

WINGS Update!

Thank you to all who helped bring the final week of Jesus' life and His resurrection to life for the WINGS kids and leaders. The kids got to see why Jesus came and that this Man we have been talking and learning about for a couple months, died for them and then rose again to give them eternal life with Him. As we walked through each scene, the kids were focused and watchful. While excitedly laying cloaks and palm branches for our 'King' one boy asked why we were laying coats down because wouldn't God want people to just keep them? He knows God cares about and for people and He figured God would rather the people have coats to wear. As 'Jesus' turned over tables in His anger, the youngest WINGS kid pressed closer to me. "Why would Jesus do that?" we asked. As we ate the Passover meal together, we remembered our past lessons on who Jesus is and wondered why anyone, including His friend, would betray Him. After watching Jesus die on the cross, we realized it would be very hard for us to die for anyone, especially our enemies and other 'bad guys'. Why would Jesus die for the people that killed Him? And, as we celebrated Jesus' resurrection, we learned that now we can come before God cleansed from our sin and we talked to God and shared what was happening in our lives with Him.

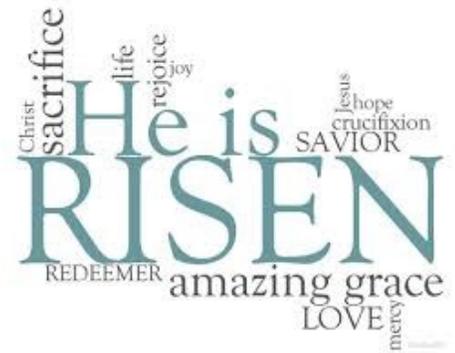
Please continue to pray that the truth of Jesus would sink into the hearts of these kids as we continue through this Holy Week and continue to learn about Jesus in the weeks ahead. Thank you, again to all those who helped with the Easter story and to Bill for organizing it and making it all happen. This is the most important knowledge the kids will learn and you were there to share it. THANK YOU!

~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Kick-Off Meeting is coming up Saturday, April 14th, 6:30 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church (Kidron). The evening will include a meal prepared and served by the Axis Youth Group. This is a fundraiser for their summer service project. The meal is by donation. Dan & Jeanne Jantzi, former Area Directors for SE Asia will be speaking and special music will be provided by Central Christian School's Varsity Singers. Updates for the 2018 Auction will be given and an offering will be taken to help with Relief Sale expenses. As your "ticket" to the evening, we are asking attendees to bring a new toy (age range 0-14 years old) to be donated for the Children's Auction. Please RSVP to Sandy Miller at 330-464-8867 via text or phone call to help the group plan for the amount of food needed.

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Membership Transfer—Erika Nofziger has transferred her membership to Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker, Ohio. We pray God's blessing on Erika, Galen and their children, Harley, Averie and Jaxton as they continue to join in fellowship and service with Christ and God's people at Lockport Mennonite Church and beyond.

Central Christian School Announcements

Annual Auction

We are so grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support we received at our Annual Auction. The auction sale generated over \$440,000 to continue Central's mission of growing leaders and building the church. Thank you to each one who had a part in making this day a success. God has blessed us with a wonderful community.

Now Enrolling New Students

Central Christian is now accepting new students in Preschool - Grade 12. We invite you to schedule a visit for your child to experience a school day at CCS. Your child will have an opportunity to meet teachers, attend chapel and learn more about the Central Community. To schedule a visit, contact Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org or by calling the school at [330.857.7311](tel:330.857.7311).

Central Christian Elementary School will present their spring concert, *It's Cool in the Furnace*, a musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego by Buryl Red and Grace Hawthorne, on Friday, April 13 at 7:00 pm. Visit www.ccscomets.org for details.

Central Christian Middle School presents the drama, *Bedtime Stories (As Told by Our Dad) (Who Messed Them Up)* by Ed Monk, on Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door. Visit www.ccscomets.org for details.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church Bicentennial Events

You are cordially invited to **Oak Grove Mennonite Church's Historical Reflections Weekend**, the first of three events marking its 200th anniversary, which begins Saturday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. A two-century timeline, to be installed in the sanctuary, will be unveiled. *Sketches of God's Faithfulness*, a historical booklet by Levi Miller, will be released. And Jason Kauffman, archivist of Mennonite Church USA, will speak on the importance of story.

On April 15, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30, Jason Kauffman and Paul Miller will share stories of Oak Grove's heritage. Jason will present the sermon during the worship hour on "Oak Grove's Contribution to God's Work Then and Now."

A native of Dalton, Ohio, Jason Kauffman attended Orrville Mennonite Church during his youth, and graduated from Central Christian School and Goshen College. He earned a doctorate at the University of North Carolina, and now serves as Director of Archives and Record Management for Mennonite Church USA. He lives in Goshen, IN with his wife, Lisa Graber, and three children.

Other anniversary events planned this year include:

- ◆ **Musical Heritage, July 14-15:** piano recital with George Bixler, and hymn sing sampling hymnals of the 20th century.
- ◆ **Harvest Home Festival, October 13-14:** Sunday School reunions, choral music program with Byron Kauffman, worship with Mark Schloneger, guest minister.

Thank you notes!

From Mennonite Mission Network—Thank you for contributions of \$660 in January to MMN. Total giving for 2018 thus far is \$3,835.00. ~Karla Minter

From MennoMedia—Thank you for your contribution of \$50.00 to MennoMedia (January). ~Amy Gingerich, Executive Director

From Mennonite Central Committee—In the Name of Christ—Thank you for giving \$5,633.84 to Mennonite Central Committee in 2017. Last year when your gift was needed, you reached out in faith and generously helped. You and your gifts matter, and you made a difference.... ~ J. Ron Byler, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Executive Director