

Altenno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for September 18, 2016

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 18 – Atlantic Coast Conference representatives – 9:30 am. (during Sunday school hour).

Sept. 21 – Elder Team meeting – 7:00 pm.

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. 12 – Worship Team meeting – 7:00 pm.

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

	<u>Sunday, September 18</u>	<u>Sunday, September 25 - (Church Retreat)</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Janet Breneman and Wes Newswanger
Greeters	Mary Zehr and Karen Diffenbach	Everyone!

~**Thanks to all who helped with the outdoor Worship Service last Sunday** (Sept 11). The worship and message were truly inspiring. Thanks especially to Don & Judy Stoltzfus who worked hard to provide the pork roast and to everyone who brought additional food. Also to everyone who “pitched in” to help with set up and tear down. We were blessed with pleasant weather and sweet fellowship.

~**Thanks to John and Kathryn Landis** for taking 228 filled school kit bags to the MCC Material Resource Center this past Tuesday. They reported that children from Linville Hill School were working at the Center that day. An MRC staff worker said "the kits would help keep the children busy the rest of the day!" Thank you, Witmer Heights, for your very generous support of this project which helps families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. ~Phyllis Oswald

~**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) Everyone welcome to meet in Room 12

~**Church Retreat is just around the corner!** Those with email addresses received an email from the Retreat Committee with details for the Retreat at Penn Valley September 23-25. Also forms were in your mailbox at church. **(What a deal!! The price has stayed the same since 2011.) Your completed form was due by September 11 (or ASAP) to Steve and Lorrie Stoltzfus in their church mailbox.... or give them a call at 717-413-3061 (L) or 717-413-1558 (S)**

~**Connections at Mellinger – Tuesday, Sept. 20 – 9:00-11:00 am** – Lydia Nimon will be speaking on “Raising Kids in This Generation.” She will speak about how to cultivate healthy boundaries with electronics, ways to develop good communication with your children when they encounter bullying, and how to help navigate social media.

Church Directory Update: (Please make these changes in your computer or paper copy of the Directory)

Gehman, Shane/Joy/Milo, **moved to:** 610 N. Plum Street, Lancaster PA 17602

Keener, Randy/Emily – **new address when married** - 756 Hamilton Street, Lancaster, PA (Don’t use old one, please)

Kennel, Chris/Rose – **new email address:** chrisrosekennel@gmail.com

Continue to pray for our Witmer Heights college students. (a few updates since last week)

Micah Boyer – Sophomore at Hesston – (Hesston, KS) – major - Aviation **(Birthday – Sept. 1)**

Cory Eavenson – Soph. online studies at Liberty University– major: Business Admin. and Marketing **(Birthday – Oct. 9)**

Sarah Hoffer – Senior at Messiah – (Grantham, PA) – major - International Business **(Birthday – Oct. 13)**

Allison Kachel – Junior at Duquesne Univ. (Pittsburgh, PA) – major - Pharmaceuticals **(Birthday – Oct. 19)**

Jansen Kachel – Freshman at St. Joseph Univ. (Philadelphia, PA.) – major - Accounting **(Birthday – July 21)**

Madeline Mast – Freshman at EMU – (Harrisonburg, VA) – major - Biology **(Birthday – February 11)**

Leslie Wang – Soph. at Mannes College of Music – (New York, NY) – major - Piano Performance **(Birthday, Mar. 13)**

~**Continue to keep the follow persons in your prayers** as they deal with health concerns. May they be granted healing and hope.
Lester/Lois Brubaker Ed Martin Becky Nolt Jim Oswald Steve Stoltzfus

~**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.

~**On a regular basis** new posts come from Mennonite Church USA regarding planning for the convention next summer in Orlando, FL. Click on the following link to read the latest one written by Abby King, a 2016 graduate of LMS and a freshman at Goshen College, studying journalism. <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/god-is-love/>

~**In celebration of Lancaster Mennonite School's seventy-fifth anniversary**, "75 Years of God's Grace -- A Service of Thanksgiving," will be held Friday evening, October 7, 2016 at 7 pm in the Fine Arts Center on the Lancaster Campus, 2176 Lincoln Highway East. Alumni, faculty, and staff will present narrations of historic events from the life of the school. An Anniversary Choir and Orchestra will sing and perform, and there will be spirited congregational singing, as well as vocal and instrumental solos. More information at www.lancastermennonite.org.