

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for January 20, 2019

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Jan. 20 – Church Covenant signing and Communion.

Jan. 20 – 6:00 pm. Finger foods and fellowship; followed by 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 on table in back of sanctuary.

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 20

Message

Randy Keener

Greeters

Chris Kennel and Becky Rutt

Sunday, January 27

Randy Keener

John J. Landis and Esther Mast

~**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.

~**After church on January 20**, we will be re-arranging the sanctuary for Joanna’s Irish dance performance that evening. The dancing will be done on the stage because the dancers need more space. We are looking forward to our fun evening together. Then on **Wednesday evening, Jan. 23, 6:45 pm.** we would love to have 10 volunteers to help move the chairs back. Please email Tricia Stoltzfus, if you can help with this task. triciabare@hotmail.com

~**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. (Joshua Boyer, Micah Boyer, Johanna Hoffer, Jansen Kachel, Allison Kachel, Madeline Mast, Maria Swartley, Leslie Wang) 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 for mailing some of the boxes. Have questions??? See Esther Mast or Shelby Swartley.

-Encouragement Link - Week of January 20-26

Joshua Boyer – Becky/John Rutt

Micah Boyer – Judy/Don Stoltzfus

Johanna Hoffer – Lois/Marvin Weaver

Allison Kachel – Eileen Ranck

Jansen Kachel – Ruth Ann/Merle Reinford

Madeline Mast – Tricia/Jon Stoltzfus

Maria Swartley – Phyllis/Jim Oswald

Leslie Wang – Shelby/Dave Swartley

~**NOTICE... Last Call: The updated Church Directory is nearing completion.** Thanks to all who have responded. If you have had any changes recently, please contact me ASAP. The 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 know so I can put it in your mailbox at that time. ~Esther Mast

~**Opportunity to give** – On January 28 Don and Judy Stoltzfus will be flying to East Africa to the Mennonite Theological College to assist with the improvement and upgrading of some of the facilities on campus. They plan to spend about 2 ½ months there, returning April 14. They will 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 in memo line. Thank you.

~**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. A flyer was put in your mailbox regarding this invitation. If you have questions, see Shelby Swartley.

~**Tuesday, January 22** – Connections will meet from 9:15 – 11:00 am. at Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall. The topic this week is “Inspired to Wholly Living.” Speaker, April Stoltzfus, will share her personal testimony of what led her to clean living. Learn how to live intentionally for spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical wellness. All welcome.

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~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. 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 Board representative.

~Lancaster Mennonite School sponsored events:

~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 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 Can 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.

~Historical Society Sponsored Events

- **Annual Music Night**—Join us for another great night of music on Saturday, January 26, at 7 p.m. at Neffsville Mennonite Church. Performers include the Aspire Chamber Choir, Sopa Sol, Joshua Good, and Rosemary Eberly Lebold. Tickets and more information are available at lmhs.org or by calling (717) 393-9745. Tickets are \$25, with complimentary admission for children under 12. Register at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745.
- **Winter Bookfest**—Discover quality used books in categories such as children's books, fiction, and history. This sale runs from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 14; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 15; and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 16.