

# Menno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for November 25, 2018

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

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

Dec. 9 – Combined FD/WH Christmas Breakfast and Program. Bring your friends. Watch for food sign-up sheet.

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

Jan. 20 – 6pm. Evening of fellowship and dance by Joanna Stoltzfus and Paloma School of Irish Dance.

### Sunday, November 25

**Message** Scripture/Singing/Reflections/Testimony  
**Greeters** John and Kathryn Landis

### Sunday, December 2

Randy Keener  
Chris Kennel and Becky Rutt

### -Encouragement Link – Week of November 18-24

Joshua Boyer – Shelby/Dave Swartley  
Micah Boyer – Tricia/Jon Stoltzfus  
Johanna Hoffer – Judy/Don Stoltzfus  
Allison Kachel – Becky/John Rutt

Jansen Kachel – Mary/Paul Zehr  
Madeline Mast – Ruth Ann/Merle Reinford  
Maria Swartley – Eileen Ranck  
Leslie Wang – Lois/Marvin Weaver

**-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 personal items i.e. deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. Bring your donations to church on Sunday, Dec. 30, and they will be delivered to CVCCS later that week.

**-Witmer Heights congregation is again 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 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.

**-Tuesday, November 27** – Connections will meet from 9:15 – 11:00 am. at Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall. The speaker this week, Heather Nicole, will share her testimony of how she went from Bondage to Purpose. She explains in depth how the blood of the Lamb and baptism had a significant role in her release.

**-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 pay-what-you-will performances. 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 about Servant Stage: [www.servantstagecompany.com/shows/christmas-2018](http://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!

November 29 at 7:00 pm at Neffsville Mennonite Church

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

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

**-Book Launch: *The Bird-in-Hand Story***—John and Myrna Smucker will speak about business and family history as they launch the new 50-year history of Bird-in-Hand Corporation, *The Bird-in-Hand Story* at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, at the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant, 2760 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, PA. Attendees should enter using the Bird-in-Hand Stage entrance. Starting at 6:30, before the signing, attendees will receive free access to the dessert bar and beverages in the restaurant. Additionally, a complimentary pie will be given for each book purchased during this event

**-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.