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“Salamu aleikum”!

What else can I say to my Muslim neighbors?

You are invited to join the Friendship Class on July 10 for a special nurture hour session focusing on Christian-Muslim relations. The time will be facilitated by Pastor Neil, who lived three years working with Christians in the Muslim-dominated country of Egypt. We will feature 2016 Goshen College graduate Christina Hofer who has been a regular Waterford attendee. She will share with us her speech, “Discrediting the Single Story of Islam,” which was the runner up essay in this year’s C. Henry Smith Oratorical Peace Essay Contest. Her thoughts were drawn from her experiences on Study Service Term in Senegal. We will meet at 9:00 in the front of the sanctuary.

Conversations, Meals, Laughter, Prayer

For the past four years JD and Beth Smucker have served as sponsors for our college age attenders, most of whom grew up elsewhere and landed in our community for their college education. As JD and Beth have concluded their time with this specific ministry we wish to express our deep appreciation to them for the many hours they committed to this significant ministry. Thank you to JD and Beth for being extensions of us as you welcomed and walked alongside these young adults. Thank you for opening your home, your family, your table, and your hearts as you nurtured the faith formation of a wide range of individuals who called WMC home during their college years and even beyond!

As we look beyond the leadership of JD and Beth we are seeking new individuals or a couple who feel called to engage in this ministry at WMC beginning this fall. If you are interested in exploring what is involved with working with our college age attenders, please be in contact with someone from the Adult Nurture Ministry Team.

—Adult Nurture Ministry Team: Aaron Lehman, lay ministry partner; Laurina Graber-Ditzler, Ken Otto, Chris Judson, Cindy Voth, pastor of community life

Corrections to the pictorial directory

Now that the directory is in hand, there are several omissions and errors that have come to light. Please note the following:

- The names of Dave and Marge Gingerich’s children, in order by age, are Nate, Jack and Carly
- The names of Glen and Chrissy Kauffmann’s children are Conner and Grant
- On the pastoral and staff page, Greg Hire’s title is Coordinator of Ministry Gifts

Apologies for these and all other inadvertent omissions, misspellings, and errors.

Thank You

Thanks for all you do for us here at Prairie View! You reach out to us in so many ways that make all of us feel special and rewarded for what we do. Thanks, particularly, for the money you gave for an electronic keyboard for the music room. With a piano lab, it will reach students who aren’t as successful in some academic areas and help them find success and a sense of pride in something they can do outside of their regular classroom. In addition, learning to play the piano will be an enrichment activity for those students ready for the extra challenge. Your [SOS] grant money will reach many students for years to come!

—Lisa Caskey, Music Instructor
at Prairie View Elementary

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers and the orchid plant. They all conveyed your caring during my recent colon surgery and recovery.

—Wilmer and Ruth Hollinger

New Buzz deadline

The new deadline for submitting articles to the Buzz is Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Articles submitted after that time may be held until the next week. Please cc all submissions to office@waterfordchurch.org.



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Mentor/Mentee Activity

What do you get when you combine 18 participants, 4 planners, and 1 coordinator? The first large group mentee/mentor event on June 12. Thanks to the creative planning of mentee/mentor pairs Alex Berkey/Len Harms and Anna Myers/Loanne Harms, the afternoon was filled with food and fun.

First, teams were sent on a scavenger hunt. Clues varied from puzzle pieces, karaoke dancing, actual riddles, Bible verses, and more. Colored teams of red, yellow, green, and blue worked together to solve one clue and move through a total of eight different brain busters.

At the conclusion of the afternoon, large cookies served as a canvas for individuals to ‘build a cookie’ for a snack. Some tempting toppings included icing, blueberries, and pineapple.

Thanks to our party planners and attenders for making the event successful. Watch the *Buzz* and email announcements concerning the next whole group gathering. (I hope to see many more high school faces!) See the attached photos from our event.

—Angela Stoltzfus, Mentee/Mentor Program Coordinator



Baptism class retreat

Pastors Neil and Cindy had a Saturday retreat with five of the six MYFers participating in the baptism class. We enjoyed the beautiful location of Dave and Julia Leatherman’s at Chapman Lake. During our time together we had sessions on: interpreting the Bible, who is Jesus and world religions. We also engaged in an hour of silence as we interacted with different prayer practices.



Felix Perez-Diener and Axel Brown work with play dough to symbolize their understanding of who Jesus is.

Church Cleaning

Deloris Wyse and Loanne Harms are organizing the annual church cleaning for Tuesday and Wednesday, June 28-29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to help; come for a full day or a few hours. Those who choose to be here over the noon hour should bring a sack lunch. For more details or questions, please contact Loanne or Deloris.



Neil and the five youth crammed in the play area under the stairs. Cindy was delighted to be the one to take the picture.