

WINGS Update

Kids are noisy! Do you know how loud they can scream when you ask a simple question about who wants to get married today?! You would think girls have cooties or boys were these disgusting creatures that girls don't want to come within a hundred miles of. How in the world did Ruth and Boaz end up together if neither of them could stop screaming long enough to make googly eyes at each other? This was the problem WINGS leaders faced when trying to present the story of Ruth on Valentine's Day. Every child refused the role of Ruth and Boaz. Actually, every child refused the role of every character until the boys found out they could die as Elimelek, Mahlon, and Kilion. They knew they could get out of being married pretty quickly if their characters died. And just imagine what happened when the kids found out Ruth had to lay down next to the *feet* of Boaz! Yes, the story of Ruth is quite an interesting story viewed through the eyes of children. We did learn another aspect of becoming a child of God though. We learned about sacrifice, caring for others, and choosing God over everything else. Thankfully, the kids stopped screaming long enough to get those messages!



We also learned about Gideon and how important it is to trust God. The kids were much more willing to chase Midianites and blow trumpets than to get married. It was hard for them to believe that the Israelite army took no guns or bows and arrows. They only took what God sent with them: fire, jars, and trumpets. Then, they just had to let God do His work and the entire Midianite army was defeated with only 300 Israelite men who were willing to obey God. The kids had some amazing insights into why God would want only 300 Israelites to go. It was also pretty easy for them to answer that of course God could defeat all the Midianites and of course we should trust Him. Pray that this kind of trust would be real in their own lives as well!



Coming up: The kids are super excited about the Pinewood Derby race happening this Tuesday! I'm pretty sure it will be another noisy night! You are all welcome to join the fun!

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Love Step Prayer

Lord, give me time and energy to pay attention when you put me in front of someone so I can meet them with love where they are. Help us to learn from each other and walk together in a way that we can both grow closer to Christ.

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Thank you from Mennonite Mission Network—Thank you for your contribution of \$625.00 (bringing the total giving for 2017 to \$1,025.00). ~ Karla Minter

Everence® to present informative webinars this March

Basics of investing: Tuesday, March 21 (2 or 8 p.m.)

In this webinar, we'll discuss how investing can help you meet your financial goals, go over different types of investments and help you determine your appropriate level of risk. We'll also cover how to get started and address your questions. Presented by Dennis LeFevre*, CFP®, Trust and Financial Advisor.

Narrative budgeting: Making numbers come alive: Thursday, March 23 (2 or 8 p.m.)

In this webinar, designed for pastors and church leaders, we'll discuss how a church budget can go beyond numbers to present an inspiring vision of the living spirit working in your church. You'll see how a story approach to your budget meeting can inspire and engage your congregation in ways you haven't thought of before. Presented by Steve Bustos, Everence Stewardship Consultant.

For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 or melissa.short@everence.com; or visit everence.com/direct. (all times Eastern Daylight Time)

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Summer Camp time is just around the corner!!

Camp Luz brochures are available by the mailboxes. The theme for Summer 2017 is *Under Construction* (Ephesians 2:10). Campers will be learning about what it means to be under God's construction. God has created each one of us with a purpose. We see throughout the Bible, God is calling his people into roles of leadership, prayer and work for His Glory. Register before April 15 to get \$10 off your registration fee. New this year—Register and pay online at campluz.com

Little Eden Camp in beautiful NW Michigan is also gearing up for youth camps (June 11-16 & June 18-23). The theme for camp is *Kids & Conflict—Resolving Problems the Jesus Way*. There are a limited number of spaces available for each youth camp. Registrations will be accepted in the order received. Register early to ensure your spot! Brochures are available by the mailboxes. Website is www.littleeden.org

OrrVilla Retirement Community Announcements

OrrVilla Retirement Community is looking for volunteers. **Shuttle Bus drivers** pilot our 12 passenger bus on local trips—grocery store, bank, out to eat or an occasional drive in the country. There are no special license requirements for our 12-passenger shuttle style van, but you must be comfortable driving a large vehicle and have a good driving record.

Shoppers assist in light grocery shopping for our Maple Terrace residents. **Library volunteers** help organize our small library at Maple Terrace. If you would like to volunteer at OrrVilla please contact us at [330-683-4455](tel:330-683-4455) or email jgable@orrvilla.org

Join the folks at OrrVilla Retirement Community as they host *Jazz by Design* for a jazz-flavored holiday concert on Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. This iteration of *Jazz by Design*—a well-known local group of jazz musicians—will see a collaboration of longtime Orrville High School Band Director Dave Tibbitts on saxophone, Sarah Gregory, Dave's daughter, on vocals and Wooster jazz and blues man Andy Cary on guitar. The program, at OrrVilla's Maple Terrace, 333 E. Sassafras Street, Orrville, is free and open to the public. For more information please call [330-683-4455](tel:330-683-4455), visit www.orrvilla.org or follow us on Facebook at OrrVilla Retirement Community.