

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for March 22, 2020

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

- March 29 – RSVP for Date Night due to Jan Mast
April 3 – Date Night Event – 5:30-9:00 pm.
April 6 – WH Volunteer day at MCC Resource Cntr – 9:00 am–3:00 pm. (Still on at this point. Will update if there's a change..)
April 9 – Maundy Thursday service (Light meal included) – 6:30 pm.
April 12 – Easter Sunrise service and breakfast (Details below.)
April 12 – Easter worship service and baptisms.
April 19 – Fellowship meal.

	<u>Sunday, March 22</u>	<u>Sunday, March 29</u>
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From Pastor Randy

This coming Sunday we will have worship resources sent out with a recorded sermon I am preparing, Clair Kauffman (who would have been song leader) will have some songs chosen via video, and Sophia Zook has a children's story and song via video. All of that will be in your inbox Sunday morning. **(For more details on this, see the email Randy sent out Friday evening. If you didn't receive it, call him.)**

Other things he shared last week that are worth repeating:

- 1) **Pray** - Pray for our world, for those who are sick, and those who mourn the loss of routines, resources, travel, and loved ones. Pray for a swift end to the virus and for those who work to end it.
- 2) **Neighborly-ness** - Consider reaching out to your fellow church members with social media, a text or phone call. Give your attention to your neighbors, especially those who are older or isolated.
- 3) **Rest**: This could be a lenten practice to help us slow down and notice Gods presence in a new, unexpected way.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me (Randy) if you would appreciate a visit during this time. Gods Grace and Peace be with you!

~Connecting with my church family....

~**Please remember to pray for those of us** who are still working. While I am so fortunate to have an income, I am also being exposed to employees and some of them need to go out to farms with feed. We have taken as many precautions as possible but the animals need to eat. I am aware how vulnerable we are to this virus. For this reason I have isolated myself completely except for my working hours. I have had a sinus infection for around 2 weeks but no fever so I am sure it is my usual spring time issues. Keep me in your prayers.
~Eileen Ranck

~**Greetings from Starlite Drive.** We miss all of you so much during this time of distancing. It feels like new territory to be required to stay away from you. But we can keep praying for one another and trusting that as we claim promises in the Word, we will all get through this together. We are grateful for safe travels to VA last Sunday and back Wednesday. Went to help our grandson with cleaning and painting on the house they are buying. It was comforting to be with Dale's family a few days as well. We are grateful to have Dean and Jan next to us to assist us. Also grateful for the warm sunshine to shine on us when we take walks in the neighborhood.
~Ernie and Esther Mast

~**Hello Church Family:** I apologize for the delayed thank you for the gift package I received a couple weeks ago. I have been busy finishing up work for my classes before our spring break and our rowing season has simultaneously picked up speed! We have to stay at school for training over the break before spring races start up. I enjoyed being able to take a break from the hectic work to read all of the thoughtful notes and I appreciated hearing from everyone. I hope all is well and look forward to being back to see everyone sometime soon! All the best,
~Jansen Kachel

~**Hello! Sorry for the late message,** but I wanted to say thank you to everyone for the care package I received! It was a nice surprise in the midst of my busy spring semester. I enjoyed reading all of the notes that were included. Each one put a smile on my face and made feel an overwhelming amount of support to get me through my freshman year of college! I hope to see everyone at church soon!

- Madeline Kachel

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-RE: Offerings for Church and “My Coins Count” If you wish to contribute to our church offerings during the COVID-19 “shut-down,” please make checks out to First Deaf Mennonite Church and mail to Witmer Heights Mennonite Church 2270 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. If any checks are for the My Coins Count project, put that information in the memo line. That project goes through March 29. **The Grand total as of March 8 was: \$1,195.16.** Information received from the MCC My Coins Count coordinators (Darrell and Lisa Mast) indicates that the MCC Board is discussing how the cancelation of the Relief Sale April 3 and 4 impacts getting the coins delivered and counted for the program this year. **It is still unsure whether they will be able to reschedule the 2020 Relief Sale**

~ Maundy Thursday Service April 9 at 6 PM Our time will begin with foot-washing or hand-washing followed by a light meal of soup and bread, communion, scripture, and singing together. All Food is provided.

-Easter Sunrise Service April 12th at 7 am. Join us for a short service to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in the beautiful outdoors at the Kauffman Fruit Farm. 53-A S. Weavertown Rd. Ronks, PA 17572. You are welcome to come early at 6:30 AM to see the sunrise. **Please bring your own lawn chair. A Potluck Breakfast will follow the service. (Not mountain pies this year.) If able, please bring hot or cold dishes of food to share. All are Welcome!**

-2020 WH Fellowship Meal Dates: April 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, August 9, October 11, November 8

-Church Directory Updates: Please make these corrections in your Church Directory.

Add John H. Landis’ birthday- 11-12-1928. (It was mistakenly deleted.)

Email additions and/or changes: Kirsten Kauffman – kirstenkauffman2005@gmail.com.

Nathan Buckwalter – nathanbuck40@gmail.com.

Emily Keener – eminkeener@gmail.com.

-Continue to keep the Elder Team in prayer as they move forward with the pastor search process. Input from the congregation is valued. So if you have questions or insights you are welcome to approach and communicate with any of the Elder team members. (Vanessa Boyer, Rose Kennel, Eileen Ranck, Jonathan Stoltzfus, Judy Stoltzfus)

-LMC canceled Leadership Assembly and Celebration of Church Life, scheduled for April 3-4, at Petra Church because of the CDC guidelines for COVID-19. The addresses by Glenn Kauffman, the State of LMC by Keith Weaver, and the Youth Address by Keith Nyce will be recorded. The recordings will be posted on Youtube, and links supplied on the LMC Website and Facebook page by April 7. Please continue to pray for God’s grace and peace in this time of uncertainty!

~L. Keith Weaver, LMC Moderator

~The Parent & Preschool Center has begun their final fundraiser for the 2019/2020 school year. We will be selling subs (\$6) and pretzel sandwiches (\$5) from R&K subs. Orders will be taken from March 9 to March 29. If you know people who like to eat, please take orders for us!! **Please see your Preschool Board Representative (Velma Magill) to place your order or if you have questions.** If you prefer to make a donation, that is always an option! Any checks should be payable to **Parent & Preschool Center.** Money raised from this fundraiser goes towards the general operating expenses of our program. Thank you for your help!

Orders & Money Due: Sunday, March 29th. Sub Delivery/Pickup Date: **Thursday, April 16th between 11am-2:30pm*** (*Call Miss Hardy, 717-397-5717, prior to April 16th if you need to make other arrangements.)

~May 3 – First Deaf will have a 75th Church Anniversary during 10:30 am worship followed by a fellowship meal. Witmer Heights congregation is invited to join First Deaf in this 75th celebration during worship and meal. Flyer with details coming later.

~May 24 and 25 – A backpacking trip (1 overnight) is being planned and is open to anyone interested. The tentative plan is to leave after church May 24 and return May 25. (Memorial Day) If interested talk to Randy Keener.