

# IN TOUCH

## WINGS Update

It is hard to believe that summer has come to an end! It seems we just celebrated the end of school and now we are getting ready to put the water games away and transition to fall! WINGS had a great summer with our study of friendship. We saw some behavior improvements and some great thoughts about what it means to be a friend while following God. As the kids head back to school, we hope they carry with them their understanding that all are made and loved by God and that there are ways we can show friendship and kindness to everyone.

We also enjoyed an end of summer family picnic with lots of food (thank you for the veggie tray!), and fun! There was a lot of laughter and cheering in the game room as kids beat their parents at carpet pool and ping pong. Then, when the rain cleared up, water balloons flew and kids and parents alike tried to catch balloons that would inevitably pop, drenching the unlucky recipient! After getting nice and wet, we got nice and dirty with a pudding eating contest! Even the parents and leaders participated and the faces at the end of the contest were truly photo worthy! Chocolate pudding, whipped cream, and green jello (for those who don't like pudding) smeared smiles, eyes, hair, clothes, ears, and noses from one end of the table to the other! Some even needed Kleenexes to clean out noses! The winner was quite proud to have beaten such a talented eating group as there was and his picture was taken in a very triumphant, albeit whipped creamy, pose!

Coming up, WINGS will be studying the Armor of God from Ephesians 6. We are sure to have some "interesting" stories to share!

Thank you all for your continued prayers!

~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

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### **Upcoming workshops to answer questions about Medicare and Social Security**

Most people approaching retirement have questions about Medicare and Social Security. Two upcoming workshops presented by Everence Financial on Thursday, September 5 will provide answers. *Medicare: An overview* (5:30 - 6:45 p.m.) will provide information on what's covered, the plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment deadlines. *Social Security: An overview* (7 - 8:15 p.m.) will cover strategies to maximize your benefit, the best time to begin taking Social Security and more. The workshops will take place at the Everence office in Kidron, 4136 Kidron Road. Reservations are not required.

### **Royer Scholarship Recipients for 2019–2020**

Each year we award a small scholarship from the Royer Scholarship Fund (along with some designated funding) in memory of I.W. Royer, a former long-time pastor of Orrville Mennonite Church. This year, once again, the elders have chosen to divide funds between three students studying at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Our funds will provide aid to Esther Muhagachi from Tanzania, Febri Kristiani from Indonesia and Danae King from our congregation. Esther continues her studies at AMBS this year pursuing a Master of Arts in Christian Formation. Febri is a third year student at AMBS and is pursuing a Master of Divinity for Pastoral Care and Counseling. She will complete her studies in the spring of 2020. Danae is doing online seminary studies in pursuit of a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. Please keep these recipients in prayer as they prepare for a lifetime of ministry and service in God's Kingdom.

**Prayer Retreat Opportunity with Five Church Network...From Pastor Jacob Dodson, Wooster Mennonite.** Dear Friends, It has been so good partnering with you in the Five Church Network! Our members continue to discover new ideas for things we can do together including a prayer retreat! How great would it be to get together for spiritual reflection and prayer? We would cherish the opportunity of gathering together for this. You are invited to attend the Fall Prayer Retreat on Saturday, October 12, 9:00 - 3:00 pm at Camp Luz. Theme for the day is "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening," I Samuel 3:1-10. How do we recognize that God is speaking? Come and experience this day apart. Lunch provided. Contact Beulah Steiner at [bsteiner25@gmail.com](mailto:bsteiner25@gmail.com) to register.