

# *Menno Bulletin Weekly*

## Bulletin Announcements for September 12, 2021

### Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 14 – Prayer meeting in-person in the church fellowship hall. – 8:30 –9:30 a.m.  
Sept. 15 – Elder Team meeting – 6:30 pm.  
Sept. 17 – Deadline to respond to Dave Swartley regarding Extra Budget Items.  
Sept. 18 – Workday at the Muenstermann house from 9:00 to ??? (See details below)  
Sept. 19 – Outdoor worship service 10:45 a.m. followed by packed lunches and fellowship. Bring lawn chairs.  
Sept. 19 –JR/SR Youth event at Kauffman Farm after lunch. (Details below)  
Sept. 24-26 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley.  
Oct. 18 – Volunteer Day at MCC Resource Center.

	<u>Sunday, September 12</u>	<u>Sunday, September 19</u>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jan Mast	Neil Reinford
<b>Preacher</b>	Steve Musselman	Steve Musselman
<b>Greeters</b>	John and Mim Buckwalter	Karen and Abe Diffenbach

~**SCHOOL KITS:** If you still have school kits to bring to church, please have them here by this Sunday, September 12. Merle and Ruth Ann hope to take the kits to MCC on Tuesday, the 14th. Thanks for your generous support.

~**An Email from Dave Swartley** was sent to WH members Sept. 10. Please read and respond to him by September 17.

~**The worship team is planning** an outdoor worship service for next Sunday, September 19, weather permitting. Please bring lawn chairs. Everyone is welcome to stay after the worship service and bring a packed meal to eat lunch together. Water will be provided. Feel free to bring lawn games as well.

~**JR / SR Youth Event.** On the third Sunday of September we plan to have packed lunches after church with the church family. Afterwards the Jr Youth (and all Sr Youth who are interested) are invited to the Kauffman farm for games. We will eat a light dinner at the farm at 5:00 and then visit with an older couple from church or grandparents of Jr. Youth. The Jr. Youth will be given a list of questions from StoryCorps and the time will be spent asking questions and listening to wisdom and stories. <https://storycorps.org/participate/great-questions/>

In the event of rain, it will be held at the church if it's available. This is a great event to invite others from outside our church too. Guests should feel free to join this event even if they don't come to church in the morning.

~**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mia Swartley and David Pence on their engagement Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wedding bells ring in 2022!!.

~**Pray for** ElderTeam and Worship Team as they make decisions regarding our church life. Address any concerns to them.  
~**Pray for** those who are beginning new leadership positions this month and those mentoring.  
~**Pray for** Todd & Kristin Stoltzfus as they navigate details on the house they are endeavoring to purchase  
~**Pray for** Laura (Hoffer) & Aaron Schupp, baby Kyler & big brother Hayden as they trust God for Kyler's growth/progress.  
~**Pray for** Eileen Ranck's father, Eddie, as he deals with health issues and her mother in dealing with their living adjustments  
~**Pray for** healing and hope for others from church dealing with health issues, loneliness, and loss.  
~**Pray for** students and teachers as they have returned to school amid the unknowns with the COVID variant.  
~**Pray for** positions that still need to be filled at Lancaster Mennonite School and the Parent & Preschool Center.  
~**Praise that** John H. Landis is recovering from a mild stroke and has been able to return to church.

## **The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16**

~**Connections – Welcome Brunch – Tuesday, September 14** what is Connections? It is part of the Parent & Preschool Center. Connections is a program designed to bring together women of all ages from our community. Our goal is to honor and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ and tell others about Him.

We meet Tuesdays in the Mellinger Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Come and bring a friend. Childcare is provided for a donation of \$3.00 per child or \$5.00 per family per morning. Enjoy refreshments while interacting with others as you share, pray, support each other, learn and create together.

We hope to make new friends and provide programs filled with fun and thought-provoking topics that will enrich our lives. We aim to provide a support group in times of joy and sorrow. (Witmer Heights is one of the churches that support The Parent & Preschool Center.)

**~You are invited** to the Through My Eyes art exhibit, an event by Eastern Mennonite Missions at Hub 450, 450 N. Prince Street, Lancaster on Friday September 17. (6:30-8:30 pm) The event is free and will feature the artwork of students from the School District of Lancaster... **Ralph and Deb** created a therapeutic art program called Justice Creates. This summer Justice Creates was used with refugee youth in Lancaster city. There will be food and music. Please come out and support these youth as we celebrate International Welcome Week... extending welcome to our immigrant community in Lancaster.  
For more information visit this website. <https://www.facebook.com/events/290043836260337?ref=newsfeed>

### **~Work Day at the Muenstermann's new house**

We are excited that a long time dream is coming true! We have been praying for the past 5 years for a home that would allow us space to do the ministry that God has placed on our hearts for the future. We celebrate God's provision!

If you are interested in helping out... Please save the date to help us get our new home into a move-in condition.

Date, Time & Location: **Saturday, September 18th, 9am** until whatever time you need/want to go. Lunch will be provided.  
**2065 Millstream Rd**

Thanks in advance! ~Ralph & Deb Muenstermann (More details on page 2)

To plan ahead, please respond to Ralph ([ralph.muenstermann@gmail.com](mailto:ralph.muenstermann@gmail.com)) if you have experience with any of the following:

- painting trim
- painting ceilings/walls
- interior woodwork / trim carpentry
- remove linoleum flooring
- drywalling
- refinishing a porcelain bath tub
- felling trees / gardening (needed on a later day)
- refinishing wood floor (needed on a later day)

**~Annual Bookworm Frolic returns** September 16 & 17, 9 am to 7 pm, and September 18, 9 am to 4 pm, at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. Browse popular categories such as history, biography, children's, fiction, religious, Christian fiction, and more. Hardback books will be \$3.00, and paperback books will be \$1.50. On Saturday, the books are half-priced or fill a box for \$12. Make payments with a credit card, cash, or check.

### **~Updated CDC Guidelines for Witmer Heights/First Deaf:**

We are so thankful we were able to enjoy a spring/summer reprieve from some Covid protocols! As the Lancaster County positivity rate is on the rise we will continue with these guidelines...

- ~Masks are encouraged at this time
- ~Hand sanitizer and masks stations continue at each entry way for your use.
- ~Fellowship Hall is open for social distancing seating.
- ~Facebook Live video has been discontinued but may be considered again in the future.
- ~Coffee hour will continue to be on hold until further notice.

In the past we may have attended church with a cold, sore throat, or headache etc. Please choose to stay home if you have any of these symptoms. Unfortunately, the COVID pandemic is not over and it is fluid. The guidelines may change again at a later date. We want to respect each other in our various views on Covid. If you have any concerns about the information in this email please feel free to talk with one of the Elders.

Sincerely, WH Elder Team:

Vanessa King Boyer, Rose Kennel, Neil Reinford, Jonathan Stoltzfus, Judy Stoltzfus, Steve Musselman