

# *Menno Bulletin Weekly*

## **Bulletin Announcements for June 30, 2019**

### **Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

June 30 – No Sunday school. Fellowship hour from 9:30-10:30 am. (See note below.)

June 30 – Community Hymn sing at Stumptown Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm.

July 7 – EMM Commissioning service at Black Rock.- 6:30 - 8:30 pm. – Speakers: Jimm & Kaylene Dirksen

July 13 – EMM Global Fair at Hans Herr House - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

July 14 – Fellowship meal at noon.

Sept. 8 – Second Annual 3-District Fall Picnic for churches of the Lancaster, Lititz, and Mellinger Districts.

Sept. 20, 21, 22 – Church Retreat at Penn Valley Retreat Center

Oct. 21 – WH Volunteer day at MCC Material Resource Center – 9-3:00.

	<b><u>Sunday, June 30</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday, July 7</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	Randy Keener	Randy Keener
<b>Greeters</b>	John and Mim Buckwalter	Karen and Abe Diffenbach

**-During the Sunday school hour on June 30**, we will have a time of fellowship and refreshments in the west hallway. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Please feel free to bring fruit, pastry, or juice to share. Contact Donna Reinford at [reinforddj@gmail.com](mailto:reinforddj@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks!

**-Please keep Mia Swartley and Sean Swartley in your prayers** as they attend the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City from July 2-6. Sean is attending with the Forest Hills Mennonite Church youth group, while Mia is going as the Witmer Heights representative.

**-Sunday, July 14** Mia Swartley will be sharing a report on the Mennonite Church USA convention.

**-Please reserve the date of September 8th, 4:00 pm** for our second annual 3-District fall picnic. This includes everyone from the churches in the Lancaster, Lititz, and Mellinger Districts. The picnic will be held at River's Edge. More details to follow, along with a bulletin announcement, nearer the time. –Bishops: Rodney Martin and Joe Miller

**~The following update on Stefan Gascho** from his sister Jessica Gascho was sent via email on Wednesday.

Dear Witmer Heights Family,

I wanted to update you all on Stefan's surger on Tuesday, June 25. Thank you all so much for your love, prayers and support.

Stefan did well during the surgery. This was somewhat of a concern because of his weakened heart. The fact that he is awake, sitting up and talking is something we are all very grateful for!

The surgeon was able to get 95% of the tumor in his right lung. He could not get it all because some implants of tumor are on his diaphragm as well as the pleura (the tissue lining the lungs and the lung cavity). He was able to remove the bulk of the tumor.

This means that Stefan's cancer cannot be 'cured' surgically. The next likely steps are a genetic/immunotherapeutic drug to target a specific genetic mutation, and/or radiation therapy.

We were hoping that the tumor could have been completely removed, so there is some sadness and disappointment with this outcome, but we are overwhelmingly grateful for Stefan's life.

Thank you all again for caring about Stefan and the Gascho family. ~Jessica Gascho McCardell

**If you wish to contribute to the Go Fund Me account** to help defray costs, click on the link below. Thank you.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-stefan-gascho-beat-cancer?u=22026714&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=fb\\_dn\\_shareupdate\\_r](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-stefan-gascho-beat-cancer?u=22026714&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=fb_dn_shareupdate_r)

**~New and reappointed mission workers** will receive EMM's send-off and blessing while surrounded by family, friends, and the broader community at the Oakwood Chapel at Black Rock Retreat. The celebration, July 7, 6:30-8:30, features worship, guest speakers, and a time to introduce and pray for each worker or family preparing to be sent. Jim and Kaylene Derksen, who have served with EMM for the majority of their adult lives, will be the featured speakers. They will be sharing on the theme, "Walking the path together," based on Proverbs 4:18. "The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day." After the service, workers and guests will have time to enjoy fellowship and ice cream. Join us for this special time.