

Altenno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for August 28, 2016

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 28 – MYF356 and their families and Mentors – Kickoff at Mellinger Fellowship Hall for lunch at 11:45 am.
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 28</u>	<u>Sunday, September 4</u>
Message	Joey Rodriguez	Leon Oberholtzer
Greeters	John H. and Kathryn Landis	Mim Eberly and Esther Mast

~**There will be kickoff** for MYF356, their parents and MYF Mentors this Sunday 8/28 in the fellowship hall at Mellinger at 11:45 a.m.

~**Keep Pastor Randy and Emily in your prayers** for their safety and an enjoyable vacation time in Peru. They left Monday, August 22 and will return September 5.

~**The Outdoor Worship Service** on Sept 11th will also be the Kick off to Community Night. After the worship service we will have a Pork Roast meal and Kickball game. The Community Night schedules for children and adults were put in mailboxes. **Food signup sheets are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Sign up for salad, fruit, cookies/bars.**

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.

~**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 also 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 to 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.

~**Connections at Mellinger – Tuesday, Sept. 13 – 9:00-11:00 am** - A Welcome Brunch will be served on the first day of 2016-2017 Connections. Meet with new friends and old friends as we enjoy a light brunch. All Welcome!

~**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.