

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for June 4, 2017

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

June 4 – Annual business meeting for First Deaf Mennonite Church, Inc. – 1 pm. (Lunch on your own.)
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.

	<u>Sunday, June 4</u>	<u>Sunday, June 11</u>
Message	Randy Keener	Randy Keener
Greeters	Wes Newswanger and Mary Zehr	Chris Kennel and Karen Diffenbach

~In regards to the June 4 First Deaf Inc. congregational meeting.

The First Deaf and Witmer Heights Mennonite congregations will be asked to affirm Merle Reinford as treasurer for a 3-year term beginning in January 2018.

The Witmer Heights Mennonite congregation will be asked to affirm Eileen Ranck, Todd Stoltzfus and Shelby Swartley as Elders on the Elder Team for 2 year terms, Madeline Kachel as elder in training for a one year term, and Ruth Ann Reinford as Serve Team leader for a 3 year term, all beginning in September.

Neil will also go over some changes that the Board of Directors approved regarding safe church procedures.

~Sympathy and care are extended to Lois and Marvin Weaver in the death of their brother-in-law, Emmitt Lehman. The funeral was Tuesday, May 30 at Willow Street.

~Thanks to my church family for your expressions of care since my knee replacement surgery May 18. The beautiful potted planter, prayers, cards, meals, phone calls, etc. have been an encouragement and blessing. Each day is going a bit better and I'm looking forward to the day I'll be pain free. Ernie has been a wonderful caregiver through it all. ~Esther Mast

~ Sunday School information for Summer Quarter: (detailed insert in bulletin)

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

~As a way for First Deaf and Witmer Heights to continue to appreciate our relationship together, a Turkey Hill Ice Cream Social and games on the parking lot behind the church is being planned. **Mark your calendar for Wed. eve. July 26.** More details will follow.

~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."

~THANK YOU! Despite the chilly temperatures and steady rain, we raised \$73,000, a record-breaking net amount at our 24th Annual Fest and 5K. Friendship Community is so grateful to everyone who contributed to this success.

~Two host families are needed for the 2017-2018 school year for two Nigerian high school students (2 different families needed) studying at LMS. Both students (1 boy and 1 girl) are connected to the Mennonite Church in Nigeria and would prefer to stay full time with families attending Mennonite churches here in Lancaster rather than being in the dorm. The guardians of the students are able to afford a modest monthly payment to offset some of the costs of hosting. **For more information please contact any of the following:**

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