

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for December 17, 2017

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 20 – Elder Team meeting – 7:00 pm.

Jan. 8 – Worship Team meeting – 7:00 pm.

Jan. 10 – Community Night – Care Package and card-making for college students. Mark your calendar!!

Jan. 17 – Elder Team meeting – 7:00 pm.

Sunday, December 17

Message

Randy Keener

Greeters

Mim Eberly and John J. Landis

Sunday, December 24

Randy Keener

John and Mim Buckwalter

NOTE: During advent, please give any sharing time praise or prayer requests to worship leader in advance, and they will be mentioned in the congressional prayer. **Worship leader for Sunday, December 17 is Janet Breneman.** Thank you.

~**During the month of December**, as we anticipate Christmas, I reflect on the year and all that God has done. I'm so thankful for everyone in our church who has taught Sunday school. Thank you for blessing the children, for building relationships with them, and for encouraging them to grow in their faith. Thank you, also, to those who teach the adult class(es). I could not successfully be the Grow Team Leader without your service to the church and to our Savior, Jesus. I realize it is sometimes hard to give of your time and we appreciate your gift of teaching so much!! ~Tricia Stoltzfus

~**Our annual shared (FD and WH) Christmas breakfast and program** was a huge success. Special thanks to all who brought food, to Gladys Landis and helpers who coordinated the breakfast, and to First Deaf congregation for the wonderful, creative worship service... "Encounters with Christ" (through art). The visuals will be forever etched in our minds.

~**Thanks to Lisa and Madeline Kachel for again coordinating** the CVCCS Adopt-a-Family for Christmas. Lisa reported that this project was also a success.

~**Our next "giving" project will be the care packages for our college students.** Watch for the sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium where you can sign up to contribute to these packages. Assembling of the care packages and making cards will happen at our **next Community Night, January 10**. This activity is scheduled earlier this year due to the beginning of Lent/Ash Wednesday in February. **Please mark your calendar** and plan to be involved.

~**Continue to pray for the Bishop Search Committee** in the search for bishop oversight for the Lancaster, Lititz, and Mellinger Districts. The committee is in conversations with candidates and hopes to have something to announce soon. Pray for the Lord's leading in this important work of discernment. Thank you! ~The Search Committee

~**Connections for women (and men) meets Tues. mornings from 9:00–11:00** at Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall. The next program (**January 9**), entitled "Hot Mess to Hallelujah" will be led by Jenny Gehman. Jenny is writing a book about asking God for help, and how to handle when God invites you to hand over your life when you aren't ready to give it to God. **Christmas break will be December 18 through January 2. No Connections Dec. 19, 26, and Jan. 2.**

~**December 11 - Update on Joanne Kuniholm.** (This was sent out on church email Monday)

Joanne underwent scheduled surgery for her brain tumor on Friday (Dec. 8) at University of PA Hospital in PHL. The surgeon was pleased with the medical part of the surgery and Joanne was awake and talking in the ICU after the surgery. The medical staff is waiting for the pathology reports taken during the surgery to determine follow-up treatment. In addition it is recommended by physical therapy that Joanne spend a few days in a rehabilitation facility before returning home. Another update will be sent when available. The family is grateful for your thoughts and prayers. If you wish to send them a card, their mailing address in Lancaster is: **Jason and Joanne Kuniholm, 132 North Ann Street, Lancaster, PA 17602**

~**Sunday, December 31** will be the next date for the Community Hymn Sing at Stumptown Mennonite Church – 7:00 pm. All welcome!

~**The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is accepting registrations** for the spring semester. MCCL has programs for kindergarten through grade 12. Singers meet Tuesday evenings January through April. For more information about MCCL programs, see www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org, call 717-455-7025, or email mccl@lancastermennonite.org.