## Menno Bulletin Weekly

## **Bulletin Announcements for August 4, 2019**

## Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 8 – Second Annual 3-District Fall Picnic. (Details below)

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

Oct. 6 – World Communion Sunday. Combined service with First Deaf.

Oct. 13 – Fellowship meal at noon.

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

Sunday, August 4 Sunday, August 11

Message Mia Swartley Randy Keener

**Greeters** John and Kathryn Landis Chris Kennel and Mim Eberly

- **~MCC School Kits:** Thanks to all who are filling bags with school supplies for MCC. There are still bags on the bench in back of the sanctuary. Refer to the information you received in your mailbox showing items needed for each bag.
- ~School Kit Supplies: If you want to get all your supplies at one place, <u>Gifts for Relief</u> has everything you need. The price for one school kit is \$3.00. You can also get separate items there. The price for the metal pencil sharpeners is 14 cents each. The phone number is 717-442-1295. You will likely get an answering machine when you call, but they will get back to you. You can pick up supplies on Mondays and Thursdays. Give them one weeks notice before you want to pick them up. **The address for picking up supplies at Gifts for Relief has changed from last year. The phone number to call is still the same (717-442-1295), but the supplies are now at 541 Cains Rd., Gap. See Ruth Ann Reinford if you have questions.**
- ~A flyer in your mailbox at church gives more information on the second annual 3-District fall picnic, scheduled for September 8th, 4:00 pm. Keep it handy to refer to nearer the date. Everyone from the churches in the Lancaster, Lititz, and Mellinger Districts is invited to attend. The picnic will be held at River's Edge. —Bishops: Rodney Martin and Joe Miller
- ~CVCCS is still in need of pasta (especially elbow macaroni and noodles). Please place your contributions in the box at church designiated for CVCCS. Thank you.
- **~Can You Spare Some Time to Help People?** CV Homes of Hope can use your help!

Sometimes when people are homeless they just need a "break," That's what the current family living in the home said. They had been living in a hotel with 3 children for 11 months. They just couldn't get out of the hotel. All their money went to the hotel or for fast food. It is hard to cook a meal in a hotel room!

They couldn't begin to save for a security deposit or first month's rent. The dad was working full time and the mom was working 2 part time jobs. Their stay in the Homes of Hope gave them a chance to pay off debt, save money and make plans for the future. Each week they say how grateful they are for the mentors and budget coaches that encourage them and work with them.

Right now there are many families living in hotels in CV. They cannot move in to the Homes of Hope until there are mentors and budget coaches in place. CV Homes of Hope is in need of volunteers for both of these volunteer positions. As a mentor or budget coach, you meet with the family once a week for an hour. You encourage them to work on goals that have been set by the case worker from Love INC. It is a great opportunity to demonstrate God's love to people that are almost always estranged from any church or church community.

We are blessed to be a blessing to others. If you care about people struggling with homelessness and want to make a difference this is the ministry for you. Training and support is provided for you when you serve. If you want to help, contact Sue Orth at <a href="mailto:sueo@zionleola.org">sueo@zionleola.org</a> or 717.656.9200 or 717.380.4403

- ~Urgent message from Sunday School Meditations Board Chair: Contributed income this spring has not met the needs of the ministry and we are in serious need. Our cash position is critically low and without immediate help we may find it impossible to continue this program. Send contributions to: Sunday School Meditations, Inc., PO Box 1031, Lancaster, PA 17608.
- ~Bookworm Frolic—Indulge your interests at the annual Bookworm Frolic! Come out to 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Pa., between Wednesday, August 14 and Friday, August 16 (9 am to 7 pm) and Saturday, August 17 (9 am to 4 pm), to purchase your favorite used books and support Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.