

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Inserts for October 13, 2013

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Oct. 16 - Worship Team meeting - 7:00 pm

Oct. 16 – Elder Team meeting – 7:00 pm

Oct. 21 – Volunteer at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Nov. 19 – Board of Directors meeting – 6:30 pm

	<u>Sunday, October 13</u>
Message	Michael Howes
Greeters	Jim and Phyllis Oswald

	<u>Sunday, October 20</u>
	Michael Howes
	John/Mim/Nathan Buckwalter

~MYF356 thanks you for your support of the Soup ‘n Salad fundraiser, Sun. Sept. 22. We made **\$1,430.00**. Our current fundraiser orders (Ham Loaf and Pork BBQ Sale featuring Gene Wenger’s Meats) **are due this Sunday Oct. 13. Please see any of the youth group to order.** (2 ½ lb. Ham loaves @\$9.00 each or Pork BBQ in 2 – 1 lb. Containers (total 2 lb.) @ \$10.00.) Thanks for your support.

~Keep **Ginny Ranck** and her family in your prayers as she faces the biopsy/surgery experience Mon., Oct. 14. Pray for wisdom for Dr. Monacci as he makes a diagnosis. But most of all, pray for **HEALING** and **HOPE**.

~**The fall Sunday school quarter's offerings** began September 1 and will benefit North Star Initiative. North Star Initiative is currently focusing on the development of a restoration home specifically addressing the needs of domestic trafficking survivors, and is dually involved in community awareness, event fundraising, trafficking education, and is a founding member of the Lancaster Anti-Trafficking Network (LATN). **To contribute to this project during Sept. Oct. Nov., mark your check or envelop “S.S. Project”.**

~**The Parent and Preschool Center’s annual Sub and Car Wash Tokens Fundraiser** was launched this past week. Forms are on the table at the back of the auditorium for you to place orders. See either Velma Magill or Esther Mast if you have questions or want to give payment at the time of ordering, (which is preferred). **Subs will be delivered on Thurs. November. 14.** Car wash tokens make wonderful stocking stuffer Christmas gifts and you don’t have to go shopping to find them... just place your order and they will be delivered to you.

~**CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages** and meets on Tuesday mornings in the fellowship hall at Mellinger Mennonite Church. On **Tuesday, Oct. 15**, speaker, Joyce Stoner, will speak on the topic **“Claiming our Unclaimed Ground.”** Are we living in fears, weighed down with responsibility? Let us examine God’s promises for his daughters! Let us enter His light, claiming victory, drinking from His rivers of delight, and feasting at the abundance of His house, which is His desire for us!

News from other sources/agencies

~**Save the dates for these special events....**

~**Friday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.** when *The Hospitality of the Two-Handed Tea*, Eastern Mennonite Missions' annual mission vision banquet will take place on at the Lancaster County Convention Center. Enjoy dinner, a tea ceremony, and stories with special guests David and Grace Shenk and friends. Visit emm.org/events or contact Jessica Mueller at 717-898-2251 for more information.

~**October 31, November 1 and 2**, when Lancaster Mennonite High School will present Jon Jory's recent stage adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Weaver Auditorium of the Calvin and Janet High Fine Arts Center on the Lancaster Campus. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7 for senior citizens and \$8 for adults, and may be reserved by calling the box office at 299-0436, ext. 340 or online at: boxoffice@lancastermennonite.org Discounts are available for groups of ten or more.

~**You are invited** to attend the **“Invest in the Vision”** dessert reception on **Thurs., November 7, from 7-8 pm** at the Lancaster Conference Office. (More information in your mailbox flyer.) RSVP is helpful but not required by Nov. 4. Phone 717-293-5246 ext. 100 or livengood@lancasterconference.org.

Fall Festival

SAVE THE DATES!



Schedule of Events

Friday, November 15

- **Hess's Famous Pork and Chicken Barbecue**
 - Take-out available from 2:30-8 p.m.
 - Dine-in from 4-8 p.m.
- **Bridges to the Future Campaign Kickoff, 6 p.m.**
- **Music Through the Ages Concert, 7 p.m.**

Saturday, November 16

- **FFA Country Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.**
- **3v3 Basketball Tournament, 8:30 a.m.**
- **Keeping the Tempo** musical performances **9 a.m.**
- **Iron Bridge 5K Run/Walk, 9:30 a.m.** [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event.
- **Benefit Dinner and Auction, 5 p.m.** [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event by email.

Watch the LMS website for auction items and more details.

For questions regarding November events, or if your business would like to sponsor the weekend, contact Tina Campbell at campbelltk@lancastermennonite.org or (717) 509-4459, ext. 709.

Tina Campbell Events Liaison

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**Fabric Wrapping
Shadow Art
Light Show**

Don't miss it!
November 15, 6 p.m.
Witness the transformation of our iconic iron bridge.

