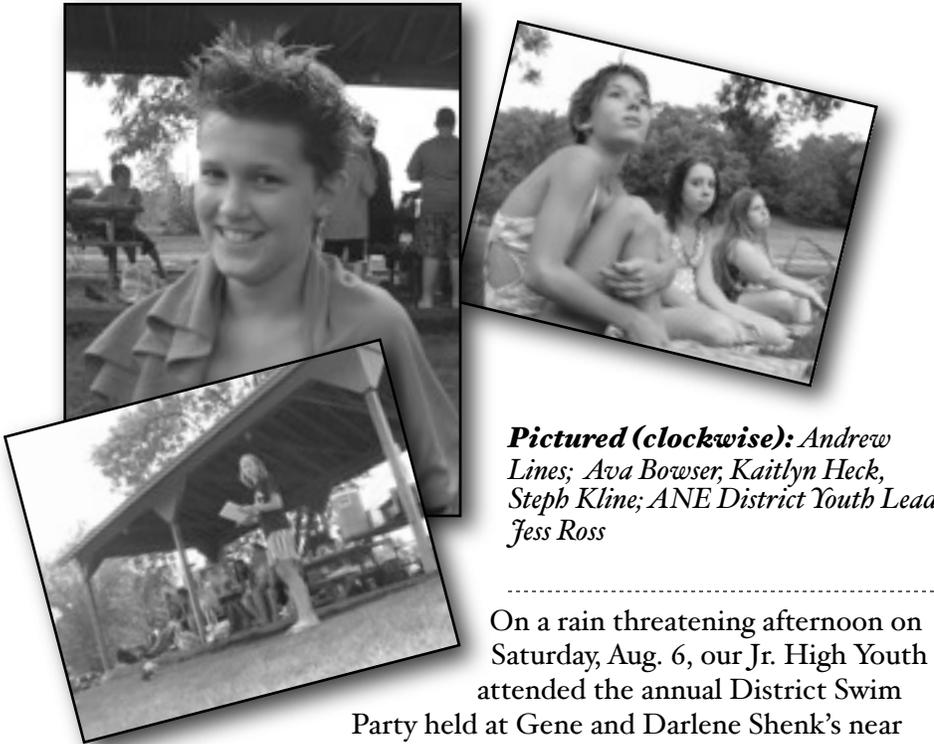


Youth News

Jr. High Swim Party

Four youth attended the August gathering of ANE District Churches



Pictured (clockwise): Andrew Lines; Ava Bowser, Kaitlyn Heck, Steph Kline; ANE District Youth Lead Jess Ross

On a rain threatening afternoon on Saturday, Aug. 6, our Jr. High Youth attended the annual District Swim

Party held at Gene and Darlene Shenk's near Manheim. Some of them were unaware that the plan was to swim in the pond but, once they jumped in the fun began. Even the few raindrops that fell didn't stop them from trying out the diving board and the zip line that spans the pond. It seemed though that the favorite thing to do in the pond was to see how many people you could get on the floating platform without sinking it, or falling off as it rocked.

We got to enjoy hot dogs, chips and cookies, then had a time of devotions. Andrew Lines later remarked that he liked just simply listing all of the times water is mentioned in the Bible. It was surprising how many times water is used in the scriptures both in the Old and New Testament.

Next time your pool side, at a lake or by the ocean or when you spend a moment to pick up the Bible, see how many watery events you can list. There is more than just Noah! Or ask Andrew, Kaitlyn, Stephanie or Ava and see what they remember.

Stay in Touch

This is the first edition of the Youth News. I'd be happy to come up with a more exciting title but this is it for now. So, YOUTH, help us out by coming up with a more interesting, eye catching, or descriptive title to call this thing (and you will get points; ask Colin Betz about the point system - he is in the lead)

The plan, of course, is to keep this up each month and youth families can check here for monthly news and information on planned events and future opportunities.

As always, plans can change within a month so check your email for updates and changes to this information.

We'll include both the Jr. High and Sr. High in this newsletter and attempt to have it in hand on the first Sunday of every month throughout the school year.

Anyone willing to write articles or help to produce this (youth or adult) are welcome. Feel free to contact me at any time to join in this quest!

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Sr. High Summer

Work Camp was a HOT time this year as the youth headed out toward Chicago. The summer temperatures got up to 105° as the group worked with a children and youth program at the York Center Church of the Brethren in Lombard, Illinois.



Pictured: Ashley Kline with program leader Mariella

The work camp team enjoyed meeting other Brethren youth team members who were from Ohio and one girl from Iowa.

