

# *Menno Bulletin Weekly*

## **Bulletin Announcements for December 24, 2017**

### **Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar**

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

Jan. 10 – Community Night – Meal (6:15) followed by care package/card-making for college students. Mark your calendar!!

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

### **Sunday, December 24**

**Message**

Randy Keener

**Greeters**

John and Mim Buckwalter

### **Sunday, December 31**

Randy Keener

John H and Kathryn Landis

**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 24 is Randy Keener.** Thank you.

~**Message from Dan and Mim Wert...** We want to thank everyone for the beautiful poinsettia and gift certificate.....tokens of your caring, thoughts, and prayers which are so, **so** much appreciated. Thank you. Thank you!! Dan is feeling much better and is recovering from the side effects of esophageal radiation treatments. Still battles fatigue, however. The additional good news is that the PET scan done this week showed that the primary tumor has been completely eradicated. PRAISE BE TO GOD!!!!

~**Many thanks to the Community Night kids and adults** who helped with the Loupads last year! Thursday I delivered over 250 cut-out wraps, hundreds of cut-out towel inserts, 10 bags of donated towels and flannel fabric, and 2 large boxes of donated fabric. The volunteer coordinator was very thankful. Every Thursday morning, volunteers come to the GAIN warehouse and cut the fabric, sew Luopads and then ship them off to women living in poverty. Thank you for your gift of time and resources to bless hundreds of women. May we always be challenged to remember others in need and serve God faithfully.

~**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 next "giving" project will be the care packages for our college students.** Look 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.mennonitechilrenschoir.org](http://www.mennonitechilrenschoir.org), call 717-455-7025, or email [mccl@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:mccl@lancastermennonite.org).