Transformation by
Emmett Murphy, class of 1962
Ryan Rohrer, class of 1995
LMS Students

Bridges to the Future: A Campaign for LMS Students

Go to <http://www.lancastermennonite.org/support/fallfestival/ironbridgeshadows.php> for more details about this unique art and light show. It will inspire you to want to be there!

~A **Sister Care seminar**, led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener, is coming on **November 1-2 to Mellinger Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA** – For more information, contact Kathy Weaver Wenger (717) 392-5923, mkwenger@comcast.net. **You can register by email, phone, or regular mail.** Seminars run 7-9 p.m. Friday evening and 9-4:30 Saturday. (Please note that Lancaster participants are asked to find their own lodging for Friday night.)

Sister Care seminars provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and for responding more confidently and effectively to the needs of others. Topics include: "Claiming my identity as God's Beloved," "Caring for Self and Others," "Compassionate Listening," and "Transforming Loss and Grief." Since the seminar was last held in the Harrisburg area much new material has been added!

This is the MDS Update for October 10, 2013

URGENT NEEDS

Far Rockaway, NY: Head cook needed Oct. 20 - Nov. 8

Minot, ND: Skilled crew leaders needed Oct. 13 - Nov. 30

Crisfield, MD: Office manager needed Oct. 19 – Nov. 30

Bastrop, TX: Crew leaders needed Nov. 17 - Dec. 14

One or more foundation crews needed in **Bastrop, TX**, either the first or second week of November. Call the Lititz office, (717) 735-3536 for more information.

ASSISTANT COOKS NEEDED

Looking for a service opportunity over the Thanksgiving holiday? Please consider serving as an assistant cook at one of our projects. Assistant cooks are needed in:

Crisfield, MD: Nov. 11 - 29

Minot, ND: Nov. 11 - 29

Shawnee, OK: Nov. 11 - 29

Staten Island, NY: Nov. 25 – Dec 14

CURRENT NEEDS

Fall Projects

Fall projects will be open in Bastrop, TX, Crisfield, MD, Far Rockaway, NY, Staten Island, NY, and Minot, ND.

Short-term groups are needed this fall at all locations.

RV Projects

RV Projects will be open in Braithwaite, LA, and Hattiesburg, MS, from Oct. 13 - Dec. 13. An RV project will be open in Bastrop, TX, from Nov. 11 - Dec. 5. A few spots are open in Braithwaite and Bastrop.

We are currently scheduling short-term groups for fall projects. Scheduling for winter projects will begin Oct. 16.

For information about week-long volunteer opportunities call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail cruntz@mds.mennonite.net. For long-term volunteer opportunities (one month or longer), in the US call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net, in Canada call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

CCP and Early Response Team Training in Bluffton

A training session for Congregational Contact Persons (CCP) and Early Response Teams is scheduled in Bluffton, OH, for Nov. 9, 2013. Hosted by the Western Ohio Unit and First Mennonite Church in Bluffton, CCPs, pastors, mission committee members and interested individuals are invited to attend. Registration is required. Check the MDS website for more information or call (717) 735-3536.

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Over 30 volunteers began their day working at Beth-El Mennonite Church in Colorado Springs, CO, cleaning up the parking lot which was covered with rock, mulch and mud after the floodwaters receded.

In the afternoon they helped Ms. Donna remove her wet and destroyed belongings from her flooded house. Ms. Donna made a note on the job card that she signed at the end of the day, "These kids are amazing leaders and hope for our community." Before the job started she said that she was mad at God, but by the end of the day she asked to pray with us and praised God for the young people that helped her clean up her house.

Along with other clean up work, MDS volunteers will go to the Sylvan Dale Ranch to do chainsaw work on downed trees, demolition work on severely damaged buildings and dig out four feet of silt from buildings along the river bank. In 1976 the owners of the Sylvan Dale Ranch hosted MDS volunteers as they worked to clean up after historic flooding that year. The ranch was used as the MDS headquarters for the flood recovery in that area.

As additional plans for clean up are made and volunteer needs are known, the MDS website will be updated.

CIRCLE, ALASKA

Disaster: 2013 Floods

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the work in Circle, AK, is completed. Click here to view the [Circle, AK, video](#).

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Our enthusiastic group framed Mr. Scott's house this week. By Friday they even had most of the inside walls framed.

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

The Far Rockaway project is closed until Oct. 13.

MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

Disaster: 2011 Floods

The Minot project is closed until Oct. 13.

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

Volunteers are busy preparing the project housing, which is in the Church of the Harvest. Larger groups of volunteers will begin arriving later this month.

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK

Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

Our group was a bit larger this week. Part of the group came from Ontario, another from New York, plus three more individuals, one from Montana, and two from Germany. The young German volunteers will be with MDS for ten months.

Jacob has returned to work with us until the Christmas break. He is very helpful with the skills that he has and is such a blessing to have as part of the project. He is taking on the role of construction supervisor.

We are working on the completion of various projects from our list, hoping that the owners can return to make their houses their homes once again. Miss Linda and Mr. Roberto's homes were completed this week.

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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.