

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for November 11, 2018

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Nov. 11 – Fellowship meal at noon. Bring hot and cold dishes to share. Bring friends for us to learn to know.
Nov. 14 – Community Night – 6:00 pm. Meal at 6:15 pm. followed by games. Bring food for fellowship meal.
Nov. 20 – First Deaf Inc. Board meeting at church – 6:30 pm.
Dec. 5 – Sister Care Tea – 6:15 (more information below)

Sunday, November 11

Message Chris Fritz – Executive Director of ADVOZ
Greeters Jim and Phyllis Oswald

Sunday, November 18

Joanne Dietzel, - ACC Conference Minister
John and Mim Buckwalter

-Our speaker November 11 is Chris Fritz, Director of ADVOZ He has studied and worked in conflict resolution, program management, and fund development for more than 20 years. He founded and led campus-based mediation programs at Hampshire College (Amherst, MA) and Colgate University (Hamilton, NY) and has studied and worked with community peacemaking in the US, Northern Ireland and Croatia, earning his M.A. at the Universitat Jaume I (Castellon, Spain). Over the last 15 years, he has nurtured interest in arts-based approaches to transforming conflict and violence using embodied improvisation and action theatre methods. He began work in restorative justice in 2014 as the executive director of the Center for Community Peacemaking, now Advoz, after its merger with Conflict Resolution Services. He shares a musical and bustling bi-lingual household in Marietta, PA with his wife and two children.

-Encouragement Link – Week of November 4-10 – extended to Nov. 17

Joshua Boyer – Gladys/John Landis

Micah Boyer – Rose/Chris Kennel

Johanna Hoffer –Lisa/Craig Kachel

Allison Kachel – Karen/Abe Diffenbach

Jansen Kachel – Vanessa/Dan Boyer

Madeline Mast – Marilyn/Rance Darity

Maria Swartley – Mim/John Buckwalter

Leslie Wang – Sophia/Daniel Zook

-Witmer Heights congregation will again be sponsoring a family through CVCCS Adopt-a-Family for Christmas. Our family includes the parents, 3 girls ages 11, 9, and 5 and one boy age 7. Please look for the Giving Tree and signup sheet this coming Sunday, November 18th. 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.

-The Elder Team approved using up to \$1000 of Everence matching grants to assist with the cost of an interpreter for Nancy Marshall’s daughter Sulmi this school year. If you would like to contribute to this continuing need, identify the contribution as “special need.” Thanks to the congregation for the generosity demonstrated through regular as well as special offerings.

~Neil Reinford, Church Chair

-Dear Friends at Witmer Heights! Thank you for helping to pay for Sulmi’s Interpreter. Your generosity and thoughtfulness carry us through the leaner times. Thank you so much. We are blessed to be family. ~Nancy and Sulmi

-Tuesday, November 13 – Connections will meet from 9:15 – 11:00 am. at Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall. The speaker this week, Linda Bird, will share about “Bird Ministries”...sharing her personal testimony of freedom during addiction, prison, and homelessness while encouraging congregational conversations.

-Thanks to all who contributed so far to the GoFundMe account for Aaron & Laura (Hoffer) Schupp. The total has reached \$2,255 toward the goal of \$2,500. **Only \$245 to go to reach the goal.** There is still time. Keep little Hayden and his parents in prayer. His weight has reached 5 lbs. 8 oz. but there are still concerns about his lungs. For those of you who missed the announcement before, here is the link. <https://www.gofundme.com/baby-hayden-schupp> If you’d rather contribute directly by check, give to Jeff Hoffer at church.

-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, 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 it will consist of soft shoe and hard shoe dances.