

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for April 10, 2022

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

April 10 – Fellowship meal at noon. Bring hot and cold dishes of food to share and your own place settings if you desire.
April 11 – Volunteer Day at MCC Material Resource Center – 9:00-3:00. (Bring your own lunch.)
April 12 – Prayer meeting in church fellowship hall – 8:30-9:30 am.
April 14 – Maundy Thursday service and communion at 6:30 pm. (details below)
April 17 – Sunrise service and breakfast potluck 8:15 am at Kauffman farm. No Sunday school. Worship at 10:40 at church.
April 24, May 1, May 8 – S.S. class focusing on “Fresh Expressions.” (See more details below).
April 24 – Visiting speaker – Mike Ford. (Details below.)
April 24 – Jr. Youth Potluck (Details later).
May 22 – Book study “When the Light Fell” by Philip Yancey during S.S. hour (9:40) in fellowship hall. See Tricia Stoltzfus.
Sept. 23-25 – Annual church retreat at Penn Valley Retreat Center.

	<u>Sunday, April 10</u>	<u>Sunday, April 17</u>
Worship Leader	Jan Mast	Janet Breneman
Preacher	Steve Musselman	Steve Musselman
Greeters	Abe and Karen Diffenbach	Wes Newswanger/Janet Breneman and Esther Mast

PRAYER REQUESTS:

~**Pray for** ElderTeam and Worship Team as they make decisions regarding our church life. Address any concerns to them.
~**Pray for** healing and hope for those from church dealing with health issues, loneliness, and loss.
~**Pray for** wisdom for Deb Muenstermann in her job at HUB 450 which includes many facets of creative ministry.
~**Pray for** the Board of Directors at Lancaster Mennonite School as they search for a new superintendent.

~**Pastor Steve's** church office hours are **Tuesday, Wednesday, and, Friday**

~**Next Sunday, April 17**, our focus will be “From Certainty to Openness.” The scriptures include Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, John 20: 1-18; 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26.

~ **Each week during Lent** there will be a simple line drawing picture with a reflection question available on the offering box table or attached to the Hear Ye! Hear Ye! mailing for you to copy at home. Color the page as you meditate on how God may be speaking to you through the gospel text, using the reflection questions to go deeper. After the page is colored, journal your responses to the reflection question. Children can also use this drawing as a coloring page and think about the reflection with an older person.

~**We will have a Maundy Thursday service** on Thursday evening, April 14 at 6:30 pm. This service will include communion around tables in the fellowship hall. We will then transition to the sanctuary for a focus on the Good Friday theme of Jesus' death on the cross for us.

~**Check in the church bulletin for** information regarding the Easter Sunday sunrise service, potluck breakfast, and bringing flowers for the front of the church sanctuary.

~**Thank you church family** for your generosity with My Coins Count! Our coins total was \$380! Thanks to Abe and Karen, Dean and Jan, Gladys, and Don and Sherry for matching this grand total! The approximate “Individual Sunday total” (\$380/6 Sundays) was \$64. Thanks to Merle and Ruthann, Ernie and Esther, Chris and Rose, Becky Nolt, John and Mim, and Wes and Janet for matching individual Sundays! **This brings our total including matches to \$2284!!** We know MCC will put this money to good use in their Food Programs around the world!

~**April 24, May 1 and May 8 there will be a class** during the Sunday school hour on "Fresh Expressions." Joy Miller, Deb Muenstermann, and Pastor Steve attended a seminar in October sponsored by our Conestoga River District of LMC on this movement. It focuses on being an expression of the church in fresh ways as we create relationships and community with those who are not yet part of the church. The focus of these 3 sessions would be to introduce some initial ideas and stories to begin to generate a vision for how to be the church in this way.

Dear Witmer Heights Congregation:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers at Mim's memorial service. The thoughtfulness touched our hearts. Witmer Heights provided so much meaning and support to Mim's life over many years. The friendships, the laughter, and faith formation. For all the ways you helped make Mim's service meaningful, we are grateful. Warmly, Mim's family

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~On April 24, Mike Ford, on pastoral leave from Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, will share a message about pain, suffering, and redemption as he reflects upon the experience and aftermath of a serious motorcycle accident.

~There has been a strong interest in renewing a Men's Breakfast where men can enjoy some moments reveling in delightful conversation! If you have interest, please contact Shane Miller.

~Anjelisa Garcia is coming to Lancaster for the summer. She called me (Clair) and asked if her brother Azzy (now 14 yr old) could come also and if we (Clair and Anna) would host him. Jeannie (his mother) doesn't want to send him unless he can stay for at least a month. Since our family has a limited number of nights we are willing to host him, whether or not he comes, will depend on whether there are a sufficient number of other households that are also willing to host him for a time. If you have any interest in making this possible for Azzy by hosting him for a time, let me know or reach out to me with your questions. ~Clair Kauffman

~Housing needed for IVEP student. EMM is honored to have been approved to host an IVEP participant this year, beginning August 25. Kezia is from Indonesia and will be serving with both Advancement and Hub 450. She will need housing through mid July 2023. Preference is for housing in Lancaster city, but near a bus stop would also work. Hosts will receive \$359 a month. If you, or someone you know, are interested in hosting Kezia, please contact Deb Muenstermann.

~Reminder: If you are interested in supporting the Peace for Ukraine Bar that Don/Judy Stoltzfus introduced in an email to you March 13, contact them to order. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross efforts in Ukraine. As they get orders they will purchase them on Thursdays and bring them to church on Sundays. They are milk chocolate with hazelnut pieces, and they are very tasty! The price is \$7 per bar.

~ Needs at CVCCS: (Place your donations in the box provided in East hallway.

We DO NOT need socks!! 🙄

Boys underwear size 2T-6 is needed

Teenage boys and small slim mens pants.

Long dresses and skirts for women. We are getting alot of refugee families and the women dress in long dark dresses/skirts.

~Roots Bulletin Blurb (This is the last Sunday)

Calling all kids in elementary school! You are invited to Roots: four Sunday evenings in March and April focused on fun, connecting across churches, and faith in Jesus through an Anabaptist lens. Registration is limited and begins February 15.
Registration Link

Each Roots session will include games, singing, a speaker, time in small groups, and snacks. We ask that an adult responsible for each child remain on the premises each evening. There will be coffee, tea, and a gathering space available for adults while the kids are engaged in Roots. Nursey care will not be provided (but younger children are welcome to stay with their guardians during the sessions).

When: The following Sunday evenings from 5:45-7:00: March 20, March 27. April 3, April 10

Where: James Street Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall 323 West James Street Lancaster

Who: ALL elementary children ages 5 through 5th grade

Any questions or wish to volunteer? Email Bethany Nissley: bjnissley@gmail.com

~REVISED CDC Guidelines for Witmer Heights/First Deaf:

Thank you for the care you have shown for each other throughout the pandemic. At this time you should feel free to wear a mask if you care to but it is no longer a recommendation for everyone. Continue to take care of yourself at home when you are not feeling well! Sincerely, WH Elder Team.