Some of the things the team experienced were highlighted at the Thoughtful Life Sunday School Class presentation on August 14. All of the members of our Sr High work camp team were there and helped to share the week with parents and members of the class. Team members took turns talking about the program held at the church and some used the power point photos to describe the week. Ricky Reynolds, one of the adviser's, shared how much he learned on



the trip and how he met and made a connection with a member of the York Center Church (who happens to be a cousin to Steve Holsinger - small world) There was even time for some question and answer at the end. You can see some of the pictures on the youth bulletin board in the hallway outside the Family Life Center.

We'll have many memories of the friends we met, the things we learned and the kids we served.

Bulletin Board: In October, you are welcome to take the Chicago Work camp prints you would like to keep.

Carol Shearer has volunteered to be the Youth Bulletin Board Director (a title just made up) If you would like to post something - please contact her. - Thanks

Youth Picnic Kicks off the Activities for the Coming School Year

Sunday, August 21, all of the families of the Jr. and Sr. High youth were invited to a picnic at Stoner Park in the Manheim Township area. Former YMOT (Youth Ministry Oversight Team) member Judi Hess, had volunteered to organize the event for the second year. Unfortunately, the festivities were moved back to the church because of a approaching thunderstorm but, the plans went on as scheduled.

Families began the event in the Family Life Center playing a couple of group games to "get to know" each other. One game involved teams of two people creating and "secret handshake" that had to be demonstrated to all. Creative handshake titles included - Brethren Boys (Mason Byers and Andrew Lines) - M & D Shake (for mother & daughter - team of Carol & Sarah Shearer) - Ferocious Unicorns (Alison Buckwalter and Odette Rodriguez) - Lack of Effort (George and Cory Betz - who's shake was just a head nod). After games the families ate together then spent some time together to learn about the events, activities and volunteer opportunities the youth and parents will have over the next 10 months.

If you missed attending the picnic please be sure you have received a Blue Folder with information for the coming year (should be found in your church mailbox).

Brief News You Can Use

Messages of Thanks

Thanks to all of those who have volunteered in Aug. to help in Youth Ministry in the month of September - Todd Bookman (SH WNL board game night); Mike Snyder & Christine Turkki (SH WNL service night); Terry Shearer (SH WNL ball games); Donna Lunger (JH WNL board games); Doug and Donna Lunger and Megan Eldredge (driving to ANE Relief Auction)

Those serving this summer need a round of applause too - Linda Husted and Linda Byers (teaching combined JH and SH Sunday School classes); Melissa Heck (organizing and leading the SH trip to Creation); Ricky Reynolds (for being an Advisor for National Jr High Conference, Creation and SH Work Camp)

NEW Youth Ministry Oversight Team Members

Christine Turkki has volunteered to be a member of the YMOT. Christine is the Mom to Tristan and Grant Turkki who are both in the Sr. High class this year.

The commitment is requested for two years and we would anticipate another member coming on board in the next several months. **If you feel God's leading to be a part of this influential team please contact Sue Lines.** The team meets on the first Tuesday of each month, however, that date is flexible to meet the members schedules.

Jr High Bike Hike

Pump up those tires and get ready to hit a local area Rail Trail. Rich and Laura Bowser (parents to Jr Higher -Ava) are helping to organize this event happening **Oct 9**. More details will be shared in up-coming email but for now - save that date and get your bikes ready. Let Rich or Laura or Linda know if you need to borrow a bike to make the trip.

SEPT. 24 NEED DRIVERS and Youth

Our first big event for the fall season will be gathering at the ANE District Disaster Relief Auction at the Lebanon Fair Grounds. We plan to meet at the church at 7:00 AM. The youth group, both Jr & Sr High will be helping to put together "Kits from the Heart". These are usually school or health kits that are sent to countries in need. Our goal is to help complete kits in the morning and then take a break to see the auction and get some lunch.

Must sign up with Linda by Weds. Sept 21 so we know how many car are needed. The Church van is not available for use that day so we are still in need of additional drivers. Families are welcome to attend.

Two NEW Volunteer Jobs

There are plenty of somewhat little things to take care of in the life of the Youth Ministry. Two new areas of help have found volunteers to take of the task. Carol Shearer has

volunteered to keep the Youth Bulletin Board up to date and husband Terry will be the "Beverage Stocking Guy" for the soda frig in the SH youth room.

