

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for August 21, 2016

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 11 - 10:30 am "Outdoor service" followed by picnic and games.

Sept. 18 – 9:30 am. Two representatives from Atlantic Coast Conference will meet with WH during Sunday school.

Sept. 23-25 – Annual Retreat at Penn Valley Retreat Center

Oct. 2,9,16,23 –Discussion/listening meetings on "The Discernment Format for Healthy Church Process" 9:15-10:15 am.

Oct. 17 – Volunteer at MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

	<u>Sunday, August 21</u>	<u>Sunday, August 28</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Randy Keener
Greeters	Karen Diffenbach and Becky Rutt	Chris and Rose Kennel

~**The Outdoor Worship Service** on Sept 11th will also be the Kick off to Community Night. After the worship service will have a Pork Roast and Kickball game. The Community Night schedules for children are below and will also be in mailboxes.

Our theme Verse for Community Night this year will be 2 Corinthians 5.15.

And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

~**Dear Church Family:** We have had the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of Ervin Stutzman (MC USA), Keith Weaver (LMC) as well as Jason Kuniholm (our bishop) regarding Witmer Heights Mennonite Church's relationship with the wider Mennonite church. We will use the **Sunday school hour on September 18** to hear from, and ask questions of two representatives from Atlantic Coast Conference. (Merv Stoltzfus and Joanne Dietzel) Please save the date. ~Neil Reinford

~**The people of Witmer Heights Mennonite Church will be** meeting on **October 2, 9, 16, 23 from 9:15-10:15** to discuss and determine how Witmer Heights Mennonite will relate to the wider Mennonite Church. The meetings will be held in the Commons area of Locust Grove Mennonite School so that there will be enough space and to not disturb the First Deaf worship time. The children will have activities supervised by people from outside the congregation so that all parents and teachers can participate in the discussion and listening. At 10:15 the congregation will go over the church building and have the worship time as usual.

The "Discernment Format for Healthy Church Process," developed by Jason and Joanne Kuniholm, will be followed with leadership provided by the Witmer Heights elder team. A copy of the format went out by email and was also placed in the church mailboxes.

~**The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster** is scheduling auditions for the 2016-2017 choir year. Children and youth in grades 2-12 may contact director Sarah Wingard (540-383-9986) to schedule an audition. Singers meet Tuesday evenings late August through early May to rehearse for a fall and spring concert series. The mission of MCCL is training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. The MCCL program is open to children and youth from all church backgrounds and is a program of Lancaster Mennonite School as a service to the community.

~**The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is offering a new class!** "Choristers" is a non-auditioned vocal class for singers in grades 3-7. Directed by Jonathan Shoff, participants will learn healthy singing technique, intonation, ear-training, beat-keeping, and rehearsal skills in a fun-filled, highly-active and engaging environment. The group meets at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church on Tuesdays from 7-7:45 p.m. for 8 weeks in the fall and spring. The first class is September 13. Email mccl@lancastermennonite.org or call 717-455-7025 for registration information. Deadline for registration: September 2.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: - Pass this information on to others you know that might fit any of these positions.

~**Jobs at the Preschool Center that were posted in previous Menno Bulletins are still available. Check online at the church website and go to Menno Bulletin. (call Chris Stahl 717-397-5717)**

Community Night Schedules on following pages....

2016-2017

YOU ARE INVITED...

Community Night at Witmer Heights Mennonite Church

Theme: Use your gifts to serve Jesus

Children's Program: Kindergarten through Grade 6

6:15PM Meal

6:45PM Bible lesson, Craft, Service Project

Theme verse:

2 Corinthians 5:15 "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who dies for them and was raised again."

September 11: 10:30 AM- KICK OFF!! Outdoor Church Service, Pig Roast and Outdoor Games

October 5: Who do we live for? Have fun with Volcanos, service activity

November 2: Does God care where we walk? game, service activity

December 7: If God said you could have one wish, what would He love for you to ask for?

December 18: Christmas Caroling – meet at the church at 6:45PM: bring fruit & cookies to share

January 4: Does God fight?

February 1: What can separate us from the love of God? Share God's love... Make Care Packages for our church members who are in college

March 1: Lenten Meal. Is contentment an automatic response? – scavenger hunt

April 5: Transformers lesson, Art with Velma Magill

April 13: Maundy Thursday Service, Lesson for the kids: How should we react when everything is going wrong?

May 3: What part of our body is compared to a rudder (a steering mechanism) of a ship?
Activity: planting flowers at church with Cindy Witmer, ice cream party

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Community Night Adult Schedule

**Potluck Meal at 6:15 PM
Activity 7-8 PM**

Please bring a hot and cold dish to share.

- September 11 - 10:30 AM- KICK OFF!! Outdoor Church Service, Pig Roast and Outdoor Games
- October 5 - Bike Trip Through the Rocky MTNS- Emily Keener
- November 2 - Game Night. Bring your favorite Game
- December 7 - Service Project at the Church
- December 18 - Christmas Caroling (meet at church at 6:45 PM)
- January 4 - Just Jammin' (bring your instrument if you have one. Come and sing together)
- February 1 - Care Packages and Cards for College Students and Game Night- Bring your Favorite Game
- March 1 - Ash Wednesday
- April 5 - Gardening tips and Seed exchange- Judy Stoltzfus
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service
- May 3 - Succulents , Planting Flowers, & Ice Cream Social