

# Menno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for March 24, 2019

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

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 5,6 – MCC Relief Sale at Harrisburg, PA.

More information and schedule of activities: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/pennsylvania-relief-sale>

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

April 18 – Maundy Thursday service – 6:00 pm. (Details below)

April 21 – Easter Sunrise Service at Kauffman Fruit Farm – 7:00 am. (Details below)

April 21 – Easter Sunday Worship service and baptisms at the church– 10:40 am. (No Sunday school)

	<u>Sunday, March 24</u>	<u>Sunday, March 31</u>
Message	Joe Miller	Randy Keener
Greeters	Esther Mast and Becky Nolt	Karen and Abe Diffenbach

**~There are 2 Sundays left to give to the 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. This year, the proceeds from My Coins Count will be designated toward Mennonite Central Committee's peace initiatives. MCC believes God calls us to live a life of peace and nonviolence. **The offering March 17 was \$44.28 and matched by Abe and Karen Diffenbach. This brings the grand total so far to \$583.94.**

**~Hopefully you read the Urgent Message that was sent out twice this week** regarding the concern raised regarding the lagging numbers in this year's MY COINS COUNT offerings. History of our grand total amounts for the past 2 years is:

2017 – \$2,041.10

2018 – \$1,719.81

Currently 2019 is \$ 583.94. A matching challenge up to \$1,000 has been given for My Coins Count offering for March 24.

**PLEASE bring large amounts of coins, paper money, and checks** (made out to First Deaf Mennonite and noted in the Memo line for the MY COINS COUNT) and put in the cups. Let's surprise the children by filling their cups to overflowing. Talk to Becca or Cory if you are willing to match on March 31 or to match the grand total at the end of March 31.

### **~Encouragement Link for week of March 17-23 (extended to March 30)**

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

**~April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service - 6:00 PM.** Our time will begin with foot-washing or hand-washing followed by a light meal, communion, scripture and songs. All food is provided.

**~April 21 - Easter Sunrise Service – 7:00 AM** Join us for singing and reading the Easter Story in the beautiful outdoors at the Kauffman Fruit Farm. Please feel welcomed to come early at 6:19 AM to see the sunrise. A warm fire will be lit. **Please bring your own lawn chair. Breakfast will follow at 8 AM. Look for upcoming announcement for food to bring.**

**~April 21 - Easter Sunday Worship Service and Baptisms – 10:40 AM. (No Sunday school)**

**~Sympathy and care are extended** to Ruth Ann and Merle Reinford. Their sister-in-law, Dolores Bauman, died Sunday, March 17. Dolores and Wilbur were involved at First Deaf in the 70's and 80's. View the obituary online at.

<https://www.andersfh.com/obituary/dolores-bauman> A memorial service will be held March 31 at Salford Mennonite Church.

**~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.

**~Don and Judy Stoltzfus continue to work at the theological college in Nyabange, Tanzania.** 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. (Mark MTCEA in Memo line) Please continue to pray for the seminary and Don and Judy.

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**~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.)

**~Join conversations about ACC and LMC Churches in Lancaster County.** As part of a research project, Christa Mylin is hosting small groups on the following topics: What is a missional church? (April 8); The Call: What does it mean for God to call people today? (April 11); What does it mean to raise a Christian family? (April 16); Should women be pastors? (April 29); What should be the main priorities of the Anabaptist-Mennonite church today? (April 30). Groups meet 7:00-9:00 p.m. at various locations. Details and registration at: <http://www.eventzilla.net/user/MennoniteGroupInterviews>. Questions or non-web registration: [christa.d.mylin@gmail.com](mailto:christa.d.mylin@gmail.com) or 717-437-9431.

**~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.