

IN TOUCH

WINGS Update

It has been an exciting, though a little bittersweet, month for WINGS. Before school started up again, we celebrated the end of summer (who celebrates that anyway?!) with a back-to-school family picnic. Many of the kids' families joined us for a delicious meal, corn hole tournament (that I amazingly won even though I didn't play!), and pie eating contest. Bill Seymour was our Master Chef manning the grill. He's assigned for life to that position. Thank you, Bill! The pie eating contest ended with children covered in chocolate. There was likely more 'pie' on the kids than in the kids. We also graduated one of our kids to BreakAway which made the evening bittersweet. We will definitely miss him, but hope he continues to grow and have fun in BreakAway. Please pray for him as he transitions and for BreakAway as they welcome him in.

Also this month, we flooded the church for 40 days and 40 nights (you didn't notice?) and realized just how small a boat can start to feel when you are stuck on it for over a year with a whole bunch of animals and only a few other people. God, in His marvelously humorous ways, even provided the rain that '40 day' week. The kids thought I was a little strange when I showed up in rain boots and poncho and holding an umbrella, but they soon found out that you do indeed get wet when it rains and floods and I was telling them the truth. We wondered how many people wished they had believed God and Noah when He was building the ark. Fortunately, the flood waters receded and there was much rejoicing when we all got off the boat. You can all return to your building now-no need for swimsuits. Just remember to listen for God! You never know what He might say!

The week after school started, WINGS went for a low key night and had a fun evening playing drip, drip, splash, and hide & seek at the park. It was a much needed chance to run off some energy and we got to connect with the kids and hear how the new school year was going.

Keep praying for the kids as they adjust to being back in school with new teachers, new buildings for some, and new schedules.. Thank you!

~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Volunteer

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OrrVilla Retirement Community Announcement—Mark your calendar to enjoy a casual and informative tour of the OrrVilla Retirement Community during one of the upcoming Open House events scheduled for Sunday, September 11, and Sunday, October 2, from 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Both the Maple Terrace assisted living facility and the Locust Court independent living neighborhood will be featured during the event. Living units of varying sizes and styles will be open for viewing at the campus near the intersection of East Sassafras and Lake Streets in Orrville. Members of OrrVilla's caring staff will be available to lead tours and answer questions throughout each of the events. Music and light refreshments will be available as well. For more information about OrrVilla, please call [330-683-4455](tel:330-683-4455) or check out or recently upgraded and enhanced website at www.orrvilla.org. Please follow us on Facebook at OrrVilla Retirement Community.



Royer Scholarship Recipients

Each year we award a small scholarship from the Royer Scholarship Fund in memory of I.W. Royer, a former long-time pastor of Orrville Mennonite Church. This year the elders have chosen to divide the funds and send half to a seminary student at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and half to a seminary student at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

At AMBS, our funds will provide aid to Bishop Amos Muhagachi from Tanzania. Bishop Muhagachi is pursuing a masters in Peace Studies that will further equip him in his work with Christian/Muslim dialog and relationships.

At EMS, our funds will provide support to DJ Mitchell, who set aside his career and moved from Utah to Virginia with his wife and two children because of God's call in his life.

Please keep these recipients in prayer as they prepare for a lifetime of ministry and service in God's Kingdom.

~ Sandy Sohar, Outgoing Elder Facilitator

Camp Luz Women's Retreat—*Sharing Your Story*, September 16-18, 2016. Come to enjoy: worship with sisters, spiritual challenges, discussion groups, The Chat Room, relaxation!!! Speakers will be Kim Leichty and Vicki Esh. Brochures with more information about the speakers and registration form are available by the mailboxes or on the camp's website: www.campluz.com. You can also email the camp at info@campluz.com

Thank you notes from those we support

From Mennonite Mission Network—In a note dated August 16, 2016, MMN thanks us for our gift of \$625.00 which brings our total giving to MMN for 2016 to \$2,848.34.

From Mennonite Church USA—Thank you so much for your congregation's recent gift of \$100.00 to MCUSA's Executive Board. These funds help support the Executive Board's staff in carrying out the seven priorities of the Purposeful Plan. We are grateful for this expression of your commitment to working together.....May you find the goodness of God active wherever you look—in the splendor of creation and the beauty of human life. P.S. Are you aware of the transitions in the Mennonite Church USA Archives? Jason Kauffman has begun his work as director of the Archives. Part of his role is to help design the space for moving the Archives from Goshen College's campus to the Mennonite Church USA in Elkhart. With God's help, we hope to complete the move by next March, 2017.

The Mennonite Church USA Archives seeks to inspire people worldwide
to follow Christ by engaging them with the historical record
of Mennonite Christian discipleship.

~ Randy Miller, Special Assistant to the Executive Director, Mennonite Church USA

From Mennonite Church USA

- ◆ Calling all visual artists! Mennonite Church USA is looking for freelance visual artists to contribute to a paid upcoming project. Email Alyssa Bennett Smith at alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org or you're interested of know someone who is!
- ◆ September is a good time to renew your daily practice of prayer! Find recommendations for daily devotional podcasts or emails at AnabaptistFaithFormation.org. The site is sponsored by Central Plains Mennonite Conference, an area conference of Mennonite Church USA.