

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for March 17, 2019

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

March 23 – Progressive Dinner for those who signed up. Assignments were distributed March 3. See Jan Mast with questions.

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

April 3 – Community Night. Bring food by 6:00. Meal at 6:15, followed by outside games, weather permitting.

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

Sunday, March 17

Message

Randy Keener

Greeters

Jim and Phyllis Oswald

Sunday, March 24

Joe Miller

Esther Mast and Becky Nolt

~Encouragement Link for week of March 17-23

Joshua Boyer – Judy/Don Stoltzfus

Micah Boyer – Phyllis/Jim Oswald

Johanna Hoffer – Mary/Paul Zehr

Matthias Hoffer – Joy/Shane Miller

Allison Kachel –Becky Nolt

Jansen Kachel – Becky/John Rutt

Madeline Mast – Lois/Marvin Weaver

Maria Swartley – Ruth Ann/Merle Reinford

Leslie Wang – Eileen Ranck

~Thank you for your continued support of this year's My Coins Count collection for the Pennsylvania Relief Sale on April 5 & 6, 2019. Last year's Relief Sale collection raised a grand total of \$151,292.11. **The check sent them last year from Witmer Heights was \$1,719.81. We hope to increase that amount and make the 2019 My Coins Count collection an even greater success!** We invite you to bring your coins to church every Sunday through March 31. Also volunteers are needed to match the coins offering each Sunday. **Offering March 10 was \$65.00 and matched by Chris and Rose Kennel. This brings the grand total so far to \$495.38.** Talk to Becca or Cory if you are willing to match on any given Sunday.

~Don and Judy Stoltzfus are currently in Tanzania working at the seminary. A major goal of their time is to complete a water project. Expenses to complete the project are \$2000 more than anticipated. The Elder Team and Treasurer approved the suggestion to use church finances to make sure the money is available without waiting for special contributions to come in. Contributions may still be made to help cover this taken out of the budget. Please continue to pray for the seminary and Don and Judy.

~This year the Sunday School offerings will go toward raising money for a scholarship for the theological college in Nyabange, Tanzania. (The church and college station are called Bukiroba, which is within the village of Nyabange.) One year of school costs \$600. This education will equip someone to pastor a church. If adults wish to contribute, along with the children, mark your check or envelope "S.S. offering for theological college" and put it in the church offering basket. (This theological center is where Don and Judy Stoltzfus are doing renovations during Feb., March and April.)

~CVCCS FOOD NEEDS: Pancake Syrup, Rice, Elbow Macaroni, Noodles, Cereal, and Oatmeal. The oatmeal can be quick oats, old fashioned oats, or oatmeal packets. The packets are especially needed right now for the Weekend Blessings bags which are given to needy school children. Thanks in advance.

~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 8th President of EMM for a 2-year term, effective immediately. Pray for Nelson. Jerry and the EMM leadership team through this time of transition.