

# Menno Bulletin Weekly

## Bulletin Announcements for March 31, 2019

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

- April 3 – Community Night. Bring food by 6:00. Meal at 6:15, followed by a magic show and outside games.  
April 5, 6 – MCC Relief Sale at Harrisburg, PA. See details at. <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 31</u>	<u>Sunday, April 7</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Randy Keener
Greeters	Karen and Abe Diffenbach	John and Mim Buckwalter

~**This Sunday is the last Sunday to give to the My Coins Count** collection for the 2019 Pennsylvania Relief Sale to be held on April 5 & 6. Last year's Relief Sale collection raised a grand total of \$151,292.11. **The offering at Witmer Heights on March 24 was \$750.00 and matched by an anonymous donor to bring the total to \$1500. This brings the WH grand total so far to \$2,083.94.** History of our grand total amounts for the past 2 years is:

2017 – \$2,041.10  
2018 – \$1,719.81  
Currently 2019 is \$2,083.94

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.

~**Sympathy and care are extended** to Becky Nolt. Her brother-in-law, Charles Harold Sagner, 75, departed this life unexpectedly March 25. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, March 31 at 3:00 at Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church 4833 Division Highway, East Earl, PA. Friends may call at the church on Sunday from 1:00 till time of service.

### ~**Encouragement Link for week of March 31-April 6**

Joshua Boyer – Velma Magill	Allison Kachel –Jan/Dean Mast	Leslie Wang – Esther/Ernie Mast
Micah Boyer – Lisa/Craig Kachel	Jansen Kachel – Joy/Shane Miller	
Johanna Hoffer – Janet Breneman/Wes N.	Madeline Mast –Gladys/John Landis	
Matthias Hoffer – Phyllis/Jim Oswald	Maria Swartley – Rose/Chris Kennel	

**April 2** – Christine Baer, from Church World Services of Lancaster will share at Connections about the amazing work they are doing at CWS. Come learn about CWS and how you can partner with them to impact Lancaster County. Connections, a ministry of the Parent & Preschool Center, meets Tuesday mornings from 9-11:00 in the basement at Mellinger. All welcome.

~**April 3 – Community Night.** Meal at 6:15 pm. (Bring food by 6:00 if possible). After the meal Brennan Kauffman will be presenting a magic show for all the kids (and kids at heart), followed by outdoor games, weather permitting.

~**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 (by 6:10 to watch the sunrise at 6:18 am. A warm fire will be lit. **Please bring your own lawn chair and blanket, if needed. Breakfast will follow at 8 AM. Look for an upcoming announcement for food to bring.**

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

~**May 3 - A Chicken BBQ fundraiser** is planned for Friday, May 3, between 3:30-6:30 to support the ministry of the Parent & Preschool Center of our District. Tickets are available now through Sunday, April 21 and may be purchased from Velma Magill, our Preschool cong. representative. Meet her at the back of the sanctuary (near the table) after church to purchase your tickets. The meal includes half a chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll, dessert and beverage. Price is \$10 per meal. (No individual chicken will be sold.). Chicken is provided by Dennis Peters from Peter's Barbecue. (Meals are guaranteed only if tickets are purchased prior to April 22.) Meals may also be purchased the day of the event **until sold out.** Event will be at Mellinger Church and is carry-out only.

~**May 5** – CVCCS will hold their annual WALK and RIDE FROM HUNGER on **Sunday, May 5, 2019, 12-3 PM**, at the Conestoga Valley High School Track. Churches are encouraged to form teams. For more information, pick up a sheet from the table in back of the sanctuary.

**~Continue to pray for Don and Judy Stoltzfus as they 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 ran \$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 amount taken out of the budget. (Mark MTCEA in the Memo line.

**~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.)

**~April 7 - 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.

**~April 8, 11, 16, 29, 30. – 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. Questions or non-web registration: [christa.d.mylin@gmail.com](mailto:christa.d.mylin@gmail.com) or by calling 717-437-9431. Details and web registration at [www.eventzilla.net/user/MennoniteGroupInterviews](http://www.eventzilla.net/user/MennoniteGroupInterviews).



The poster features a musical note icon and the text "Music at Mellinger Spring 2019". Below this, it says "Free Evening Concert with United Voices of Praise" and "Messiah College's Gospel Choir". The date and time are listed as "Sun, March 31 | 7:00 PM". A photograph of the choir performing on stage is also included.

On March 31st, Mellinger Mennonite Church welcomes United Voices of Praise from Messiah College. The concert is free and all are welcome!

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United Voices of Praise serves as Messiah College's gospel choir. This ensemble, open to Messiah College students, performs works from the gospel literature both on campus and in the community. United Voices of Praise is a 50 voice choir under the leadership of Eric Byrd. This gospel choir reflects the

diversity of the College in their singing of urban-style gospel music. A goal of the choir is to expose Messiah students to many churches, joining them in praise and worship, and to make youths aware of the benefits of choosing Messiah College. It is the vision of the United Voices of Praise to witness and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music and testimony. It is our intent to continue touching the lives of those who have accepted Christ as well as those who have not.