

Giving Opportunities

The Pennway Friendship Group was “born” in 2007 out of the felt need of a mother for her son and a grandmother for her granddaughter. Both understood the reality that older teens and adults with cognitive impairments would, without special accommodations, simply be unable to be an active part of the Body of Christ. Friendship Ministries, an interdenominational, biblically-based program for cognitively impaired older youth and adults, provides this opportunity. With counsel from the national organization, a locally established Friendship Group and support from Pennway Church of God, a group of “Friends” now meets weekly for worship, singing, Bible study, prayer and social events. Along with their special “Mentors”, they experience and share God’s love in a unique way.

We invite you to join us by supporting the Pennway Friendship Group through monetary and/or in-kind gifts. Your tax-deductible gifts will help insure that these extraordinary individuals are able to grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

TESTIMONIALS

“In Friendship Group I learn about Jesus. I also learned about Noah. I like to sing songs with my mentor. My mentor helps me with the lesson and he is fun to be around. I also like being with my friends. We have a good time.”

Jacob • Friend, Holt, MI

“The best thing I like about Friendship Group is being with my friends. At Friendship Group I like to worship, sing and do crafts. My Mentor helps me to learn the songs and Bible study. My Mentor is my friend.”

Aubrey D • Friend, Okemos, MI

“I have seen each Friend grow in personal confidence because of the ‘peer’ relationships. It’s like watching rosebuds opening... Their prayer requests help me understand that they are actively concerned about others welfare.”

Patti • Volunteer, Holt, MI

“While I knew who (my Friend) was, I didn’t really know him. I have gotten to know him as a person. I like him and his personality.”

Wayne • Volunteer, Haslett, MI

“I can see the ‘One by One’ for Jesus happening!”

Sandi • Volunteer, Lansing, MI

“I think it impacts the Friend and you. They see you in church and remember YOU... They connect with me. I think it’s very important if they see you outside of Friendship Group,”

Betty • Volunteer, Dimondale, MI

“I have more understanding and compassion for others.”

Nancy • Volunteer, Lansing, MI

“I think it impacts the congregation (to see that Friends) have capabilities and not just disabilities.”

Terry • Volunteer, Dimondale, MI

Sharing God's *Love* with People
Who Have Intellectual Disabilities



Friendship Group MISSION STATEMENT

To share God’s love with older youth and adults who have intellectual disabilities (Friends)

To enable Friends to become an active part of God’s family

Contact & Registration Information

For Friends—517-882-0225 ext.204
(Please leave message)

For Volunteers—517-882-0225 ext.204
(Please leave message)

Persons interested in becoming volunteers will be those who are committed followers of Christ with a heart for persons with disabilities and who are ready to serve.

Pennway Church of God Friendship Group

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Friendship GROUP







Pennway Friendship Group is...

A MINISTRY

 with older youth and adults who have intellectual disabilities (Friends)


 that builds one-on-one relationships between mentors and Friends

 that brings the family of God together to learn about God's love

AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE

 as one-on-one Mentors

 as leaders/storytellers

 in music, craft/service project, food/events, room set-up and other teams

Pennway Friendship Group believes...

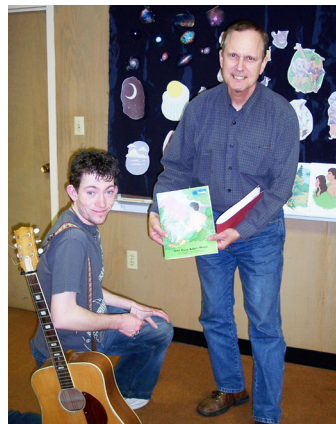
- Everyone is created in God's image and is deserving of Love, Respect and Justice—in society and in our Church
- Redemption is a gift from God and is not dependent on a certain level of intelligence
- Our Church is complete only when it includes all of God's children and when all people are seen as equals



Pennway Friendship Group's Purpose

IS TO PROVIDE FRIENDS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO

- learn about God's love
- grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, and with others



- express joy in knowing they are of value to God and to God's people
- make a public profession of their faith
- participate in the church's life, work and activities

Pennway Friendship Group Meetings

ARE DESIGNED FOR ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTE SESSIONS



Sessions start in a large group with sharing and singing



A Bible lesson is told by a storyteller and usually includes group participation often in drama format



Mentors then use One-on-One time to go over materials related to the Bible lesson



Finally the group gathers again for a praise and prayer time



PLEASE TEAR OFF ALONG PERFORATION AND RETURN WITH CONTRIBUTION. THANKS SO MUCH!

Yes, I would like to support Pennway Friendship Group:

Financially:
Amount _____

In-Kind Contributions:
(Please list, e.g., decorations, door prizes, etc.) _____

Donated By:
Name _____
Address _____
City/State _____
Phone _____

Please make checks payable to **Pennway Church of God**. In the Memo section, please note "**Friendship Group Earmarked Fund**" and mail or drop off to:

**Pennway Church of God
1101 E Cavanaugh
Lansing MI 48910**

The activities highlighted in this brochure are representative of those in which our Friends and Mentors participate.

If we may answer any of your questions, please call **517-882-0225 ext. 204**

Thank You For Your Generosity and Prayers