

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for January 13, 2019

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Jan. 11-13 – Sr High Retreat at Camp Hebron.

Jan. 13 – Fellowship meal at noon. (Details below).

Jan. 20 – Church Covenant signing and Communion.

Jan. 20 – 6:00 pm. Evening of fellowship & dance by Joanna Stoltzfus & Paloma School of Irish Dance.

Feb. 6 – Community Night. 6:15 Meal, followed by assembling Care Packages and making cards for the college students.

March 1-5 – Serve at Women’s Winter Shelter. Information and sign-up coming later.

March 15 -16 – LMC Celebration of Church Life. Theme: Breaking New Ground. <https://lmcchurches.org/celebration->

March 31 – Community Hymn Sing at Stumptown Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm.

April 8 – MCC workday at Material Resource Center 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Sunday, January 13

Message

Emily Keener

Greeters

John H. and Kathryn Landis

Sunday, January 20

Randy Keener

Chris Kennel and Becky Rutt

~This Sunday, January 13 – Fellowship meal at noon. Bring the usual food to share, along with your neighbors and friends. This is a time for bonding with the church family.

~Sunday, January 20 - Church Covenant Signing and Communion. We encourage all who are part of Witmer Heights Mennonite Church to participate in this joyous occasion as we renew our commitments to God and each other in the New Year. We will also share in Communion together during this service.

~Church Membership- Are you interested in learning more about membership at Witmer Heights Mennonite Church? Talk to Pastor Randy or the Leadership Team to learn more. Plans are to have a Church Membership Sunday in the spring of 2019.

~Baptism Class – We are forming a new baptism class that will start in February 2019. This class will explore what the Bible says about our God, the Mennonite faith, and what it means to follow Jesus. Attendance at the class may lead to baptism in the spring 2019, but there are no obligations. Please talk to Pastor Randy or the Leadership Team if you are interested in learning more.

~NOTICE: It is time for an updated Church Directory. As updates were given during 2018, changes were made and highlighted in red. Please check the Church Directory that was sent out last week via email. If you have had any changes and do not see them in red, please contact Esther Mast ASAP. A new 2019 Directory will be sent out by the end of January. If you prefer a hard copy rather than (or in addition to) the email copy, please let me (Esther Mast) know so I can put it in your mailbox at that time.

~Opportunity to give – Later this month Don and Judy Stoltzfus plan to go to East Africa to the Mennonite Theological College to assist with the improvement and upgrading of some of the facilities on campus. They hope to spend about two months there to help organize and facilitate the work of local contractors in various projects: installation and bringing into operation a pump for supplying water to the campus, upgrading campus facilities and buildings, i.e. fresh paint and repairs in the library, dormitories and toilet facilities. (This is also the Tanzania Mennonite Church headquarters.) **The WH Elder Team is encouraging our congregation to contribute financially** to help with these projects. If you wish to contribute, make your check payable to First Deaf Mennonite Church and write MTCEA Support on the Memo line. Thank you.

~Care Package Sign Up. On the table at the rear of the sanctuary you will find a sheet where you can sign up to contribute to the Care Packages for our 8 college students. Assembly will take place on February 6 at Community Night, along with making cards. In addition to your name, please be specific about the number of items you will be donating. There is also opportunity to give money for the gift cards and postage expense. Have questions??? See Esther Mast or Shelby Swartley

-Encouragement Link - Week of January 7-12 (extended to January 19)

Joshua Boyer – Lisa/Craig Kachel

Jansen Kachel – Mim/John Buckwalter

Micah Boyer – Karen/Abe Diffenbach

Madeline Mast – Sophia/Daniel Zook

Johanna Hoffer – Rose/Chris Kennel

Maria Swartley – Marilyn/Rance Darity

Allison Kachel – Vanessa/Dan Boyer

Leslie Wang – Mary/Paul Zehr

~It’s that time of year! Beginning Monday, January 14 the Parent & Preschool Center will be accepting applications for the 2019/2020 school year from members of the District churches, Connections attendees, and present and past families. Our classes fill up quickly so don’t miss this opportunity to enroll your child! For information please contact Hannah, Director, at 717-397-5717, visit our website at www.mellingerchurch.org/preschool, or see Velma Magill our church’s Bd. representative.

~**Tuesday, January 15** – Connections will meet from 9:15 – 11:00 am. at Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall. The activity this week will be a Bible craft. Bring your Bible and learn how to highlight, mark, and categorize your Bible in a fun and interactive way. Anne Smith will give direction to this activity. All welcome.

~**Sunday, January 20, both churches (Witmer Heights and First Deaf)** are invited to a night of fellowship at our church. Beginning at 6:00 pm, we will have light snacks. Please bring finger foods to share. At 7:00 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.

~**Opportunity to Host.** The Witmer Heights Elder Team has agreed to an invitation to have our church provide hosts for the MSC Choir Festival in April 2019. We have done this several years ago and felt there would be families interested in participating again. The choir festival is April 12-14, 2019 at Lancaster Mennonite High School, with the mass choir performance the afternoon of April 14 at LMS. Look for a flyer in your mailbox regarding this invitation.

~**A Q&A panel of parents and community members** will discuss and wrestle with questions that parents have about how to approach raising students amidst the digital landscape, through a faith perspective.

Parent & Staff Panel Discussion Questions:

- Who do we want our students to become?
- What are your fears/confusion related to tech usage? What are your hopes?
- Rules/expectations: what has worked for you and your family?
- How do parent responses change with different personalities and ages?
- What do you hope for our school in our engagement with technology?

If you are a parent of a child in the digital age wondering how to balance technology's benefits and challenges for your family, **this seminar is for you! You do not need to be an LMS patron to attend.**

Join Us Near You - 4 Session Dates & Locations:

All seminars are free and open to the public. You are encouraged to bring friends with you, even those that don't attend LM schools!

- January 15: [New Danville Campus](#), Gym, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- January 16: [Locust Grove Campus](#), Gym, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- January 22: [Hershey Campus](#), Worship Center Auditorium, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- January 23: [Lancaster Lincoln Hwy Campus](#), Fine Arts Center, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

~HOW DO WE CHANGE THE WORLD? TOGETHER!

~**Friday, January 24** - We hope you can join us and/or will share this information with a friend about our upcoming Winter Open Houses, Jan. 24, happening at all four of our campuses: [Hershey](#) (PreK-12), [Lancaster](#) (6-12), [Locust Grove](#) (PreK-8), or [New Danville](#) (PreK-5)!

We're thrilled about the unique educational experience and programs LM has to offer, and the amazing teachers and community that inspire our students to become world changers together.