

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for April 5, 2020

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar - All previously announced activities canceled or will be rescheduled.

~Connecting with my church family....

~From Pastor Randy, echoing what Donna Reinford said on Zoom Wed. eve.

It's so important in these times to be intentional with the way you are caring for yourself, physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. Let's continue to keep talking about how we are practicing this and share with one another.

~From Merle and Ruth Ann Reinford

Please pray for our son-in-law Matt and his family. His grandmother died Wednesday evening. He said one of the toughest things was to not be able to go into the hospital to see her near the end. Since only 8 people can attend the funeral on Monday, he is also at a loss there. Thanks!

~From Todd and Kristin

For those of you who participated in the Zoom Meeting Wednesday evening you heard the news that we are expecting a baby in Oct. We are excited. Maisie is super excited about being a big sister. She and Todd are doing a good job of caring for me.

~From Becky Nolt

I'm doing well. I have food in the house. The one thing I am about out of is toilet paper. I'm able to get to the store. I like to get out and rake so I can get fresh air. I just get so bored. There is no football to watch and all the sports that are on are re-runs. I did watch the church zoom Wednesday evening. It was so good to see and hear everyone. I miss you all.

~From Ernie and Esther

We have been doing self care by doing more singing together, along with our daily Bible reading routine. We also claim a Bible verse each day. We have added a daily walk outside. (My Fitbit is happy.) I (Esther) am a friend of Annette Diffenbach Hertzler on facebook. She reminds me so much of her mother Beulah with the thoughtful things she posts. I copied her "Daily Quarantine Questions" that we're reading each day. Sharing them with you: 1) What am I *grateful* for today? 2) Who am I *checking in on or connecting with* today? 3) What expectations of "normal" am I *letting go of* today? 4) How am I *getting outside* today? 5) How am I *moving my body* today? 6) *What beauty* am I creating, cultivating, or inviting in today?

~From Anna Kauffman (follow-up to her email earlier this week)

Thanks to all who are praying for my sister in this difficult time. The pandemic was not what brought on this episode of mental breakdown but it does make navigating care very interesting. I have started a private page with updates for those of you who are interested and committed to praying with us. E-mail me if you would like to join this. Right now I am updating the page 3 or 4 times a day as things are very intense. But I do see a bright light at the end of the tunnel and am thinking that things will level off now as Lillian understands the gift of medication.

~From Don and Judy Stoltzfus (sent out earlier this week)

We are asking for prayer for our daughter, Amanda, her husband Matt, and their five children, Adrianna, Allen, Kylee, Keagan and Makenzie. Amanda works at LGH as a charge nurse, meaning she can be sent to any floor that most needs her. She works three twelve hour shifts per week. Last Tuesday she was on the Covid-19 floor for the whole twelve hours. Please pray for safety and strength, and that she doesn't get sick or bring the virus home. We are thankful that Matt no longer works for LEMSA as a paramedic, but is a stay at home Dad. Otherwise both parents could be exposed.

~RE: Offerings for Church and "My Coins Count": The checks that I received this week through Friday morning for the general offering totaled \$2,580 and for My Coins Count; \$25. Thanks for continuing to give! If you wish to contribute to our church offerings during the COVID-19 "shut-down," please make checks payable to First Deaf Mennonite Church and mail to Witmer Heights Mennonite Church 2270 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Checks will be deposited into the General Fund unless otherwise indicated. ~Merle Reinford

~If you missed giving an order to Sean Swrtley for the Ham Loaf/Pork BBQ youth group fundraiser, you are welcome to send a contribution to Forest Hills Mennonite Church, earmarked for the youth group fundraiser. (Sorry, no more food orders.) Address is: 100 Quarry Road, Leola, PA 17540. (Youth group is planning a service trip to Puerto Rico this summer)

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

~Church Directory Updates: Please add to your Church Directory. Email address: Nathan Ayers – nayers72@comcast.net.

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.