

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Inserts for May 12, 2013

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

- May 12 - Children's Bible memory
May 15 - Leadership Team – 7:00 pm
May 19 - Worship led by Friendship Community Team
May 19 - Fellowship meal at noon followed by feedback discussion on proposed plan for church organization
May 21 - Board of Directors meeting – 6:30 pm
June 2 - Fundraiser meal for Nancy Marshall's support – at noon before business meeting.
June 2 - Annual congregational business meeting – 1:00 pm
June 5 - Worship Commission – 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 12

Message Michael Howes
Greeters Wes Newswanger and Becky Rutt
Host Family None – Mother's Day
Nursery Dean Mast and Ernie Mast

Sunday, May 19

Friendship Community
Jim and Phyllis Oswald
Fellowship Meal
Esther Mast and Neil Reinford

~**In June, July and August, Witmer Heights will be changing its worship time to 9:30AM.** This change, on which we collaborated with First Deaf, will **enable our CHURCH to leave the BUILDING** and engage with our neighbors. On some summer Sundays, after worship we will gather at pavilions in local parks and share games and cookouts with our neighbors. Detailed information on our "field trips" will appear soon. On Sundays when we don't head to a park, we will have Bible study at the church from 10:45-11:45.

As we look for new and more effective ways to connect with our neighbors and demonstrate Jesus' love, please share any ideas you have with Michael or a member of the Leadership Team. Thanks!

~**Please take time to read the proposed organization** for our church structure and the rationale for the plan. There will be a time for feedback/questions/answers at 12:30 following the May 19 fellowship meal.

~**There is a sign-up sheet on the table** at the back of the sanctuary concerning a call to prayer, asking the Lord for wisdom and guidance regarding the transitions happening within our church family. If you have further questions, see Rose Kennel.

~**Witmer Heights is opening the west basement door** (near youth room) from 6:00 to 8:00 on Little League game nights so parents and young children can use the bathrooms. Volunteers are needed to open the doors, post welcome signs and be a smiling face. These evenings are available: **May 13, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28 & 30.** Please see Neil Reinford to sign up for a date when you are willing to be the smiling face.

~**The Spring Quarter S.S. project** is for Clare House, a shelter for homeless women and children in Lancaster County. It is located at 342-344 E. Chestnut Street, Lancaster. The service provided by Clare House is a viable, proactive alternative to homelessness. **Parents, encourage your children to give generously in their S.S. giving.** Adults may also give by marking your envelope or check for S.S. Project. **This project will run through May 26. The total thus far is \$174.47.**

~**Encouragement Link for week of April 28 – May 12 (Time to welcome them home from college)**

Laura Hoffer – Sue & Michael Conrad
Olivia Mast – Gladys & John Landis

Kaitlyn Hurst – Rose & Chris Kennel
Kelsey Hurst – Lillie & Ed Martin

~**June 2 (Sunday) First Deaf is inviting everyone to participate** in the Potato Bar Fundraiser meal for Nancy Marshall prior to the annual business meeting on June 2. In order to know how to plan for food, Phyllis Gehman will need a head count. **A sheet to register your attendance is at the back of the sanctuary.**

News from other sources/agencies

~**May 14 - Everence Financial will offer a seminar** at Mellinger Church 7:30 – 9 a.m. Breakfast will be included, but reservations are required. The topic “**Navigating the New: Health Care Reform and You**” provides an understanding of health care reform and its affects. To make reservations, contact the Everence office by May 3: (717) 653-2977 or RSVP.Lancaster@everence.com.

~**Host families are needed for international students who want to attend Lancaster Mennonite High School.** If you would like to have an enriching experience hosting an international student, please contact Christy Horst, Director of International Admissions, at 717-299-0436, ext. 312, for more information about local agencies who coordinate host families for LMH students.

~**The latest issue of *On the Way***, Mennonite Church USA’s free, bilingual online newsletter, is available at www.mennoniteusa.org/on-the-way. In this issue, you’ll find **Phoenix 2013 convention highlights**—public witness, worship speakers, delegate information and more. Early registration ends this Thursday, April 25. We’re excited and hope to see you in Phoenix July 1–6! This issue concludes our first volume of *On the Way*. Stay tuned post-convention for updates on the future of *On the Way*. (You can subscribe to receive the newsletter directly at <http://eepurl.com/i8oX9>.)

~**There are many events being promoted** by Lancaster Conference. To see the calendar and read about the events, refer to this link <http://www.lancasterconference.org/events/calendar.php>. Hover over any date for more description of the event. Click to see if there are costs and/or how to register.

