

Youth News

Movie Night Tonight

Sr High To See Soul Surfer the Bethany Hamilton Story

Sr High will be sharing a **night at the movies** in the Family Life Center. Dress in comfortable clothes and bring your favorite lounge chair from home (if you are allowed - ask parents first). We'll even drag down the sack chairs from the Youth Room and two lucky youth will get to relax in style to watch the movie. We'll draw straws to see who gets to use them - and whoever wins will also earn the right to share or sit alone. To be in the drawing, you will need to help drag them down and the winners will also be required to lug them back up stairs. (so choose wisely).

We are watching the movie Soul Surfer about Bethany Hamilton who is a world class surfer who had to deal with a tragic shark attack. Plan to stay for a discussion about the movie. We should end about 9:30.

Jr High Survive October Storm

(in the photo are Edison, Elliot, Josh, Justin, Giovanni, Ava, Gabby, Stephanie, and Odett - not pictured are advisors Ricky, Priscilla, and Linda)



District Youth Leadership did not expect to have snow for the **Fall** Jr High Retreat at Camp Swatara. Youth arrived Friday night and the snow began Saturday morning. By noon there was so much heavy snow hanging on the leaves still on the trees that we could hear limbs and branches breaking and crashing to the ground. The accumulation even took out a tree near the power line to the camp and the entire facility was running on generator power for



Awkward Moments

As part of earning the Family Life merit badge in Boy Scouts, one requirement is to hold a "Family Meeting" to discuss some rather touchy subjects. The subjects include things like avoiding substance abuse, including tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, understanding the growing-up process and how the body changes, and making responsible decisions dealing with sex. Wow - OK. This is going to be awkward. This is not what we usually talk about around the dinner table. I have seen TV comedy shows that make fun of parents talking to teens about these subjects. So often we trust the schools to talk about this sort of thing and, of course, our kids will know how we feel about it and want to choose what is safe and healthy and God honoring ...*(or so we assume)*

What about our Faith... do we take the time to hold a "family meeting" and talk to our kids about *our* beliefs and how *we* came to faith in Christ? The school's don't touch on this subject. If we don't talk about it at home... can we expect them to desire a relationship with God and be inspired to live to seek His will.

Maybe it's a good time to hold your own family meeting... and what I found out... it wasn't as awkward as I thought.

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the rest of the weekend. No matter though, the youth event went on - somewhat as planned.

The theme for the weekend was Green - but not green like reduce - reuse - recycle, it was Rejoice, Receive and Release. The scripture lessons were from John 15 - "I am the vine and you are the branches". The speaker was Marcus Harden who spoke at the National Jr High Conference this past summer.

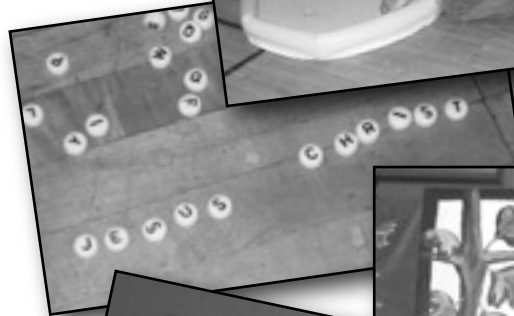
Nine youth attended and 3 advisors from Lancaster. There were about 75 youth and leaders at the camp. We shared in an Amazing Race game on Saturday morning and afternoon. The teams divided by church youth groups played challenges involving tennis balls and buckets, chocolate kisses, puzzle piece hunting, and alphabet beads in kitty litter (it was not used kitty litter). There was still plenty of time to meet and hang out with others playing four square, Uno, Battleship, Catch Phrase, and the occasional snowball throwing.

Saturday night the group enjoyed an awesome campfire complete with s'mores and campfire songs led by counselor Tommy and camp director Aaron. We then watch the movie "Soul Surfer" before heading back to the cabins for bed.