Change to SH Soda Rules

The sodas are provided during Weds. nights and on Soup and Salad Sundays as long as everyone is respecting the rules of the room. Sodas are no longer going to be available on Sunday mornings. There will be some changes to the way youth have paid for sodas in the past. Those rules and procedures will be explained in up coming email and at the first WNL.

CHEERS for Youth

If you are on a Fall 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.

Medical & Child Protect Forms for Volunteers

Please return completed youth medical forms to Donna Brubaker by Sept 11. (box #42).

Any adult planning to volunteer with our youth, need to have a Child Protect Policy form completed and on file at the church office. Contact Linda for this form. District events require all churches to list Adult Advisors with clearance.



Christian Citizenship Seminar - 2012

Sr High Youth - You need to know by **Dec. 1** if you are interested and able to go to the Christian Citizenship Seminar held in **New York City And Washington D.C. - April 14-19, 2012.** (check with your school - some Junior Classes are required to take the PSSA's during this time) YOU must register online on Dec. 1 - there are only 100 openings for youth and advisors so they fill quickly. **Cost is \$125 per youth** (total cost is \$375 - church covers 2/3) **Youth attending will be expected to present a report on the event when returning.** It will be included in our Youth Sunday Service in May.

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).

Ashley Kline attended last years Seminar and you can ask her about the experience. Cost includes 5 nights stay (three in New York City and two in Washington); dinner on the opening evening of the seminar (all other meals are at your cost); transportation from NYC to Washington DC. Each participant

needs to bring additional money for meals, sightseeing and subway/ taxi fares to get to and from the lodging to the seminars. There is some free time to spend in the city and youth come from all around the country to participate.

This coming years CCS will emphasis our "Carbon Footprint" in the world. CCS is held every year there is not a National Youth Conference and every year the seminar topic is different but related to our Christian response to world issues.

Please talk to Linda if you plan to register. There will be more information available in Nov. about the registration process.

If any Sr High youth would like to go and has great interest in learning more about the subject but, have questions about

affording the trip - the Youth Oversight Team will evaluate an extending contribution from the youth funds to help defray the cost. (speak to Linda or a member of the YMOT)

SAVE THESE DATES

Jr High Lock-In @ LVC is moving to **March 2-3.** (Frequent bad weather in Feb. made previous date always questionable)

Sr. High will plan to attend a Hershey Bears Hockey Game on **March 25**

April 21 District Youth Service Project need to register by April 12

October Events

Oct 2 - Love Feast & Communion

Oct 5 - WNL (Weds. Night Live)
6:30 - 8:00

Jr. High - Ball Games

Sr. High - Challenge Games
(with Wendie Holsinger)

Oct 9 - **Jr High** Rail Trail Bike Hike
(with the Bowser's)

Oct 12 - WNL (Weds. Night Live)
6:30 - 8:00

Jr. High - Challenge Games
Sr. High - Board Games

Oct 13 - **Sr High** meet for dinner
Isaac's at Granite Run @ 6PM

Oct 19 - WNL (Weds. Night Live)
6:30 - 8:00

Jr. High - Board Games
(with Donna Lunger)

Sr. High - Service Night
(with Mike Snyder and
Christine Turkki)

Oct 15 - **Sr High** Dist. Barn Bonanza
6 to 10 (meet 5:30 @ church
or in Mt Joy @ 6:00)

Oct 23 - Soup and Salad
Sr High report in the kitchen
@ 9AM (no Sunday School)

Oct 26 - WNL (Weds. Night Live)
6:30 - 8:00

Jr. High - Service Night
Sr. High - Ball Games

Oct 28-30 - **Jr High** District Retreat
at Camp Swatara
(meet @ church 5:30)

September Events

Sept 11 - Promotion Sunday
(during all of the 10:15 services)

Sept 14 - First WNL (Weds. Night Live)
6:30 - 8:00

Jr. High - Challenge Games
Sr. High - Board Games
(with Todd Bookman)

Sept 18 - Church Picnic

Sept 21 - WNL (Weds. Night Live)
6:30 - 8:00

Jr. High - Board Games
(with Donna Lunger)
Sr. High - Service Night
(with Mike Snyder and
Christine Turkki)

Sept 24 - Atlantic Northeast District
Disaster Relief Auction
Jr High and Sr High
meet at the church @ 7AM

Sept 25 - First Soup and Salad
Sr High report in the kitchen
@ 9AM (no Sunday School)

Sept 28 - WNL (Weds. Night Live)
6:30 - 8:00

Jr. High - Service Night
Sr. High - Ball Games
(with Terry Shearer)