Friday, May 17

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Yoder’s Restaurant, 14 S. Tower Rd., New Holland, Pa. 17557

Registration deadline: May 14

Online registration is closed. To register, contact Laura Livengood:
717-293-5246 ext. 100

livengood@lancasterconference.org

Speaker Alan Hirsch is a missiologist, author, and leader in the missional church movement

Session 1 *Jesus Is Lord*

Session 2 *Missional and Incarnational*

Session 3 *Defining and Creating Third Spaces*

Question & Answer and Table Discussion times are planned into the day.

\$50 for LMC members

\$55 for non-LMC members

\$25 for young adults (18-30 years old)

*Lunch is included in the registration fee.



~**Friendship Community is presently seeking persons** willing to serve as part-time and full-time Direct Care Providers in Lancaster County. Tasks include transporting Individuals using org. vehicles, administering medications, assisting with hygiene, cooking, cleaning, interacting with and encouraging Individuals. Requires a Driver’s License and age 18 or older. No experience necessary, we will train you. Apply Online at FriendshipCommunity.net. 717.656.2466. EOE.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

**RESPONDING
REBUILDING
RESTORING**

This is the MDS Update for May 9, 2013

CURRENT NEEDS

Far Rockaway, NY:

- Crew leaders in June and July
- Project Director and an Office Manager are needed in Jun. 8-28
- Day or weekly volunteer groups are needed May

Minot, ND:

- Head cook is needed in for the month of June
- Head and Assistant cook are needed in July
- Crew leader needed for July

New Orleans, LA:

- Caretakers are needed June 4-July 7

Columbus, MS:

- Caretakers are needed at the MDS warehouse in July and August

If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed, and live in the US please call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net. Volunteers in Canada please call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net

UNIT PROJECT NEEDS

The Crisfield, MD, project, coordinated by the Eastern VA Unit, needs project directors, cooks and crew leaders beginning immediately. Contact: Ken Kurtz, (757) 403-6161, or Jay Rohrer, (804) 310-9142, for more information.

The Staten Island, NY, project, coordinated by the Ontario Unit and the NY Unit, needs crews or individuals to lay ceramic tile and cooks and crew leaders in June. For more information e-mail statenisland@mds.mennonite.net.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Disaster: 2011 TORNADOS

Almost exactly two years after tornados devastated parts of the South, MDS celebrated a final home dedication in Walker Co., AL. To many outside of Walker Co., the tornados are a distant memory at best. But many residents are still working to put the storm behind them.

On April 27, 2011, Alabama residents experienced one of the worst tornado outbreaks ever. Over 60 tornados were reported on that day across the state and 243 people lost their lives. More than 13,000 homes were destroyed or heavily damaged across Alabama. Cordova, Birmingham and surrounding areas took a direct hit.

Jessie Williams' home was destroyed by the tornado. Now, thanks to the Walker Co. Long Term Recovery Committee, Mennonite Disaster Service and World Renew, and many faithful volunteers, Williams has a place to call home again.

The week before the dedication was filled with volunteers feverishly finishing the last-minute painting touch-ups, cleaning and final electrical work. Some volunteers took an interest in making sure the house felt like a "home", buying plants and household items with their own funds.

In the two years that MDS has been responding in Walker Co., 1,589 volunteers worked 11,586 days on 292 cleanups. 82 minor repairs. 12 major repairs and 4 complete new builds.

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FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Last week we finished up at Mr. Moishe's house. We were blessed to have him and his family join us on Wednesday night for sharing. They expressed their appreciation and gratitude over and over again. This week we are back hard at work on five job sites. Most jobs consist of new drywall, which means mudding, taping, sanding and then painting. The basements seem to have lots of little corners and hard-to-reach storage spots so our crews are doing a lot of puzzle work! The weather has not been the greatest the last couple of days which makes new drywall sheets difficult to deliver, but God is providing work and volunteers so we are pressing onward!

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

Disaster: 2011 Floods

The Disaster Management Program students arrived this week. They will work at the Minot project for eight weeks as part of an internship to earn their degree in Disaster Management Studies. Over the summer they will work in all facets of the project – from the office to construction and everything in between.

Contributions may be sent to:

USA: 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543 or

Can.: 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6

[Donate online](#)

Tel: USA (800) 241-8111 Can. (866) 261-1274

Remember the variety of ways you can give to MDS – volunteer your time, give money through cash donations, planned gifts, bequests and traded securities.
Call our office to learn more details.