

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for February 26, 2017

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Feb. 26 – MYF Potato Bar Fundraiser Meal at Mellinger Fellowship Hall at noon.

Mar. 1 – Community Night – Ash Wednesday – Lenten Meal. 6:15 pm. Soup provided. Bring salad or dessert to share.

Mar. 12 – Fellowship meal – Bring hot and cold dishes to share.

Mar. 30 – Apr. 1 – MCC Relief Sale at Harrisburg. See details at <http://pareliefale.org>

April 3 – Witmer Heights volunteer day at the MCC Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

April 30 – Next Community Hymn Sing at Stumptown Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm.

Sept. 22-24 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley – (Mark your calendar)

	<u>Sunday, February 26</u>	<u>Sunday, March 5</u>
Message	Nelson Okanya	Randy Keener
Greeters	John H. and Kathryn Landis	Karen Diffenbach and Esther Mast

~**For the month of February** our congregation has been doing a “spiritual growth challenge.” The goal is to be more aware of how much we are getting into the scriptures and allowing scripture to speak to us. Each Sunday in February you will be invited to write down how many verses you read that week and place it in a box at the back of the church. At the end of this Sunday the slips will be counted. It will be awesome to see how much scripture our church family read in a month.

Additionally we will have time during sharing time for you to share any verse that you have been meditating on or something the Lord has been teaching you through scripture. Hopefully you have continued to track each week. We started collecting on Sunday Feb. 5. This isn't a competition, just an activity to make us aware of how much time we are spending in the Word.

~**Volunteers are needed to match the “My Coins Count” offering each Sunday through March 26.** MCC uses the coins (and dollars) we contribute to make huge impacts. The proceeds this year will be designated toward MCC's Global Family education projects in various places around the world. Bring your bags of coins each Sunday, through March 26. **If you are willing to match on a particular Sunday, contact Becca and Cory. (Feb. 19 total \$62.42 – Matched by Becky Nolt)**

~**Encouragement Link for week of Feb. 26-March 4**

Micah Boyer – Gladys/John Landis	Allison Kachel – Vanessa/Dan Boyer	Maria Swartley – Eileen Ranck
Cory Eavenson – Mim/John Buckwalter	Jansen Kachel – Esther/Ernie Mast	Leslie Wang – Shelby/Dave Swartley
Sarah Hoffer – Rose/Chris Kennel	Madeline Mast – Karen/Abe Diffenbach	

~ **CARE PACKAGE THANK YOU NOTES – Several more additions this week.... continues onto page 2.**

.....Church family, Thank you so much for the wonderful care package! The snacks and cards are much appreciated. Your love and support continues to bless me daily! ~**Allison Kachel**.

..... Thank you Witmer Heights family for the thoughtful cards and gifts included in the care package. Though my years of college are now over, I truly appreciated the prayers and encouragement showered upon me over the years. ~**Sarah Hoffer**

....Dear Congregation, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who helped to assemble the care packages and donated items that were put inside. I always wondered as a kid in family night, how it would feel to be the one actually receiving the package, and as a second timer now in terms of a recipient, I'm happy to say that it feels amazing. In College you are constantly overwhelmed with a variety of unusual everyday tasks, sometimes necessities like snacks/ toiletries are difficult to make an asset, due to time constraints or a variety of reasons. So this package really does help me out a lot in terms of satisfaction and a general reminder of the loving church family I have back home to lean on. I have hung up each of your cards on my bulletin board at my desk, to help give me encouragement in my studies and knowing that living here and doing this is only temporary in my long journey to finding a vision and end goal for my life. Not trying to portray any bias but Josh R's card was definitely my pick for best of show.

On another quick note: I just wanted to ask for prayer and guidance as a finish up my second semester here at Hesston. I have decided to pursue my education further in the Business realm. I will still be flying, however I will only finish the certifications I was in the process of working on during my time at Hesston, that being said I will be a licensed private pilot, however I will not to pursue this any further in terms of employment. I decided this for a variety of reasons. I am currently researching possible universities to transfer to with my associates degree. I will be looking to pursue the major of Finance and the Minor of possibly risk management/ investing or international business. I am also researching the possibility of a gap year to do some type of service like YWAM before transferring on to a new educational facility.

Anyways, please keep me in your prayers as a research and decide on one of these vastly different choices and that I can solidify confidence in my self that this new major is the right one for my future well being and my general utility.

Thank you and blessing's to everyone. ~**Micah D Boyer**

...Dear Witmer Heights, I would like to extend a thank you to all of those that contributed and helped with preparing the care packages that were sent to us. It humbles me to know that I have the privilege of still being involved with my church family. It still does not feel that long ago where I was the one creating cards and filling boxes for those that were in college at the time. As I was opening the box and reading the cards, one of my friends asked me what I was doing, and I said this was all from my church. He replied with a look of astonishment on his face saying, 'Wow! Are you serious? That is really awesome. I wish my church would do something like that.' With that being said, it's such a special feeling to have the support and sense of community with a congregation that may be somewhat distant at this time. Again, thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers, school continues to be a new experience each and every day. ~**Jansen Kachel**

...Dear Church Family: Thanks for the thoughtful care package! Getting mail, especially a package, is always so fun for me! I was looking forward to all the treats and totally forgot about all the cards I would get too, which was super special. I appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers. ~**Madeline Mast**

...Dear Church family of Witmer Heights, So much thanks to you for putting together the package I received. While with the excitement of opening a package, when I see the variety of items that's in there I was imagining how thoughtful you must have been when thinking of what we might need and what might be helpful to us as college kids. Each time like this I feel lots of support and love, through many miles. Even though being in an ambitious city where you can sometimes feel quite ambiguous about everything, it makes things so much better remembering that God is always there no matter what, and so does the family you have bonded with--under his love. Sincerely, ~**Leslie Wang**

...Dear WH Church Family: Thank you so much for the care package and all the prayers. ~**Cory Eavenson**

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~**All are invited to participate** in Witmer Heights Community Night, this coming **Wednesday, March 1**, when we will have the traditional Lenten Meal (Ash Wednesday) beginning at 6:15 p.m. Soup will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be a brief meditation by Pastor Randy and a planned activity for the children.

~**A membership and baptism class** will be starting this spring. If interested in joining, please contact Pastor Randy.

~**CVCCS FOOD BANK** --WM congregation donated 186 lbs. of food and non-foods so far this year (Jan. and Feb.) Thank you. Current **NEEDS**--Canned fruits and meats, oatmeal, toothpaste, detergent (laundry and dish), body wash and bar soap. **CLOTHING BANK** needs boys and girls clothing, sizes 5 -12. The latest newsletter is posted on the bulletin board.

~**Connections – Tues, February 28 (9:00-11:00) at Mellinger** – “Situations and Swirling Sentiments” Jenny Gehman says, “We can’t see very well when the sights and sounds of our emotions are swirling around us. They distract us and disconnect us from the voice of God. Jesus has one word that he speaks into those storms... it’s a word that will transform us.” Come find out what that word is.