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*Belinda Perrott*

## MEET OUR STUDENTS

“Welcome to Mission Home!” If the A-girls childcare group happens to be around when you arrive at Faith Mission, you are likely to be greeted with these words! Miss Belinda Perrott loves to meet people and welcome them to Faith Mission Home.

Belinda is a happy lady. If you ask her how she’s doing, she’ll bob her head up and down, and reply with a loud “priteeee goood!” She lavishes love and hugs on those she loves, and willingly gives a kiss if you will accept it. She loves roaming the halls and visiting the offices hoping for stickers! Some of the things that make her especially happy are stickers, car horns, blowing bubbles, and coffee in any form.

Belinda loves all her classes, and she is very loyal to her teachers. One tradition we have is to stop in during the D-girls’ Craft class every morning on our way to girls end. She loves this time, and is sure to notice if the Craft teacher is off. After juice break, she helps wipe the tables in the dining room in preparation for lunch. She then has some time to blow bubbles before her beloved B-School class.

One of her favorite times of the day is doing lunch dishes. She is often very happy, and enjoys teasing anyone who is in the kitchen. She also enjoys Craft Class, where she gets to string beads, and is very concerned that she gets to throw her bean bags in Motor Skills class.

Later after our daily walk, she enjoys a cup of iced coffee. Next we head to Home Ec, where she loves to help with little jobs. This is probably her favorite class, and she can get very dramatic about everything. We end our day with Barn Class. She especially enjoys helping feed Petunia, the pig, and getting cart rides.

It’s been a privilege and a blessing caring for Belinda! Her love for the small ordinary things has inspired me to look for and enjoy the small moments. They often seem insignificant, but later we realize how big they really were. I have treasured each moment spent with her, and long for the day when we will be together in heaven, perfectly whole!

*Faith Hershberger | A-Childcare | Newcomerstown, OH*

# EVENTS



**THANKSGIVING DAY**  
Nov 23



**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Dec 25



**CHRISTMAS VACATION**  
Dec 23 - Jan 6



**FAREWELLS**  
~Wesley Nisly, Andrew Yoder,  
& Sheila Peachey - Nov 24  
~Frieda Yoder - Dec 22



**ADMISSIONS**  
Janalie Weaver - Nov 6



**WEDDINGS**  
John Zook & Lynita Kauffman - Nov 4

## GROUP SPOTLIGHT



### FAITH & THE A-GIRLS

STUDENT QUOTE:

"Pumpkin spice latté!" ~George Frame



*Jeffery Shirk*

## NEW STUDENT PROFILE

Meet Jeffrey Shirk, an energetic young man with a contagious smile. Jeffrey joined the FMH family on July 24, 2023, and has lost no time in finding a place in our hearts!

Jeffrey delights in tearing around the volleyball court on his bike, spinning circles on the swings, riding the zipline, and going to classes. He loves to work and gets great satisfaction out of a job well done.

Working with Jeffrey has been a tremendous joy for me. I had the privilege of taking him one-on-one, and I now care for him along with the rest of the A-boys. In some ways I think Jeffrey has taught me more than I've taught him. His simple childlike trust has been an inspiration to me. If we completely give our lives to God and trust Him with our future, He can work in and through us.

As I observe Jeffrey, I have seen the good results of determination that is channeled in the right direction. If he sets his mind on doing something, he steadily works at it until he accomplishes it. I have come to understand more fully the value of perseverance. Sometimes things come into our lives that look overwhelming, but if we stick with it and endure to the end, we will be surprised what the Lord can do with us. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised!" (Hebrews 10:23)

*Alex Miller | A-Childcare | Auburn, KY*

# BARN CLASSROOM



The Barn Classroom is an exciting new addition to FMH. It is a group classroom where all the students from the main home come every day. The first group to the barn in the morning is the E-girls. Tina, Raeanne, and I usually go get our pony, Bob, from the pasture and bring him to the barn for the day. After that we begin feeding some of the animals and cleaning out their stalls.

At 9:30 the D-boys come in. Jolan and I finish cleaning out the stalls, and then we haul the muck down to the farm where it is turned into compost. At 10:15 the B-boys show up. Eric and David sweep the barn while Jared feeds our little flock of chickens and Joe gives the animals fresh water.

After lunch our pony, Bob, gets groomed by the B-girls. Nicole stops by in the afternoon to collect the eggs, and she greatly enjoys finding them and bringing them in to me while loudly proclaiming, "I found one, Jared, I found one!"

Whenever the weather is nice enough to go outside, pony cart rides are a highlight for all the students. Christopher especially loves to ride on the cart and he makes his request known first thing as he enters the barn. With a smile on his face he asks me, "Dauft ich cart ride?" (May I have a cart ride?)

Some of the other animals that the students care for throughout the day are rabbits, some sheep and goats, and a dog. There is even a pot-bellied pig, Petunia, that gets to go on a walk now and then and captures the students interest.

It is a blessing for me to get to know each one of the students and to be able to teach them. It has been a significant learning experience for me as well. I love the opportunity to build relationships with the students and watch them interact with the animals.

*Jared Yoder | Barn Classroom | Dundee, OH*

## FMH IS ON ETSY!

Ed Albertson and his cottage crew have turned the humble Cedar Springs Shop/Classroom into a sophisticated little operation that produces beautiful rope shelves, cutting & charcuterie boards, and more.

Our hope is that the new Etsy Shop, Mountain Village Woodcrafts, can be an outlet for both Cedar Springs Shop and the Master Shop, where Abe Dyke and crew are making classy Marble Chase and Foolsball games.

Both of our shops are safe places where staff and students interact, giving purpose and fulfillment to all.

If you're looking for ways to bless the village you've come to love, here are the simple steps:

1. Visit our Etsy store at: [mtnvillagewoodcrafts.etsy.com](https://mtnvillagewoodcrafts.etsy.com)
2. If you make a happy purchase, leave a happy review.
3. Hit the like buttons (the heart) on each product photo (whether you purchase or not).

Liking the product will boost ranking for the store, but visiting without tapping the heart icon will actually negatively affect the store ranking.

FMH loves her people.





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## NEW STAFF PROFILE



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