

IN TOUCH

WINGS Update

At WINGS, we have continued to learn about and put on the full armor of God. We realized that if someone (like the devil) is going to smack you in the head, we would rather have a helmet on! We talked about what salvation means, why Jesus came, and why we need to be saved. It is so important for us to remember and hold fast to Jesus and the salvation He gives us as we face all of the devil's schemes. We also found out that we can fight back with the sword of the Spirit! It doesn't mean we throw Bibles at people or scream Bible verses at them. We learned about putting the Word of God in our hearts and minds and sharing the truth in love. We saw the devil run away in fear as we spoke God's truth through His Spirit. We will add our final piece to the armor, prayer, and then spend some time reviewing the full armor of God. Please pray that the Word of God would sink into the hearts of the WINGS kids and remind them each day to clothe themselves in God's armor.

In the next few weeks, we will also be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas as we wrap up WINGS for the year. WINGS will not meet in December, but will return in January with a new focus and lots more fun! The kids are excited about decorating cookies, caroling, 'thankful' activities, a pinata, pumpkin painting, and more! Of course, we will also look at ways we thank God, things we can thank God for, and the true meaning of Christmas. We will then celebrate with all of the WINGS families at our annual Christmas Banquet.

Thank you for all of your prayers and snacks. We are so grateful for all who have lifted these kids to God as many of them face huge challenges in life. And, the kids (and leaders) always appreciate the delicious snacks each week! ~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

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Mennonite Church USA News

MC USA Leaders at CLC urged to be a denomination that is "full of love." Working and remaining together through tough challenges was the driving theme at the recent meeting of the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC), a denomination advisory group of conference, agency and constituency leaders, in Glendale, Arizona. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/news/clc-denomination-full-of-love

#BringThePeace is Mennonite Church USA's call to action for individuals and congregations to extend God's peace in our communities. Learn more about this important initiative at MC USA's new web page: mennoniteusa.org/bringthepeace

MC USA has issued a **statement commemorating 1619 and the ongoing impact of slavery**. This year marks 400 years since 1619, the year when a ship carried enslaved people from West Africa to the British colony of Virginia for the first time. This is a season to grieve for all those who have been dehumanized in our country's particularly brutal system of slavery, and it's a time for action. Learn more at: mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/statement-1619-slaverys-ongoing-impact

Thank you notes

From Mennonite Mission Network: Thank you for joining in God's work in the world (\$50.00 to Peace and Justice Support Network; \$2,093.33 to Missions).
~Karla Minter

From Mennonite Disaster Service: Thank you for your contribution of \$125.00 to MDS...because of the generosity of donors like you, MDS volunteers have built or repaired 30 homes on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota over the past three years. Volunteers are responding to strong storms that brought damaging hail and winds, making poor housing conditions worse.
~Kevin King, Executive Director

From Camp Luz: Thank you for your generous contribution of \$85.00 to the ministry here at Camp Luz. Your support makes it possible for us to continue the important ministry that God has called us to—Sharing Christ and helping people grow in their faith. ~Andrew Michaels, Camp Director

From Mennonite Central Committee: Greetings in the name of Christ. Thank you for your donation to MCC which will be used to help those who are suffering around the world. (1 Comforter) ~Sarah Geiser, MCC Great Lakes Material Resource Coordinator

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, November 7 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.