The Jr High youth who attended are already looking forward to the next Jr High District event - **The Lock-in at Lebanon Valley College on March 2-3 in 2012**. Several of our youth came home with a couple new Facebook Friends.

Weds. Night Youth - Change for Christmas

Jamie is planning to do a mini musical with children and youth for the Christmas Eve Family Service with possible rehearsals on the wednesday nights after Thanksgiving. She will be contacting individual youth about speaking roles shortly. If your youth is interested in singing or acting, please contact Jamie Nace asap. Thanks!



Brief News You Can Use

Messages of Thanks

Thanks to all of those who have volunteered in to help in Youth Ministry in the month of November: The Shearer's (SH WNL board game night) Mike Snyder & Christine Turkki (SH WNL service night); Donna Lunger (JH WNL board games); Ricky Reynolds and Pricisilla Phillips (advisors for the Jr High District Retreat)

Sr High First Meet to Eat

Two youth attended the first "Meet to Eat" at Isaac's. If you enjoy food and are interested in trying a new restaurant or an old favorite, why not **join us for our next gathering**. Linda will take requests for your favorite places to go. Could be Asian, Indian, Mexican, Irish, Italian, Thai, Vietnamese or good old American (like Five Guys). Let me know what night works for you. It might be a Friday night after football season is over. All you need is cash for your own meal and tip. Check e-mail and Facebook for an invitation to our next "Meet to Eat".

CHEERS for Youth

If you are on a Winter Sports team let Linda know your game schedule. We would all like to send you some encouragement and maybe even show up at a game or match or meet to cheer you on! This can include school events too like musicals, plays and concerts. Let us know what you are doing so we can let others know too.

New Church Website

There is a committee working on the design for a new and improved website. They are asking all youth parents to sign a release form so photos of our youth can be shared on the site. Please return these forms to Linda as soon as you can..

GO! YOUTH!

Congratulations to Carly Deihm. As a member of the Hempfield Girl's Tennis Team, they placed second in the L-L League and second in the District. Carly also competed in the State Tennis Tournament.

If you learn of something we ALL should cheer for - Let Linda Know so it can be included in our Youth News.

Jr High - NOV 20 - Go To The Ephrata Cloisters

Did you know that the religious movement at the Ephrata Cloister's had Brethren roots? Just ask one of the Jr High. They should be able to tell you the connection. The Jr. High class is taking a trip to visit this historic site on Sunday November 20. Jr High Youth will meet after the 10:15 service to have lunch at the Soup and Salad (donations are encouraged) and then they will leave at 12:20 in the church van with Doug and Donna Lunger and Laura Bowser (advisors) to take the 1:00 tour in Ephrata. The cost is \$9 per person. Need to sign up in Sunday School or send email to Linda by Nov 13 to go. You will need to bring the \$9 with you (exact change is

best - pay Donna Lunger) Interested parents and family can join the tour but you may need to drive on your own.

Soup and Salad Success

October Soup and Salad reached a higher amount of giving than Sept. Most likely because more attended due to the Congregational Business meeting that followed. Earnings collected from the baskets and from checks given through the offering were - **\$1,145** The S&S Team evaluates and looks to improve our work and our guests experience every time. Big thanks goes out to all of those parent volunteers who helped to set up, clean up and supervise. Hope to see all of you at the next Soup and Salad this month - **Nov 20 - All Sr High Youth are expected to participate**. The money earned covers work camp and National Youth Conference. If you have an obligation and can not stay for the entire time **(9AM to 2PM)** Please contact Sue Lines so we can be sure your assigned job is covered.

The Youth are doing a great job. We have heard lots of "thank you's" from the congregation for the work you are doing and those we serve enjoy supporting us with funds. Tristan's extra work to label leftovers and signs for collections helped add more donations. All of the leftovers were taken home!



