

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for September 19, 2021

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Sept. 19 – Outdoor worship service 10:45 a.m. followed by packed lunches and fellowship. Bring lawn chairs and lawn games.
Sept. 19 – JR/SR Youth event at Kauffman Farm after lunch. (Details below)
Sept. 21 – Prayer meeting in-person in the church fellowship hall. – 8:30 –9:30 a.m.
Sept. 24-26 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley.
Oct. 18 – Volunteer Day at MCC Resource Center.

	<u>Sunday, September 19</u>	<u>Sunday, September 26</u>
Worship Leader	Shelby Swartley	Worship Committee
Preacher	Steve Musselman	Steve Musselman
Greeters	Karen and Abe Diffenbach	Everyone

~**THANK YOU.** As John continues to recover, we express our thanks to you for all your prayers since his mild stroke. Also we appreciated Steve's visit, the meals given to us, for the yard work thoroughly done, and the transportation supplied. What caring church friends! Blessings to each of you. ~John and Kathryn Landis

~**SCHOOL KITS:** On Tuesday 196 school kits were taken to the Material Resource Center. Thanks so much for your generous support of this project.

~**The worship team is planning** an outdoor worship service for 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.

~**JR / SR Youth Event.** Today, Sunday September 19, 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/>

~**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** 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** positions that still need to be filled at Lancaster Mennonite School and the Parent & Preschool Center.
~**Pray for** Velma Magill as she reflects on Jack's passing to Glory 9 years ago this weekend. (Sept. 18)

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

~**The Parent & Preschool Center's annual Chicken BBQ** is to take place Friday, October 15th from 3:30-6:30pm. This fundraiser serves to help support the preschool! Money raised from this fundraiser will go towards teaching and classroom supplies, arranging speakers for the Connections women's group, tuition assistance and much more. **Please see your church's preschool board representative (Velma Magill) to purchase tickets for the BBQ.** Tickets are \$11 and will be available September 26 & October 3. If you are not attending church in person at this time but would still like to order a BBQ meal, please call the preschool at 717-397-5717. Thank you for supporting this awesome ministry!

~**Did you know** that the Parent & Preschool Center has a women's ministry that meets every Tuesday morning throughout the school year? Connections meets Tuesday mornings from 9:15-11:00 am in the Mellinger Mennonite Church fellowship hall. A schedule is created for the year, including speakers, fellowship mornings, craft morning and much more. Each week we provide childcare for these women so they can enjoy a time of fellowship with other adults.

~**Connections – Tuesday, September 12 – 9:15-11:00** ~ Mellinger Fellowship Hall **Topic** 'Till Death Do Us Part'
Speaker: Shari Lefever. Being a mother can be all consuming, and we often neglect to protect & nourish our relationship with our husband. The principles of God's Word encourage and enable us to have rich marriages for the long haul.

~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:

Neil Reinford, Ernie Mast, Joy Miller, Jonathan Stoltzfus, Shelby Swartley, Steve Musselman