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Save the Date for the Bible School Retreat

July 15-17, 2016, for children age 4 through completed 6th grade. Come along on the journey, open your eyes, and be surprised as you discover Jesus!

Weekend Schedule:

Friday

Session 1 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Supper (provided) 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Session 2 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday

Session 3 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Lunch (provided) 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Session 4 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday

Worship for everyone 9:00-9:30 a.m.
Session 5 9:30-11:30 a.m. (for all ages)
Senior Adult Bible Study 9:45-10:45 a.m.

This will be a Sunday for all ages to join with the children in their Bible School Retreat experience! More details about this day will be forthcoming.

Prairie View Facial Tissue Drive

This is the time of the year when boxes of tissues are running low at Prairie View. For the next two Sundays you can bring in boxes of tissues that will be delivered to the school for the final weeks of the year. If they become overstocked, the remainder can be used in the fall.

Seniors Adults, Mark Your Calendars!

Senior Adult Ministry Team invites you to an old-fashioned hymn sing to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Fellowship Hall. Check for an invitation in your mail box next Sunday.

“Thank You-Thank You”

Last fall, Prairie View Elementary School was excited to receive \$500 from the WMC-SOS (Supporting Our Schools) committee. Prairie View staff members were invited to submit grant proposals for small projects or purchases less than \$50. After February 1, any remaining money could be requested in larger amounts.

In March, I sent a report to the SOS committee letting them know the money was used for the following projects:

- exercise balls used as seating for wiggly 1st graders
- guest speaker fees for a Reith Environmental Center program in the preschool classes
- sensory integration materials for the Guidance Counseling office
- 2nd grade field trip to Merry Lea

What a surprise when I received an email from the Mission and Service Ministry Team saying that they would like to give Prairie View an additional \$500! Since it was close to the end of the school year, no limit was placed on the amount of money to be requested. With this second gift from WMC, the following projects were funded:

- a scholarship for one student to attend the summer leadership camp
- a keyboard for the music class
- 1st grade field trip to Merry Lea

And now you know why I say “Thank You-Thank You!” Besides the additional experiences WMC made possible for PV students, the second gift was a real boost to PV staff. It is heartening to know that we are being cared for and appreciated by our community. I’ll say it again: “Thank You-Thank You!”

—Marge Gingerich, PV School Counselor,
and grateful WMC member



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Senior Reflection: The story behind the mirror

My 6 ½ year old granddaughter, Amber, her mother and I were sitting in our living room cutting paper dolls. Amber looked up at the large mirror on the wall and asked where we got it. I said, “Oh, Amber, that mirror has a story behind it and I’ll tell you all about it.” So I went into great detail to tell her about the mirror.

“Our son and his wife had purchased a home and this mirror was on the wall of the living room. When I found out that they did not want it, we purchased it and brought it home and Grandpa hung it on the wall, and that is where it has been ever since.”

When I finished my detailed story, she looked up at me and said, “Grandma, could I see the story behind the mirror?” As I thought about this story, I had to wonder what kind of story is behind my reflected life.

First of all: Am I telling the story behind my mirrored life? Am I a woman who reads the Bible daily so that I know and live the Word of God?

Second: Does my life, as a mirror, reflect a woman who is peaceful and content because all has been shared with God in prayer? Has the Holy Spirit filled me anew each day so that I can meet whatever comes with love, joy and peace?

Third: Do I reflect a life that is standing firm on the rock, Jesus Christ? Is my faith in God evident to those around me? Can I stand beside someone who is weak and support them in their hour of need?

Fourth: Is my reflection different from the reflection of the world? Do I walk as Jesus walked? Do I meet people and circumstances with an attitude of love? Do I speak and act as one who wants to serve others?

Fifth: Do I reflect in my mirror a person who truly cares and loves? Do I have a compassionate heart toward all I meet? Do I take time to listen and then pray with the one who is joyful or the one who is hurting?

Sixth: Do I talk about the story behind my life? Do I tell people about the change Jesus makes? Do I really want others to experience eternal life with God?

Seventh: what kind of attitude do I reflect? Is it an attitude of thankfulness? Do I share willingly and joyfully of my time, talents and money? Am I seen as a giving person?

In conclusion, I want to reflect the life of Jesus in the mirror of my life. I can do this only if I live a disciplined life given over to the leading of the Holy Spirit. I challenge you. Do you want people to know the story behind the mirror of your life? Are you willing to share it?

Exodus 12:4: Now go, I will help you speak and teach you what to say.” (NIV)

—Esther Yoder

Handy People needed!

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to spruce up the hallway by doing some drywall repairs and giving the halls a new coat of paint. Our plan is to schedule two days of painting, Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13. We would like to find someone that can do some minor drywall repairs ahead of time such as patching a couple of holes, etc. We will have a sign-up sheet at the participation station table. Paint and supplies will be provided. Please contact Jan Oostland via e-mail at facilities@waterfordchurch.org or call him at 574-971-1277 if you have any questions.

Moment in Mission

Our family is partnering with Mennonite Mission Network to serve in Paraguay for the 2016-2017 school year. We will be serving in the school where Marcelo Warkentin is currently the principal. If you would like to learn more about the school and our plans, we invite you to join us for a Soups and Stews fundraiser meal at Belmont Mennonite Church on Saturday, May 7 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Please email us at yoderrupp@hotmail.com if you are planning to come, as it will help us prepare the appropriate amount of food. Thanks.

—Tonya and Jason Yoder Rupp (daughter and son-in-law of Delvon and Shirley Yoder)