

IN TOUCH

WINGS Update!

In a courtroom on the lower floor of Orrville Mennonite Church, "God" heard the case of some convicted sinners. Just when it appeared there was no hope for our WINGS kids (who discovered that we are all sinners and not one of them was perfect), Jesus stepped in and took their punishment. It was explained that when they choose to believe in Jesus, their black robes of sin are exchanged for His clean white robe. They are declared innocent and become children of God! Satan was kicked out of the courtroom and celebration began. Each kid then wrote some examples of sin on a heart and washed it in "the blood of Jesus" at the sink and watched as each sin went down the drain. It was exciting to watch as the courtroom drama unfolded and the kids were handed their black robes from "satan". Before Jesus even stepped in, the kids were telling "satan" and "God" that they belonged to Jesus and had been forgiven, so they couldn't belong to satan! God is speaking to the hearts of these kids and Jesus is there! They are getting it!

As we continue to learn about Jesus, we will be talking about the fact that Jesus calls us to follow Him and what that looks like. We will learn about His desire to have a relationship with us and His command to go and make disciples. Please keep praying!

Also this month, WINGS kids learned about respecting God, others, themselves, leaders, and property. We also enjoyed some sunshine at our beach party! From beach volleyball, the limbo, hula hoop contests, and musical chairs, to slushies, seashells, and face-painting, there was much laughter, fun, and forgotten winter! We are getting excited for our upcoming Pinewood Derby car design night and our first WINGS Winter Olympics! We can't wait to cheer on our WINGS competitors! We can always use more leaders, so feel free to come spend some time with these amazing kids on Tuesday nights!

~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

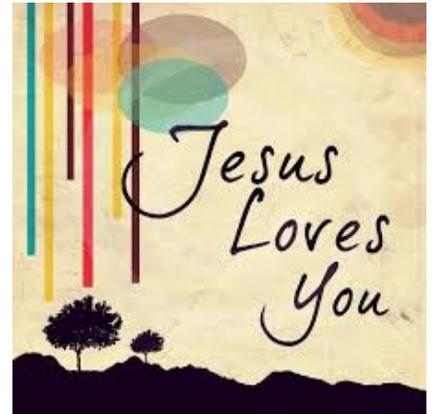
Thank you note

Eastern Mennonite Missions (everyone moving in mission) - Dear Friend, Thank you for your gift of \$200.00 towards the mission work of Austin Zuercher. Stories like this are part of God's work through EMM: When Owen (name changed) spoke to over 100 students at a Muslim university about cultural differences between Southeast Asia and America, a student asked if evil spirits ever attack Westerners after visits to Southeast Asian places thought to be demon-inhabited. Owen explained that most Westerners don't believe in spirits and wouldn't recognize an attack. Then he said, "As for me, I follow Jesus, and God has given Jesus power over heaven and earth, so I do not fear evil spirits."

Sincerely, Kaylene J. Derksen, Development Director

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Announcements

COME READ THE BIBLE WITH JESUS! "What if today's Christians not only sought to imitate how Jesus lived and how he treated people, but also how he read and interpreted scripture?" Bryon Moyer Suderman, Bible teacher and singer-songwriter of Kitchener, Ontario, will explore this question in a four-session Bible Study of the gospel of Mark at Salem Mennonite Church, [3363 Zuercher Road, Dalton](#) on Friday evening, February 16 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, February 17th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The \$20 fee will help defray lunch costs and Bryon's transportation. Register by emailing Summitmenno@sbcglobal.net by February 14. Fees collected at the door. Student fees are \$10 and scholarships are also available. For more information or questions, phone [330 201 5213](tel:3302015213).

Immigration Policy and Politics under the Trump Administration: What's Happened and What's Happening Next? - a lecture by Angela Maria Kelley Senior Strategic Advisor on Immigration at the Open Society Foundation. After her presentation, there will be an opportunity for Q&A with the audience. **This event is free and open to the public. February 6, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m. in Gault Recital Hall, Scheide Music Center at the College of Wooster, 525 E. University Street.**

Central Christian School Announcements

Central Christian School Singing Valentines, Wednesday, February 14th—Surprise your loved one at home or their place of work with a one-of-a-kind Singing Valentine! Central Christian Varsity Singers have delivered over 300 Valentines to loved ones in Wayne, Holmes and Stark counties over the past 16 years. You may order a Singing Valentine by calling Karla McMullen at [330.857.7311](tel:330.857.7311) or KarlaM@CentralChristianSchool.org. Cost is \$25.

The Frohliche Dorf Show, Saturday, February 17th at 7 p.m.—Join us for an evening of fantastic music and fun-filled skits celebrating small-town life in Ohio and our "cheerful village"! The Frohliche Dorf Show is produced by Tim Shue and Brenda Troyer. Proceeds from the show help subsidize the 44-member Concert Choir's spring tour and participation in Mennonite School Council's annual choir festival. Tickets are \$14 – \$17 and may be purchased by visiting www.ccscomets.org/events

Annual Auction: Saturday, March 3rd, Breakfast at 7 a.m. and 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. We are 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.

***Gathered and Sent*—a missional conference focusing on DISCIPLESHIP and EVANGELISM**

Meghan Good—Teaching Pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church, Glendale, Arizona; **Marvin Lorenzana**—Discipleship Initiatives Director at Mennonite Mission Network

March 8-9, 2018 at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio

Ohio Conference invites you to a conference focused on **growing as a good news community**. Join us as we grow in our culture of mission, receive practical training (in evangelism and discipleship) and cultivate partnership and relationship. All who are passionate about growing as disciples or are frustrated with the status quo of maintenance ministry are encouraged to attend. This conference is **NOT** just for pastors and delegates. Meghan Good and Marvin Lorenzana are the resource persons. Fees: \$25 for those also attending ACA; \$45 for those not attending ACA; \$20 for all young adults (under age 30). Registration cost includes the conference, snacks and resources. Register online at www.ohiomennoniteconference.org.

***Gathered and Sent* (from 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Luke 10:1-12)** is also the theme for the upcoming **Ohio Annual Conference Assembly** which will take place following the missional conference, March 9-10, 2018 at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. The worship sessions for ACA will feature a continuation of the missional conference with speakers, Meghan Good and Marvin Lorenzana. ACA is including more time for business sessions, storytelling and workshops this year so that we don't feel so rushed. Our mission is to be a people dedicated to the worship of faith in and witness for Jesus Christ. We look forward to celebrating God's goodness together. We hope that you will be encouraged in your faith through our worshipful work in delegate sessions, a variety of workshops, dynamic worship times, and connecting with others from across the Conference. Please note, you do not need to be a delegate to attend ACA. Registration and up-to-date information is available online: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org.