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HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024



Willie Yoder

MEET OUR STUDENTS

Say hello to Willie Yoder, one of our more senior citizens in the cottage program. He resides at Dogwood Farm, helping out with caring for the animals. Willie seemingly hardly ever has a bad day, usually finding something to wholeheartedly throw himself into, whether it is taking pride in his work and a job well done, or humming along with one of his many CDs while he carefully cuts pictures of trucks and cars out of magazines to add to his collection.

Willie is also our weatherman, often greeting me as I step out the door in the morning with something like, "It's 38 degrees this morning! It's warmer than yesterday. The sun might come out today!" He has taught me to slow down in my fast paced life and enjoy the simple things. It brings him great joy when a warmer day rolls around this time of year, enabling him to hang his wash on the line to dry instead of running it through the dryer. Throughout the day, he'll take a moment to go outside and check the dampness and oh joy, when it's finally dry.

He's also given me an even deeper appreciation for my family. Willie often reminisces about the days he used to spend with his father when he was still living, things like washing the car or sighting in a rifle before deer season. It is a reminder to me that those we hold nearest and dearest to us are not guaranteed to be with us tomorrow and to treasure each moment with them.

If you ever get the privilege and opportunity to visit this place, be sure to swing by the farm and talk to Willie, he always has an open ear for any news from "out there in the world" as he puts it.

Lelan Ehst | Groundskeeper | Morris, PA

EVENTS



ADMISSIONS

Amanda Johnson - September 3



PARENTS APPRECIATION WEEKEND

Sept. 13-15



ANNUAL PICNIC

Sept. 24



APPLE FESTIVAL

Oct. 1



STAFF CHORUS PROGRAMS

Oct 13 - McKenney Mennonite Church

Oct 16 - Bank Mennonite Church

Oct 23 - Faith Mission Fellowship



FAREWELLS

~Gloria Yoder, Japheth Heatwole,

& Marilyn Helmuth - Sept. 14

~Lisa Miller, Keli Rosenberry - Sept. 20

~Joshua Byler, Dianna Landis,

& Faith Hershberger - Oct. 4

Alex Miller, Jaedon Byler - Oct. 18

GROUP SPOTLIGHT



B-GIRLS WITH MELISA YEAGER

LAUREN DELAGRANGE. SARAH MARTIN. KATRINA BONTRAGER

FAREWELL THOUGHTS

As we reflect on the past nearly four years at Faith Mission Home, we feel very blessed. We have grown, been stretched, learned so much, and had so many good times, and for that we are grateful.



We ask ourselves, what made our time at Faith Mission Home so good? The students of FMH have been a huge part of life here. Working with God's special people, doing for many of them what they can't do for themselves, has been very fulfilling. Matthew 25:40c has been a challenge during our time at Faith Mission, "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

We have also greatly enjoyed working with the staff. We've been blessed to see the dedication of so many young people committed to serving God in this way. It's been a privilege to see firsthand, the love and care they pour on the students and the growth that often happens to a person here. We have also very much enjoyed working and interacting with the other campus families. What a gift to know so many more people and to have made lifelong friends.

May God find us all faithful in serving Him, wherever He has called us.

Jeremy Kauffman | Boy's Training Supervisor

"IT'S SNOWING LIKE
FIRE OUT THERE!"

- JOLAN MAST

STUDENT QUOTE

NIGHT DUTY

So what does a night on night duty look like, you might wonder? I'll try to give you a glimpse of what happens when a few individuals live "underground" for approximately two weeks.

A round of night duty usually lasts about 10-14 nights. The girls on duty have different responsibilities that are split up between each of them. One girl is in charge of making breakfast or doing breakfast prep for the staff and students for the next morning. She is also in charge of making food for night duty break, which is from 2 am - 3am. This is when we eat a meal together and are allowed to check our phones or play games which have consisted mostly of Marble Chase, Cover Your Assets, and Jungle Speed. She is responsible for making sure that the tables get set for breakfast, that the towels and bedding get folded, and that the coffee corner and snack cupboard get cleaned. These are some highly used areas and the frequent cleanings keep them looking attractive. She is also in charge of answering any phone calls that come in and does frequent Girl's End checks to make sure that everyone is in bed and doing fine.

The other girl on duty does a lot of cleaning and picking up around the Home. She has a list of cleaning jobs she needs to do every night, like sweeping offices and mopping them multiple times a week. She also has extra assigned cleaning jobs every night of the week. When her work is done, she helps out with other responsibilities. If everything goes well, normally the girls are done with their work before break time and have only kitchen cleanup to do after break.

The night duty guy spends part of his night washing and folding all the student's laundry, along with regular Boy's End checks. He has other jobs that consist of mopping the hallway, living room, and kitchen as well as extra cleaning jobs that need to be done throughout the week.

Sunday night is a highlight of night duty for me. Instead of getting on duty at 8:00, you get on at 9:00, and you don't start work till 10:00. It is the only night that we are allowed to play games outside of break. Another thing that is fantastic, is when people who are off the next day, get up early and join us for our break. It makes the night go faster and has the potential to make fun and random memories. Night duty also gives you the opportunity to learn what makes or doesn't make people jump. There are definitely ways to keep the night from getting boring.

Anna Bowman | Floater | South Boardman, MI

SNAPSHOTS



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04.06.2004
JEREMY & LAURA



Rosanna Gish

HARMONY, NC
11.22.2002
DALE & TWILA



Justin Perkins

MARSHALLVILLE, GA
06.25.2002
LELAND & AMBER



Malinda Beachy

CROFTON, KY
06.23.1989
ALVIN



Wendell & Lori Mast

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