

IN TOUCH

WINGS Update—Orrville Mennonite added a sand volleyball court in the main downstairs area for a special Tuesday night WINGS surprise. As "Surfin' USA" and "Under the Sea" played in the background, WINGS kids pounded a beach ball back and forth across a net stretched over hot 'sand' (it's amazing what you can do with a big strip of brown cloth!) Then, we played pin-the-palm branch on the palm tree right next to a beach soccer match. Doing the limbo, digging for seashells in some real sand, painting shells, making slushies, eating ice cream, and taking pictures while sitting in a beach chair or on beach towels next to the 'waves' got us all into the spirit of hot summer days spent playing near the ocean. No one wanted to go out into the cold that night. If you look carefully, you might find we are still there sipping our slushies and digging our feet into the big strip of brown cloth...sunglasses on and our only care that our ice cream is melting.

After our beach party, WINGS took another trip to a different body of water...the Red Sea. We heard reports of bloody water, frogs, gnats, flies, locusts, and many other horrible things happening in Egypt. When God, through a guy named Moses, finally convinced Pharaoh to "let My people go!" we rushed out of Egypt, but got stuck at the Red Sea with the Egyptians right behind us! Fortunately, God was with us and He parted the waters! We walked through on dry ground, but as soon as the Egyptians tried to follow, those waters covered them. Our 'Pharaoh' got wet! (He was a little more excited about that than the real Pharaoh probably was!) The kids also got to make a craft of the parting of the Red Sea and play a trivia game to see how much of the story they remembered and how much they remembered about respect. The cool thing was, one of the kids asked why the lamb had to die so the Israelites could put blood on their doors and we got to talk about another person in the Bible who used blood to save people (hint: it's Jesus). It is so amazing when God works in these kids' hearts and we get to share Jesus!

Now, we are all back in Ohio and ready for our Pinewood Derby car design night and a story about Gideon and what his life teaches us about becoming children of God. Thank you for your continued prayers!

~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Volunteer

Join your friends at OrrVilla Retirement Community on Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. for a performance by Jason Fawks of Wilmont. A talented multi-instrumentalist, Fawks' performances, primary on piano and harp, may also include interludes of classical guitar, ukulele, Irish Whistle, recorder, button accordion, lap dulcimer, autoharp and harmonica. A regular at the Amish Door restaurant on Saturday evenings, Fawks has also played at Stan Hewett Hall during their "Deck the Halls" seasonal event. His style ranges through many genres including hymns and gospel, Celtic, classical, light jazz (Charlie Brown) and the old standards. Fawks' solo CD entitled "Hymns on a Steinway" will be available for purchase the evening of the event.

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Central Christian News

Central Christian School Superintendent – CCS is seeking an energetic and visionary leader to serve as Superintendent beginning July 2017. The ideal candidate for this position will demonstrate a clear commitment to Anabaptist faith and practice; serve as spokesperson for the school; and advance the mission and vision as set by the Board of Trustees. Please visit www.ccscomets.org for additional information about this position.

Central Christian School Singing Valentines, Tuesday, February 14th Central Christian Varsity Singers have delivered over 300 Valentines to loved ones in Wayne, Holmes and Stark counties over the past 15 years. Cost is \$25. You may order a Singing Valentine by contacting Karla McMullen at (330) 857-7311 or KarlaM@CentralChristianSchool.org

Student Visitation Day, Friday, March 3rd – Are you interested in experiencing the difference of Christ-centered education? We invite your child to spend a day with us on Friday, March 3rd. Experience chapel, meet our creative and caring faculty and staff, and lunch is on us! To schedule your visit for March 3rd or another date of your choosing, please contact Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or (330) 857-7311.

Annual Auction: Saturday, March 4th – Breakfast at 7 a.m., Auction at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars and bring your friends. With a match of 200 percent, we guarantee this auction to be fun and successful. All dollars raised go toward Central's annual operating budget and mission of growing leaders and building the church. Now seeking creative and quality item donations from you! Print the Item Donation Form found on our website, www.CCSComets.org and return it to Joel Otto, Business Manager.

From Mennonite Central Committee

WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AS NEIGHBORS. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—"the other"—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can welcome immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by contacting the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for hearts of love toward one another.

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour: We welcome you to join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 24-28 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit mcc.org/get-involved/events/borderlands-migrant-trail-learning-tour-2017 or contact Jorge Vielman at JorgeVielman@mcc.org or [574-534-4133](tel:574-534-4133).

MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program is seeking volunteer groups and summer staff. Summer will be here before we know it, so make your summer plans now to join SWAP in Kentucky. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. Groups or individuals can volunteer to serve as week-long volunteers. SWAP is also looking for summer staff to serve as job site coordinators and meals coordinators/cooks for three month assignments. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP or serving as summer staff, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or [606-633-5065](tel:606-633-5065).

Who Is My Neighbor?
Luke 10:25-37



Ohio Annual Conference Assembly—Central Christian School in Kidron will host the 2017 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference on March 24-25, 2017. "Who is my Neighbor?" will be the theme of the 2017 ACA. This theme is based on Luke 10:25-37.

A missional conference with Alan and Debra Hirsch will take place March 23-24 at Kidron Mennonite Church immediately prior to ACA.

All are welcome to attend the missional conference and the assembly even if you are not a delegate! You can register online at the Ohio Conference website—ohiomennoniteconference.org or you can contact the church office if you need hard copies of registration materials.