

IN TOUCH

WINGS Update

The lights were out. It was dark. Very dark. Walking up the stairs and entering the pitch black sanctuary, little hands grabbed for their leaders' hands. All of a sudden, every child screamed. Did you know the OMC sanctuary carries sound and magnifies it REALLY well? The high pitched, ringing, ear-splitting, decibel level of a jet engine scream seemed to go on and on, shattering ear drums, bugging eyes, and dropping leaders to their knees. We were playing hide-and-seek and clearly the kids did not understand that the point was to not let the seekers find us. Thankfully, once everyone's eyes adjusted to the darkness, the screaming stopped and, with approximately five seconds left to hide, the leaders managed to get up off our knees and duck the kids behind doors and under benches. Our hearing came back gradually. Amazingly the kids managed to quiet themselves for minutes on end as they waited with their groups to be found. If you find any groups still hiding, just tell them we'll find them on the next game night when we can hear them screaming again to lead us to them. We also played Gaga ball that evening which is a favorite of most of the WINGS kids. It was a fun evening of getting back into the swing of WINGS with the kids after our long Christmas break.

Our theme for the winter and spring months is on *Wise Choices*. We first looked at right vs. wrong and why it is important to make wise choices. We talked about Jonah and his choices and then thought about decisions we have to make every day in our lives. We wondered how we know whether our decision is right or wrong and who (or Who) we can get help and wisdom from. Throughout our study, we will be looking at wise choices in relationships, attitudes, obedience, technology, and much more. Please pray that God would give us wisdom as we work with each child He brings. Thank you!
~ Sara Anderson, WINGS Leader

Sanctuary, Solidarity & Support

The East Central Ohio Sanctuary Network (ECOSN) invites you to an evening of *Sanctuary, Solidarity and Support*. A supper will be provided by IWP's (Immigrant Worker Project) Amigas Project. Join us for personal stories from people who have experienced sanctuary. And support the network's growing success in this area.

- ◆ Saturday, February 29th, 5 pm
- ◆ UU Church of Akron (the church is located at 3300 Morewood Road, Fairlawn. For more information on ECOSN, visit our Facebook page or www.ecosn.net).

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Engaging Mission 2020—a mission festival for all ages

featuring Seth and Theresa Crissman

Ohio Conference is excited to announce our upcoming summer event entitled *Engaging Mission 2020—a mission festival for all ages* that will be held at **Bluffton University on June 26-28, 2020**. This bilingual event will feature Seth and Theresa Crissman from Virginia Mennonite Missions.

It is a weekend designed to give participants an introduction to missional living where they will be challenged to create space for mission in their everyday lives. Participants will enjoy worship and input by Seth and Theresa, along with various breakout opportunities including discussion, service and neighborhood related activities.

We are hoping that participants from Orrville Mennonite Church will be in attendance. You have received a brochure explaining more about this event in your church mailbox.

For more information and to register, visit www.ohiomennoniteconference.org. **Payment and registration must be received by May 22, 2020.**

Thank you notes from those we support:

From Mennonite Mission Network: Thank you for your contribution to the Peace and Justice Network (\$50.00). ~ Karla Mineter

From Go Forth Ministry: Dear Orrville Mennonite Church. Thank you so much for supporting Go Forth Ministry, both prayerfully and financially. We appreciate it very much!!! May God bless you and all yours!! In Jesus, Daisy Martin

From Mennonite Disaster Service: Dear Friends, thank you for your contribution of \$75.00 to Mennonite Disaster Service on January 14, 2020. ... your gift is putting faith in action by providing hope to those unable to recover on their own (from Hurricane Michael). ... a volunteer leader reported that when a homeowner learns that MDS will help them, "there is a noticeable change in their faces and words. Seeing the change from despair to hope is a huge blessing."....Thank you for sharing your gifts to make blessings like this possible. With thanksgiving, Kevin King, Executive Director