

ORRVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

IN TOUCH

Just for Fun

*Out of the mouths
of babes and infants
you have ordained praise.
Psalm 8:2*

One particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo, while I asked, "No, how are we alike?"
"You're both old," he replied.

A ten year old, under the tutelage of her Grandma, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then, one day she floored her Grandma by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

A Sunday School class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall and quoted, "Thou shalt not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

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Membership Transfer—Mark Troyer has transferred his membership to Columbus Mennonite Church. We pray God's blessing on Mark, Kate, Harold and Louise as they continue to join in fellowship and service with Christ and God's people at Columbus Mennonite Church and beyond!

General Announcements:

The East Central Ohio Sanctuary Network, with Immigrant Worker Project, presents *Invisible Hands of Migrant Labor*, an experiential learning retreat, September 20-22, 2019. Our group will visit various labor sites in NE Ohio that rely on migrant labor. Participants will meet with and learn from workers and advocates for labor rights and safety and immigration justice. This is a unique opportunity that allows us to learn in community, and process together what we hear and experience during the retreat. Lodging will take place at Camp Luz, in Kidron, OH, and there is a \$150 participant fee. Interested parties can apply at ecosn.net. Contact admin@ecosn.net with any questions. **The registration deadline has been extended to Aug. 15th.**

Benefit Concert in support of LifeCare Hospice. Tuesday, August 13th at 7 pm at Orrville Christ United Church of Christ, 301 N. Main Street, Orrville. **FREE ADMISSION!** A free-will offering will be received. Featuring John Finney, Organist, Distinguished Artist in Residence, Boston College with Annie Gerig, English Horn. Finney and Gerig are alumni of Smithville High School.

Check your church mailbox for the Open Arms Hispanic Ministry July newsletter. There's lots of good information there, including info about the upcoming area effort to assemble MCC Immigration Detainee Care Kits. Our church will be used as collection site for kits/supplies and will host an event on **October 2nd (7—8:30 pm)**. That evening will include a report from an MCC Great Lakes staff person on the current immigration situation at the border and how the kits are being distributed and detainees supported. Following the report, attendees will have opportunity to assist in assembling kits, participate in a kit blessing and preparing them for shipment. Designated drop-off dates for supplies or full kits are the following four **Mondays, August 12 and 26; September 9 and 23, from 9 am until noon.**

Thank you notes from those we support:

From Sarah Geiser, MCC Great Lakes Material Resource Coordinator—Greetings in the name of Christ. Thank you for your donation of 4 comforters to MCC which will be used to help those suffering around the world....

From Karla Minter, Mennonite Mission Network—Thank you for your financial contributions of \$50 to Peace and Justice Support Network and \$2,701.00 to Missions.

From Kevin King, Mennonite Disaster Service, Executive Director—Thank you for your contribution of \$2,452.00 to MDS (July, 2019). *You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and shade from the heat* (Isaiah 25:4). Your gift is an encouragement to families impacted by disaster. It enables volunteers to help these families recover and remind them that they have not been forgotten.....Thank you for helping to make this possible!

Mentorship Peace Camp—September 6-8, 2019

Calling all mentor/mentee pairs and others interested in building connections, learning about peacemaking in an immersive setting, and having lots of camp fun!

Join Mennonite Mission Network's Peace & Justice Support Network (PJSN) and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for hands-on learning about communication skills, conflict resolution and biblical approach to peace and justice. We'll have fun camp activities, games and relationship-building exercises.

Jason Boone, PJSN Coordinating Minister, and Jes Stoltzfus Buller, Peace Education Coordinator for MCC U.S., will be our speakers for the weekend.

Cost is \$100. Join PJSN and MCC at Camp Friedenswald 15406 Watercress Way, Cassopolis, MI 49031.