

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for May 14, 2017

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

May 16 – Board meeting at church – 6:30 pm.

May 28 – Fellowship meal at noon – bring hot and cold dishes to share.

June 18/July 16/Aug. 6 – Fellowship Sundays (9:30-10:25) No Sunday school on those dates. (More details to come)

Sept. 10 – Save this date for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Parent & Preschool Center. (More details to come)

Sept. 22-24 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley – (Save the date.)

Message
Greeters

Sunday, May 14
Randy Keener
Becky Nolt and Becky Rutt

Sunday, May 21
Randy Keener
John and Mim Buckwalter

~Witmer Heights/First Deaf Congregations:

Thank you so much for your generous contributions at the MYF Auction in support of our Summer Service Learning trip to Costa Rica! We needed \$7000 to cover expenses for our trip, and received over \$16,000! We ask for your prayers as we seek God's will in being good stewards of these additional funds. We give thanks to our generous God!

~MYF & MYF Leadership Team

~Note from Church Treasurer - Everence, in conjunction with the Lilly Foundation, is coordinating year two of the matching program that raises money to reduce clergy school loan debt. In 2016 we were successful in raising our portion of the funds that enabled Pastor Randy to receive a reduction in his school loan balances.

We applied for year two and just got in under the wire as the \$1 million fund that the Lilly Foundation had established is now depleted. Our challenge is to raise 40% of the matching total which is \$3,000. A generous member has agreed to contribute \$1,500 of the \$3,000. I am inviting anyone who wishes to help fund the other \$1,500. Checks should be written out to First Deaf Mennonite Church. In the memo section write "Everence Matching Grant."

~ Sunday School information for Summer Quarter:

Preschool Class – Rose Kennel	Multi-age Class – Tricia Stoltzfus and helpers
Jr. High Class – Marilyn Darity and Neil Reinford	High School Class – Velma Magill
Prayer/Share/Fellowship Class – Continue as is	Adult Bible Study – Variety of Teachers

~The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is holding auditions May 16 and 17. To schedule an audition for Carol Choir (grades 2-5), Concert Choir (grades 6-8) or Concert Choir (grades 9-12), contact Sarah Wingard at 540-383-9986 or carolandconcertchoir@lancastermennonite.org. To register for Prelude Music (K-2) or Choristers (grades 2-8), contact Audrey Livengood at 717-455-7025 or mccl@lancastermennonite.org.

~Thank You! CVCCS thanks Witmer Heights for the 75 1/2 lbs. of food and non-food items donated in April. Also, thanks to those who participated in the 3rd Walk From Hunger or bought a meal from Isaac's last Sunday. Suggestions for donations include: **jelly, boxed potatoes, or rice.**

~The Parent and Preschool Center thanks you for shopping at Giant and showing your rewards card. During the 2016-17 school year, we earned \$1620. This money helps to keep our tuition affordable for the parents. This program will begin again in October. We will remind you to register your rewards card at that time. **~Secondly**, the Campbell Soup Labels for Education Program will be discontinued as of June 2017. Please check your cupboards for any UPC's that say Labels for Education and turn those in to the Preschool by May 31st. Thank you again!

~Recent Story from MDS: After Mary Johnson's home near Lafayette, Louisiana, filled with water during massive flooding in Aug. 2016, a contractor accepted her down payment and replaced her drywall before the studs were dry, did a poor job of finishing the walls and then left town. Mary and her husband needed to return him, but they were unable to do so. She was on her last bit of energy and did not see anything hopeful on the horizon. But things changed after MDS learned of her situation and volunteers began restoring her home. Mary was elated as she pointed out repaired and freshly painted walls, reinstalled cabinets and newly laid floors. MDS volunteers had a full complement of tools and equipment to complete the job.

Our budget at First Deaf/Witmer Heights includes giving to MDS. Thank you for your generous giving that helps meet our budget goals.