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Member Profile: JoLee Stoltzfus

Hi, I'm JoLee (Josephine Lee) Stoltzfus. Dan and Angela are my parents, and Sam is my big sister. I am 10 years old and in third grade at Prairie View Elementary. I love watching videos on my iPad like Veggie Tales, Alvin and the Chipmunks, Tinkerbell, Berenstain



Bears, Peppa Pig, PJ Masks, and Doc McStuffins. I also love to read books, listen to music, and play with my stuffed animals and dolls. I have five toy monkeys, and I make them jump and fall off the bed, just like the song sings. I pretend to be a doctor, a mommy, a teacher, and a superhero – I have lots of fun costumes. My favorite color is pink. I like to eat cake, ice cream, pizza, yogurt, and goldfish. I like to drink BoatHouse juice (“yummy drink”), fruit shakes, and chocolate milk.

Church can be fun, but sometimes church is hard for me. I like being with my friends in Sunday school and seeing the babies in the nursery. Babies are so cute. But when there are loud noises during church, like laughter or clapping, I don't always understand what is happening and I feel scared. I don't think that means people should stop doing those things, but I wanted my church family to know because sometimes I need to leave the sanctuary to feel safe and calm down.

I want people to treat me like a big girl. I am not a baby. If you want to hug me, please ask first since I

am learning about my own personal space and safety. It takes me more time than others, but I can do most things by myself. If I need help, I will usually ask for it. I like when people tell me hi and want to shake my hand; it makes me feel grown up, but sometimes I forget to look at their face because my head is filled with other ideas, noises, and pretend worlds. Please know that I don't mean to be rude, or look like I'm ignoring you. I feel overwhelmed sometimes, especially when I'm in a large group of people, like at church.

Sometimes, I don't know what is safe and what isn't. So, if you see me without my mom, dad, or another grownup, please keep an eye on me. I shouldn't ever be alone at church yet. I'm still learning about safety outdoors, too.

My parents think you should know that I have Down syndrome, which you can see when you look at me. But, what you can't see is that I am also on the autism spectrum. Sometimes my mind gets stuck on one idea, and it's hard for me to move to another activity. Sometimes I feel social, and sometimes I want to be left alone. Sometimes I don't know what I feel, I don't know how to name what I feel, so I might sound like I'm saying something weird, but it make sense to me (and sometimes to my family). I might rock forward and back. This is comforting to me. These parts of who I am can be difficult for some people to understand.

I am a part of the Waterford church family, and I hope this helps you know me a bit better. My parents said if you have any questions about me, you can ask them or talk to Karen Pfahler; she's one of my favorite persons at church and knows me very well.

Mennonite Women

All women are invited to come to Mennonite Women (sewing) on March 9. We will meet to quilt, knot comforters and knit prayer shawls. Join us for a time of fellowship and noon potluck meal. *—Deloris Wyse*



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Thank You

Dear Waterford Church friends,

Thank you for the kind remembrance of Mom at the time of her passing. Your friendship and caring over the years are so appreciated.

—Gloria, Mike, Charlie, Cheryl, Carol and Dan and grandchildren of Mabel Steiner

Dear Waterford Church friends,

Thank you for the prayer support by the pastors and people of the church. We also appreciated the plant from the church and the meals provided to us.

—Jim and Mary Christopel

Dear Waterford Church friends,

Mervin and Edna Chupp wish to thank you for your kind thoughts on their 60th anniversary. They were overwhelmed and grateful for such an outpouring, particularly from their friends at Waterford! Thank you for making their anniversary so special.

—Lauri Chupp

Dear Waterford Church JYF,

I would like to thank the JYF for the lovely, pink basket with kisses and a note that was given to older persons in the congregation. What a beautiful way to share Valentine's Day with others! I talked to others who also got the basket and enjoyed the surprise.

—Shirley Toole

Transportation Needed

Rosetta Mast, a WMC member who lives on Greencroft campus, is unable to attend both Sunday school and second service, and therefore, cannot come on the Greencroft bus. She would like a ride to and from church for second service only. If anyone is willing to provide her this service, please let Velma Swartz know.

—Velma Swartz

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