

# Menno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for February 3, 2019

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Feb. 6 – Community Night. 6:15 Meal, followed by assembling Care Packages and card-making for the college students.  
Feb. 10 – Madeline Kachel will share in the worship service about her trip with Mennonite Children’s Choir to Indonesia.  
Feb. 19 – First Deaf Inc. Board meeting at church – 6:30 pm.  
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.

	<u>Sunday, February 3</u>	<u>Sunday, February 10</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Randy Keener
Greeters	Karen and Abe Diffenbach	John and Mim Buckwalter

~**Care Package Sign Up.** Thanks to those who did sign up for items for the Care Packages. Check the list for un-signed areas. In addition to your name, please be specific about the number of items you will be donating. If all areas are filled, sign up to give money for gift cards and postage or a surprise item. Have questions??? See Esther Mast or Shelby Swartley.

~**The updated Church Directory was sent last Saturday** as an email attachment If you prefer a hard copy rather than (or in addition to) the email copy, please let me know so I can put a copy in your mailbox. ~Esther Mast

~**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.

~**As property committee chair** Chris is grateful for all who have responded to the need to help clean closets and the basement storage area. Much has been accomplished but a few more areas still need help. See the Sign up sheet on the table in the back or talk with Chris about what you can do. Consider teaming up to tackle an area. Thanks. **Chris.717-519-7475**  
[chrisrosekennel@gmail.com](mailto:chrisrosekennel@gmail.com) (Items on the stage in front of the curtain are for the taking.)

~**Tuesday, February 5** – Connections will meet from 9:15 – 11:00 am. at Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall. The theme this week is “Love Written into it.” Throughout all of history and even now, God is writing His love into our story. Jill Milton will help us learn how to lead our family through the Lenten season with a reading calendar.

~**The Parent & Preschool Center is hosting an Open House** on February 6 & 7 from 9:15 - 11 am. Please drop in to discover what our preschool has to offer! Our classes are filling up quickly so don't miss this opportunity to visit our preschool and enroll your child for the 2019/2020 school year! For information please visit our website at [www.mellingerchurch.org/preschool](http://www.mellingerchurch.org/preschool), contact Hannah at 717-397-5717, or see Velma Magill, your church's Preschool Board representative.

~**Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin** are taking the “Beating Guns” book <https://bakerbookhouse.com/products/beating-guns-hope-for-people-who-are-weary-of-violence-9781587434136> and their forge on the road with the Beating Guns Tour, a 90-minute event that will feature music, art, and stories of people impacted by gun violence, culminating with an invitation for the audience to take the hammer and transform a gun into garden tools.

Date/time/location: Saturday, March 9 from 6-8:00 pm. at Neffsville Mennonite Church, 2371 Lititz Pike, Lancaster.

It’s a ticked event but registration is free. **If interested please contact Randy and he will register you or go to**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beating-guns-tour-lancaster-pa-tickets-55051910747fbclid=IwAR39y64XgajbH33noBoMFp7d8s7EaTrpzT0KzUZqBCkjafmq2IAiYAdnm2Y>

~**Honoring Nelson Okanya.** Nelson O. Okanya served as EMM’s seventh president from 2011 through 2018. Among his many accomplishments, Nelson led the development of a new mission vision for EMM called A Garden in Spring. During his tenure, Nelson built meaningful relationships with staff, global workers, churches, and partner organizations. EMM is providing an opportunity for you to thank him for his service. You’re invited to drop in at this reception on April 7 anytime between 2:00 and 5:00 pm at Lancaster Mennonite School’s Lancaster Campus Alumni Dining Hall. There will be a brief program at 3:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite memory to share with Nelson. Nelson’s successor, Gerald H. “Jerry” Keener, was named the 8<sup>th</sup> President of EMM for a 2-year term, effective immediately. Pray for Nelson. Jerry and the EMM leadership team through this time of transition.