

WINGS Update—This is a slightly strange time in the WINGS schedule. After learning about Advent and faith, hope, joy, peace, and Christ, we celebrated Thanksgiving. Live 'turkeys' were let loose in the church on that WINGS night! Thankfully, most were caught and put in jail, but not before they had a turkey call contest to see which of them sounded the most 'turkey-ish'. One unfortunate turkey didn't have any feathers, so we had to play Pin the Tail on the Turkey. Unfortunately, by the end, that turkey still didn't have many tail feathers . . . Each feather did have written on it something the kids were thankful for, so it was fun to read each one even if the turkey didn't look perfect.

One turkey escaped the evening and made it to the next WINGS night. One of our youngest WINGS kids showed up wearing a paper bag turkey costume that evening and we all promptly chased her around the room trying to catch her for a Thanksgiving meal! Instead of Thanksgiving though (even though it was Thanksgiving week), we went back to Christmas and learned about how an angel visited Mary and Joseph and announced the coming of Jesus. Mary and Joseph fainted by the way. How would you feel if an angel showed up and said you were going to be the parent of God's Son?!

Next came a story called "The Sparkle Box" that helped us see that God gave us a gift and we can give gifts back to Jesus when we love others and treat them as Jesus would. We added things to our sparkle box for Jesus by baking cookies and creating Christmas cards for a nursing home and a prison ministry. Our final WINGS before we take a break in December is our Christmas banquet where Jesus is born and we share Jesus with all the families and children of WINGS. We are so thankful for Bill Seymour, Marilyn Kamp, and all those who will be providing food and preparing it for us and we are also so thankful for Joy Yoder who volunteered to decorate and create an amazing visual of God's love. We are very excited to share Christmas with the WINGS families and ask that you would pray that each one present would meet God and understand just how "wide, long, high, and deep is the Love of Christ" for each of His children. Thank you!

~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Volunteer

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Central Christian School Announcements

- **Central Christian Elementary School** will present a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Hang-Ups*, on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.
- **Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups** will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.
- **Alumni Night**, December 23rd: Smoked Pork Dinner for all, 5 – 7:00 p.m. by donation in cafeteria. Varsity girls' basketball at 6 p.m. and Varsity boys' basketball at 7:30 p.m. vs. Mansfield Christian. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings.



You are invited to hear Handel's Messiah performed by Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 7843 Smucker Road, Smithville on Sunday, December 11, at 2:30 p.m. This 83rd rendition will feature soloists, Lara Troyer, Hannah Miller, Brian Keith Johnson, and Jack Lyons; an eight-piece orchestra with concertmaster Amy Glick Helmuth, and 100-member choir directed by Brian Wiebe. If you would like to join us in singing, please come to rehearsals on Friday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call the church at [330-669-2697](tel:330-669-2697).

The 28th year of "Search for the Christ Child" will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 7843 Smucker Road, Smithville, OH, **this evening**, December 4, 2016 from 5:50-7:30 p.m. This is an indoor-outdoor walk through experience of what the first Christmas may have been like. Dress warmly! Handicap accessible. Admission is one article of canned food or toiletries for "People to People Ministries". Everyone is welcome.

Camp Luz will be hosting a retreat for Mother and Daughters January 20-21, 2017. Rhoda Steiner will be speaking on the topic "Radical Faith from a Resting Place." Visit www.camppluz.com for more information and registration forms.



God's Gift to Me

Thank you God
For the gift of a child,
Given through earthly parents,
To a young maiden,
And a man who loved her.

Thank you for their later understanding,
For the message,
Of the Angels,
To Joseph
and Mary.

Thank you for direction,
In care,
Of the Christ Child.
For your protection
For Him.

Thank you,
For helping the father and mother,
To avoid Herod,
And to be directed,
By the voice of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you
For the Christ Child,
Who was human,
Like me,
And divine,
Like you.

Thank you for including
Us
In your family,
Of believers.

Written by OMC member, Mabel Burkhardt (in 1979)