ONE SPIRIT, MANY GIFTS!

June 16, 2016

Hi Campers!

Welcome to One Spirit, Many Gifts! We look forward to seeing you very soon at Pilgrim Lodge. Our names are Amy Sue and Ben, and we are the deans for your week at camp. If this is your first time coming to One Spirit, Many Gifts (OSMG for short, pronounced "Oz-Mog"), we are really looking forward to meeting you! If you have been to OSMG before, welcome back!

OSMG is a small camp by design, where we get the chance to know each other well. We do all the regular PL things (swimming, boating, crafts, ice cream...) but because we're a small camp we can do them all together. Another great thing about being a small camp is we get to make decisions as a group. At our nightly meeting, called "Fireside Chat," we will talk about our options for the next day and make decisions together. No matter what we end up doing we have no doubt it will be fun!

Registration this year will be from 2 PM to 4 PM on Sunday, July 17th. Please be sure not to arrive before 2 PM, as we will still be getting ready to greet you. Pick-up will be Saturday, July 23rd at 9:30 AM after our closing circle. *Parents and guardians*: please be prompt on Saturday the 23rd so the PL staff can start preparing for the next week's campers.

This year we will again share Pilgrim Lodge with a camp called *Planting Seeds, Growing Hope,* which is a week for 4th through 6th graders. We'll eat together, worship together occasionally, and do other activities together as well. Please think about ways that you can help welcome the campers of *Planting Seeds, Growing Hope* to help make sure we all have a great time together.

One activity we will share with *Planting Seeds, Growing Hope* is dress-up dinner. The theme for this year's dress-up dinner is COURAGEOUS CHARACTERS. Everyone is invited to dress up in a costume as someone or something courageous, real or imagined. What favorite character of yours is courageous? Who in your life has lots of courage? What is courage? Think about that, and then start planning your costume!

This year's mission will be helping raise funds for the non-profit organization Daisy's Children. Daisy's Children helps provide food, water, and shelter to children in Honduras who might otherwise go without. Please consider how much you can give to this important organization. You can read more about Daisy's Children here: <u>http://daisyschildren.org/</u>

This is a big summer at Pilgrim Lodge because of the new dining hall, Quitobaquito. It is a new, big building at the top of the hill going down to the main lodge. If you have been to PL before, expect a big change when you come to camp. We are excited to be part of this new chapter in PL history, and hope you are too!

Along with the items below, please come to camp prepared to go canoeing in the lake and hiking around the property. This means swimsuits and shirts for the canoes, and closed toed shoes you don't mind getting dirty for a romp in the woods. Please be sure to also bring:

- A white (or other color) t-shirt to decorate.
- A Bible.
- A water bottle.
- A sturdy hat, sun screen, and bug spray. Hats, shirts and sunscreen will be required for our canoe adventures.

That's all the news that we have to share with you. As always, we pray for your safe journey to camp and for a spirit-filled week at Pilgrim Lodge. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the camp office at (207) 724-3200 or dean Ben at (207) 712-7470. See you soon!

Your Deans, Amy Sue French & Ben Bigney