**DECEMBER 1, 2011
SR HIGH MUST
REGISTER FOR CCS**

If you are interested in going to the Christian Citizenship Seminar in 2012, **YOU MUST** go online and register for this event. Linda WILL NOT be registering each youth. You need to register on your own - **DO NOT MISS THIS DATE** or **YOU MAY NOT GET A PLACE**. They only take the first 100 applications. If you have any questions PLEASE contact Linda before then. The cost is \$375 - church covers 2/3. More money will be needed during the

trip to cover additional expenses. Youth attending will be expected to present a report on the event when returning. It will be included in our Youth Sunday Service on May 6. - Ricky Reynolds will be the attending advisor for the trip.

More information and a .pdf flier is available at the Church of the Brethren website www.brethren.org (go to Youth under the Life stages tab)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We highly encourage any Sr High Youth missing a Sunday School lesson to go online and read the Narrative Story at the website: <http://www.echothestory.com/free-stuff/download/> At that page you can use our Current User Login email address (lancob.youth@comcast.net) and the password (echoecho)

This will take you to a page where you can scroll down to find the **Original Set of 21 Stories** tab. You can open a pdf file to print or read the stories we are teaching. Each of the stories are leading into the discussion the next Sunday. If you have any question about what lesson we are on - please contact one of the class teachers: Linda

Husted, Chuck Denlinger, Christine Turkki and Tim Heck they will be able to help.

SAVE THESE DATES

Added to our Event Calendars are the following:

- Dec 3** - Leaf Raking
- Dec 11** - Parent & Youth Meeting
- Jan 15** - Jr High and Sr High serve for Spaghetti Dinner
- Feb 5** - Sr High Soup and Salad Souper Bowl of Caring watch Super Bowl together

SUMMER 2012 WORK CAMPS

Please be sure to read over and ask any questions you need to for the up coming summer work camp plans. We will need to know by - **Jan 9** what your work camp commitments will be.

The following Work camps will be recommended by the YMOT:

- Idaho Mountain Camp June 24- July 1.** This is an Intergenerational Camp and parents are encouraged to go along.
- Jr High Camps :**
- Harrisburg, PA June 20-24**
- New Windsor, MD Jul 30-Aug 3**
- SR High Camps:**
- Kyle, South Dakota July 22-28**
- Camp Colorado Jul 30-Aug 5**

All of these choices will depend on available leadership. Youth and families should read over the descriptions of all of the camps offered. Be sure you have a second choice ready when making your online reservations in case your first choice is full.

REILLY in CONCERT

The group Reilly who preformed at National Youth Conference in 2010 will be playing at the Highland Presbyterian Church on **Sunday Nov 20**. go to the following site for ticket information:

<http://www.itickets.com/events/274673.html>

November Events

- Nov 2** - WNL (Weds. Night Live) 6:30 - 8:00
Jr. High - Ball Games
Sr. High - Challenge Games
- Nov 6** - **Sr. High** Movie Night 6:30
- Nov 9** - WNL (Weds. Night Live) 6:30 - 8:00
Jr. High - Board Games (with Donna Lunger)
Sr. High - Board Games (with the Shearer's)
- Nov 16** - WNL (Weds. Night Live) 6:30 - 8:00
Jr. High - Service Night
Sr. High - Service Night (with Mike Snyder and Christine Turkki)
- Nov 18-20** - Footprints Regional Conference
- Nov 20** - Soup and Salad
Sr High report in the kitchen @ 9AM (no Sunday School)
- Nov 30** - NO Weds. Night Activities
Youth involved in Christmas Eve music program practice

December Events

- Dec 1** - MUST REGISTER FOR CCS
- Dec 3** - **Jr High and Sr High** Leaf Raking @ the Church time to be announced
- Dec 4** - **Sr High** Mall Hunt and shopping with purpose time to be announced
- Dec 11** - Youth & Parent Meeting after 10:15 services
- Dec 18** - **Jr High** Christmas Party time to be announced
- Dec 25** - **Christmas Day No Sunday School**
- NO Weds Night Youth Activities in December**