

**WINGS Update**

WINGS celebrated the end of summer at the beginning of August with a WINGS family picnic. There was good food, a corn hole tournament, a water balloon toss, and a "pie" eating contest. We should have had the "pie" eating contest before the water balloon toss as most of the kids needed a bath after sticking their faces into whipped cream and chocolate pudding. We aren't sure any "pie" actually got eaten as most of it appeared to be on the kids rather than in them! Thankfully, no one went home hungry because there was so much good food. Thank you to all who helped set up, and clean up, to those who provided vegetables for the picnic and other food, and to Bill for again being our Master Chef! It was a fun evening of connecting with our WINGS families.

Our theme for the fall is "Faith". We have talked about what faith is, who we have faith in (Who is God anyway?), and reviewed the Old Testament people of faith we learned about all summer. It is interesting to hear from a kindergartner or first grader about what faith is and who God is and then, listen to a 4th or 5th grader. It is a nice reminder that faith in God is "simple" and of course God is good, and perfect, and will never leave us. How could we think anything different? I think the leaders at WINGS learn or are reminded of just as much as the kids sometimes.

Even though we celebrated the end of summer in August, summer decided to come back and let us have one more water game night. Everyone left pretty soaked—especially the leaders because what was meant to be a "soak the kids" game turned quickly into a "soak the leaders" game! We have had a good few weeks of building relationships and getting to know some new neighborhood kids while also learning more about the great God we serve. Keep praying for us as we learn about a current person of faith, look at what faith means in our lives, and have fun together! Coming up this week is our annual talent show and we are pretty excited to see the gifts God has given the kids we work with! You are all welcome to join us anytime!

Thank you!  
~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

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## Five Church Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 15, at Martins Mennonite Church

- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch, provided by Open Arms  
A free will offering will be taken for the lunch and proceeds will go to Open Arms Hispanic Ministries.

Cesar Flores, the MCC Co-AD for Central America and Haiti, will present the message for the morning, focusing on immigration.

Cesar Eduardo Flores also served as MCC Co-Rep in Bolivia from 2006-2015, and El Salvador from 2001-2006. Previous to serving with MCC, Cesar worked for the Mennonite Social Action Commission (CASM) as a Refugee/Emergency Coordinator and Community Development Coordinator in Honduras, MAMA project (today ACEM) as Coordinator of Nutritional Center/Emergency Response, and with the Latin American Anabaptist Seminar (SEMILLA) as Director of CASAS Program in Guatemala. Cesar also served as Story Teller for MCC Central States and attended Hesston College during 2003- 2004. During that year, he participated in a Peace Committee in Newton, KS and in three international conferences for War Tax Objectors (Belgium, England, USA).

During his time as youth leader of a Mennonite Church in Honduras, Cesar worked alongside with MCC and the Mennonite church peace committee, educating youths and advocating before the government to accept an alternative to military service. Cesar has an agricultural degree with a Masters in International Cooperation. He has experience working on community development projects, emergency responses, and many different peace efforts, including work with various native groups, as well as the Low German Mennonite communities in Bolivia and Paraguay.

## Central Christian School Announcements:

- Prelude and Dessert Concert, Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm in the PAC. This concert will be live-streamed for family and friends who are unable to attend. Visit [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org) for details.
- Community Service Day (CSD), Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Over 250 students and staff will serve in more than 20 nonprofit locations as a reminder of our calling to serve one another in love. Students will begin calling to secure sponsors for their service on October 2. If you would like to sponsor a student for their service and support Central's ministry, please send contributions to Central marked CSD 2017 or visit [www.ccscomets.org/GiveToCentral](http://www.ccscomets.org/GiveToCentral) to make a donation. Donations are due by November 3. Thank you for your generous support of our student service fundraiser.
- Central Christian School's Pastor Appreciation Day, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastors are invited to join us for breakfast, a chapel celebration, classroom visits and lunch with our students. RSVP to [DorisR@CentralChristianSchool.org](mailto:DorisR@CentralChristianSchool.org) or [330.857.7311](tel:330.857.7311) by October 20.

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