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Wesley McMahon

MEET OUR STUDENTS

Allow me the privilege of introducing you to Wesley McMahon, one of the longtime students at Faith Mission Home. If you were to step into the front entrance of the Home, Wes just might be one of the first individuals you will meet, since he enjoys frequenting the front entrance. He is a member of the C-boys group along with Jared Allgyer, Christopher Fisher, and Samuel King. Wes enjoys his classes along with his daily jobs, which consist of collecting all the hangers from the cupboards in boys end, and carrying them to the laundry room. He also sets the silverware for tables 1 and 2 in the dining room for supper.

Wes is known to be the "caboose" of the C-boys, but I can always depend on him to reach his destination if he knows where he is supposed to go.

Wes is also famous for his love of what he refers to as "brown food" (aka chocolate). He is also fond of "brown milk" (chocolate milk). He enjoys spontaneously informing me of what is on the menu for a meal or for juice break.

One of Wes's favorite parts of the day is our box run, where we haul all of the boxes from the loading dock at the main Home as well as those from the Bakeshop, down to the Pine Ridge barn. After we load up the boxes at the Bakeshop, we all go inside and relax in the living room for a little while. The boys all get treats from the Bakeshop over this time, which is a highlight for Wes. If he is asked after our box run if he is having a good day and why, his usual reply is; "I went to the Bakeshop!"

Something that working with Wes has taught me is putting my trust in God, even in the uncertainties of life. He can tend to worry about things that he's uncertain about. But in working with him through those times, I have come to the realization of how often that's myself worrying about the future or anything else rather than simply trusting God.

It has been a privilege to care for Wes the past while, and I hope that he can continue adding to the life of the C-boys!

Dallas Miller / C-Childcare / Colon, MI

EVENTS



STAFF CHORUS PROGRAMS
Sept 7 - Fincastle Mennonite Church
Sept 10 - Faith Mission Fellowship
Sept 17 - Pilgrim Christian Fellowship



PARENTS APPRECIATION WEEKEND
Sept. 12-14



ANNUAL PICNIC
Sept. 23



ADMISSIONS
Everett Fisher - September 26



APPLE FESTIVAL
Oct. 7



WEDDINGS
~Reynold Weaver & Keli Rosenberry - Oct. 4
~Alex Miller & Leah Troyer - Oct. 14



FAREWELLS
~Hadassah Yoder, Sierra Eby,
Aaron Beachy - Sept. 26
~Kaitlyn Mast, Sandra Miller,
Sheila Gehman - Oct. 10
~Kendric King, Kylen Funk,
Wayne Stauffer - Oct. 24

GROUP SPOTLIGHT



DOGWOOD BOYS WITH STEVEN KURTZ

DWIGHT WEAVER. JERELL SHANK. RICHARD BOUNDS. WILLIE YODER



NEW STUDENT PROFILE

Lowell Hege

Lowell Hege blessed us with his presence at Faith Mission Home, beginning in July of 2025. I had the privilege and honor of taking care of him in a one-on-one format for 3 1\2 months until the end of October, when he joined the D boys.

With his one arm in the air and a "ya", he has quickly become an icon here. He has no clue what personal space means and will snuggle up to pretty much anybody if you're willing to make buzzy noises in his ear. Although Lowell is nonverbal he does not struggle with making his wishes known. He has a voice, and he knows how to use it. He loves all things noise, whether it is his own voice or rattling a random toy against his teeth.

In working with Lowell, one of the things that we worked really hard on was instilling boundaries so that I could depend on him to stay in a given place without worrying about him wandering off and getting himself into trouble. It has reminded me to be thankful for boundaries that people in my life have instilled in me and to see them as helpful rather than a hindrance. In trying to help Lowell overcome some of his tendencies, I kept seeing myself in him so often, especially in my relationship with God. There are so many times when I know what God wants me to do, but I try to work against that even if it makes life harder for me.

Taking care of Lowell was truly a lifechanging experience for me, and it blessed me in so many ways. My prayer is that Lowell learned as much from me as I learned from him, because I know how much he has added to, and blessed my life.

Michael Miller / A Childcare / Partridge, KS

**"DOES SWEET TEA COME
FROM A COW OR A GOAT?"**

- JEFF LACOVARA

STUDENT QUOTE

THE KITCHEN

Would you agree that the kitchen is the heart of any home? Faith Mission Home is no exception! This 12'x15' room is a bustling place full of happy noises. I am first cook and second cook is Trina Weaver. I'm responsible for the meat and potatoes of the meal, and Trina cranks out sides and salads. Ultimately though, we work together to feed an average of 65 hungry people 3 meals a day, plus a 10 A.M. juice break.

Besides all the normal foody things a kitchen involves like frying, baking, and occasionally burning, we have a lot of extra goodies and some not so good things. Meals are at a precise time. Sharp. So we definitely had some "heart in the throat" moments when the steak is still bright red 2 minutes before lunch or the rice is still crunchy, but it's time to eat. But the receivers are so gracious, and eat whatever we serve with thanksgiving. Bless them.

On with the good things. At some point in the day, everyone shows up in the kitchen. Some are returning from a walk and pop in for some sweet tea. Grabbing plates to set tables in the dining room. Washing breakfast dishes. Showing off their "just finished" beads and asking for a treat. Someone pops his head in to inform me that he hit that high note better than I did. A passerby thought the chicken needed some chocolate syrup on top or the hamburger buns needed smiley faces drawn on them. Or some folks simply stop in to give the cooks hash, which is just fine. We enjoy the chance to shovel it back, some sixty, some eighty, and some an hundredfold. The times we cooks have alone are very slim, but that's just wonderful. It takes mere seconds for this kitchen to go from a quiet corner to a buzzing-controlled chaos. Also, there is no telling what conversation or argument is brewing. "Can you imagine talking to the students in heaven with no limitations?!" "How do you say the word s-a-l-s-a?" "If your life had a genre, what would it be?" Even after our 6 to 6 shift is over, the kitchen continues to be in use. Prepping food for days off or a random after church party. If you can't find anyone, someone is sure to be in the kitchen!

Yes, keeping the Faith Mission Home family well fed is our first goal. But, singing with Zach as he fills the cups with ice for supper, jamming and dancing to Jeff's favorite songs, and ooing over Belinda's highly treasured stickers are the moments I store in my heart and will forever treasure.

Putting kitchen life into words is so hard. From the last minute food prep, to loving on the students and chatting with fellow staff, I may be prejudiced, but this is the best. No, first cook is not what I had in mind when I signed my name on the application. But I'm so thankful God changes plans and allowed me to serve in this way!

Charity Peachey | 1st Cook | Woodville, NY



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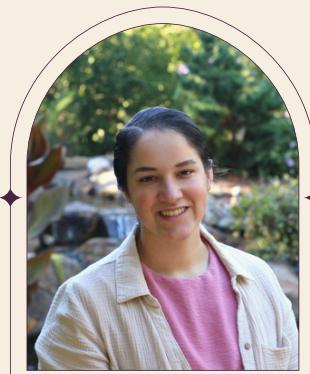
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