

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for April 7, 2019

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

- April 8 – MCC workday at Material Resource Center - 9:00 am. to 3:00 pm. (Bring a packed lunch.)
April 14 – Choir program at WH. **Fellowship meal to follow. 28 extra people. Bring extra food for the meal.**
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, April 7</u>	<u>Sunday, April 14</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Randy Keener
Greeters	John and Mim Buckwalter	Karen and Abe Diffenbach

~Continue to pray for Don and Judy Stoltzfus as they wrap up their work at the theological college in Nyabange, Tanzania and return home next week.

~April 7 - Honoring Nelson Okanya. Nelson O. Okanya served as EMM's seventh president from 2011 through 2018. 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.

~Thank you for your generous support of My Coins Count. The offering at Witmer Heights on March 31 was \$100 and was matched by Dave /Shelby Swartley to equal \$200. This brings the WH **grand total to \$2,283.94** Grand total history....
2017 – \$2,041.10 2018 – \$1,719.81 2019 – \$2,283.94. (unless additional matches were made)

~Encouragement Link for week of March 31-April 6 (extended to April 13)

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 B./Wes Newswanger	Madeline Mast –Gladys/John Landis	
Matthias Hoffer – Phyllis/Jim Oswald	Maria Swartley – Rose/Chris Kennel	

~There have been several expressions of thanks from college students for the care packages. Some were given verbally at church. Below are several that were received via email for Menno Bulletin....

Thank you for the wonderful Valentine's Day surprise. I feel exceptionally lucky and blessed to have such a caring church family back home. I appreciate your kind notes of encouragement and snacks as I finish up my 5th and final year of classes here at Duquesne. Thank you again! Love, Allison Kachel

Thanks to everyone at Witmer Heights who contributed and helped put together the Valentine Care Packages! I'm super excited about having new snacks and goodies! Love, Madeline Mast

~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. Contact her at church, or 717-203-0890, or velmaj@frontiernet.net. 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.

~Spring Concert Series for Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster

Sunday, April 7, 4:00 pm – St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster

Sunday, April 14, 6:00 pm – Chiques Church of the Brethren, Manheim

Saturday, April 27, 7:00 pm – Habecker Mennonite Church, Lancaster

Sunday, May 5, 6:30 pm – Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Sunday, June 9, 7:00 pm – Mountville Lawn Concert Series at Mountville Church of the Brethren, Mountville

~Campus Chorale of Lancaster Mennonite Spring series! Remaining concerts:

Sunday, April 7, 10:00 am – Neffsville Mennonite Church

Sunday, April 28, 4:00 pm – Forest Hills Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 5, 10:00 am – Mellinger Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 19, 2:30 pm (TBC) St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster

~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 helped to do renovations during Feb., March, and April.)

~NEED A GIVING NUMBER?

If you do not currently use a giving number for your offerings and would like one assigned to you so that a summary of your donations can be produced at year-end, please contact Dean Mast by Sunday April 7. Email: deanmast66@gmail.com

~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. Location will be confirmed when you register.

Questions or non-web registration: christa.d.mylin@gmail.com or by calling **717-437-9431**. Details and web registration at www.eventzilla.net/user/MennoniteGroupInterviews.