Christmas breakfast and program. The sign-up sheet to bring food and help with cleanup is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. First Deaf is in charge of the breakfast at 8:30 and Witmer Heights in charge of the program at 10:00. Bring your friends.
- ~Tuesday, December 11 9:00 am. The Connections program will be a presentation of Dickens' Christmas by Servant Stage. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Mellinger Mennonite Church. Servant Stage Company joyfully serves our community by making quality, family-friendly shows easily accessible to everyone with paywhat-you-will performances. (An offering will be taken.) In the last year, they have presented more than 120 shows for over 30,000 people in parks, schools, retirement communities, nursing homes, churches, and community events. Bring your friends to share in the holiday spirit. See more at: www.servantstagecompany.com/shows/christmas-2018.

You are invited to celebrate the birth of Jesus through music this Advent season! The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster will be in concert, along with Philadelphia Bronze, a handbell ensemble sharing music from around the world and across time. Madeline Kachel from our congregation is part of MCCL and would be delighted to see you at a concert!

December 1 at 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster December 2 at 4:00 pm at Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

~Sunday, January 20, both churches (Witmer Heights and First Deaf) are invited to a night of fellowship at our church. Beginning at 6pm, we will have light snacks. Please bring finger foods to share. At 7pm, Joanna Stoltzfus, daughter of Jonathan and Tricia Stoltzfus, will be dancing with her Irish dance school: Paloma School of Irish Dance. The program will be about 30 min, and will consist of soft shoe and hard shoe dances.