

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for January 21, 2018

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Jan. 21-April 1 – Bring coins for “My Coins Count”.

Jan. 28 – No Adult S.S. classes. – Processing the Church Covenant together.

Feb. 11 – Covenant signing during worship service.

Feb. 14 – Community Night – 6:15. Ash Wednesday service.

Message Sunday, January 21
Victor Habib – Teacher at LMH

Greeters Mim Eberly and John J. Landis

Message Sunday, January 28
Randy Keener

Jim and Phyllis Oswald

~To Both Witmer Heights and First Deaf Congregations:

The Chamber Choir of the Mennonite Children’s Choir of Lancaster and Eastern Mennonite Missions will partner in a choral tour to Indonesia. This fundraiser supports the tour. Madeline Kachel from our congregation will be traveling with the choir this summer. She will benefit directly from tickets sold. **Please contact her at madi19.kachel@gmail.com or call/text 717-371-9518 (Lisa) by Sunday, Jan. 21. (See flyer on bulletin board at church, containing menu.)** Thanks for your support!

LOCATION: Lancaster Mennonite School Alumni Dining Hall-2176 Lincoln Highway East

DATE: Saturday, February 10

TIME: 4:30-7:30 p.m. Drop in for an authentic Indonesian meal along with stories and live Indonesian music!

COST: \$25 per person - Children ages four and under are free. **(Check with Kachels about method of payment.)**

~ Jason Kuniholm has been working as the interim pastor at Lindale Mennonite Church in Virginia for the past year. Jason has resigned from the interim position to be available for Joanne as she receives treatment since surgery for her brain cancer. East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church has invited some other churches to participate financially in helping Jason and Joanne since neither of them now have jobs. **If you wish to contribute please mark the contribution “Kuniholm” and place it in the January 21 or January 28 offering.** Please be in prayer for Jason, Joanne, and Mia during this difficult time.

~Note from Bishop Search Committee: We are pleased to announce that Joe Miller, former pastor at Mellinger Mennonite Church, and Rodney Martin, pastor at Lititz Mennonite Church, have been called by the Bishop Search Committee and affirmed by the credentialed leaders to be the new, part-time bishop team for the Lancaster, Lititz, and Mellinger Districts. Joe will begin his role in Feb. Since Rodney and the Lititz congregation are in discernment about the impact of this call on his pastoral role, Rodney would begin his role pending the Lititz congregation’s process of discernment. More info. to come.

~Our yearly “My Coins Count” for MCC began Sun., January 14, and will continue through April 1. Money will be taken to the MCC Relief Sale on April 6. **(Last year’s total was \$2,041.10).** Bring your coins each Sunday. Your coin change is like a mustard seed. It may seem small, but when planted it grows to be the greatest of all plants. Also we are asking for persons to choose a Sunday to match the coins collected that Sunday. Contact Becca and Cory Eavenson if you are willing to match on any given Sunday. **Total for Jan. 14 was \$54.14,** (matched by E and E Mast for a total of \$108.28).

Encouragement Link - Week of January 21-27

Joshua Boyer – Karen/Abe Diffenbach Johanna Hoffer – Lisa/Craig Kachel *Madeline Mast – Velma Magill

*Micah Boyer – Mim/John Buckwalter Allison Kachel – Rose/Chris Kennel Maria Swartley – Esther/Ernie Mast

Cory Eavenson – Vanessa/Dan Boyer Jansen Kachel – Gladys/John Landis Leslie Wang – Jan/Dean Mast

*Your contact with Micah and Madeline will need to be by email since they are on their EMU Cross Culture experience.

~Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Care Packages for college students. We were able to bless 7 of the 9 students with a 7 lb. care package, along with a \$30 gift card and other cards made by Community Night participants. A “welcome home” care package will be awaiting Micah and Madeline when they return in April.

~A special thank you to both our Witmer Heights and First Deaf Church families for helping to celebrate our recent 25th wedding anniversary! We were surprised by the number of cards appearing in our mailbox, only to find out that a little birdie was involved! Your thoughtful cards, shared memories, and ongoing friendship are greatly appreciated.

~Craig/Lisa Kachel

~PLEASE NOTE... Just a reminder that the children's Sunday school offering during this school year is going toward the food budget for the leprosy community at Shirati, Tanzania. **Anyone can contribute. Just put "S.S. project" on the memo line of your check.** The bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary has pictures and information. If you have any questions, please talk to Don or Judy Stoltzfus. Thanks!

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~**Church Directory:** An updated Church Directory is being worked on and will be sent out soon... If you have any updates that were not reported during 2017, please get them to Esther Mast ASAP. (i.e. address change, phone change, email address change).

~**Church Directory new entry:**

Eavenson, Cory, Becca, Ezra.
173 S. President Ave. Lancaster, PA 17602
Becca's phone/email: 717-368-5660, beccaswar@gmail.com.
Cory's phone/email: 717-203-5488, cory.eavenson@yahoo.com

~**The Parent and Preschool Center is grateful** for Chris Stahl's faithful service as the Director for the past eight years. Chris is sensing the Lord moving her on to a new season of life in which she can spend more time with her husband, and thus will complete her term of service on June 30, 2018. She has been an incredible blessing to the Parent and Preschool Center, and we will miss her deeply. The Board of the Parent and Preschool Center is currently accepting applications for the position of Director. If you are interested in applying or have someone to recommend, please contact Elise Graybill, Board Chair, at (717) 399-0187 or email at andy@proclaim.net.

~**On Jan. 16, the Parent and Preschool Center distributed** applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Registrations are opened first to current patrons, students from sponsoring churches, and students of attendees of Connections two weeks before they are opened to the general public. If you want an application before Tues. Jan 23, please contact Mrs. Stahl at [717-397-5717](tel:717-397-5717) or e-mail her at preschool@mellingerchurch.org. Or you can go to our website and download an application under enrollment. Website is: www.mellingerchurch.org/preschool. Returning the application with a \$50 registration fee will guarantee your child a spot in the desired class. Some classes do fill-up during these first two weeks of registration.

If you have friends who would like to register their children, registration will open to the general public on Monday, January 29th. If they want to be considered first on the list at that time, they can send an application with the \$50 registration fee before that date and they will be added to the class list on January 29th in the order that they were received.

~**Connections for women (and men)** meets at Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall, **Tues. mornings from 9:00–11:00**. The next program (**January 23**), will be "New Year's Revelation" with Renee Groff. Have you been asking the Lord for a fresh word to kick off the New Year? Come and be refreshed.

~**Witmer Heights Volunteer Opportunity** - Many of you remember the opportunity our congregation had last year to help serve at the women's winter shelter with YWCA in Lancaster City. This year our congregation will again be helping to staff the shelter from March 5-March 9 (More details to come). In the meantime, there are still open slots that need filled before that time. If you feel led to help staff, online sign up for volunteers can be done at this website.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b48ada62ba0f94-womens>

~**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

A first-shift custodian is needed for the Lancaster Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School. Candidates must be able to provide custodial services that ensure safe and clean facilities. This is a full-time, twelve-month hourly position with full benefits. For an application go to www.lancastermennonite.org/employment.php or contact Troy Hurst at hursttd@lancastermennonite.org.

A maintenance person is needed for the Lancaster Mennonite School system to perform general maintenance on buildings at several locations. Experience in HVAC, electric or plumbing fields is helpful. The position is full time with benefits. Persons of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups are encouraged to apply. For more information please contact Troy Hurst at hursttd@lancastermennonite.org