

Youth News

Ski Report

Another Weekend at the Lunger's Cabin.

Doug and Donna again welcomed the Sr. High to their cabin in the Pocono's for retreat. The group arrived late on Friday night and included Alex Bookman, Colin and Cory Betz, Matt Brubaker, Mason, Linda and David Byers, Chris Holsinger, Lukas Murray and Connor Snyder. Also the Lunger's dog Toby and the Byers' dog Sugar stayed for the weekend.

While Mason and Linda schussed down the slopes on skis the rest tried using their time to improve on snowboarding. Some, however, were more successful than others, let's just say. Overall by the end of the afternoon ALL



had faced fears and were resilient. The weather held out and instead of rain there were several snow squalls throughout the afternoon on the slopes. Saturday evening the group watched the movie "Courageous" with a Christian message focused on fatherhood. (It will be made available soon in the Church Library in a few weeks.)

Thanks to Donna Lunger for organizing and preparing meals, and Doug and David for doing the driving.

My Mission

I have had the opportunity to go on several missions trips. We have done a variety of work from teaching vacation Bible school to painting and construction. Actually, the first time I considered going on a mission trip I planned to go to a tropical island like the Dominican Republic. However, God had a different plan.

I thought I would enjoy traveling to a place with nice beaches and help a few needy people. Instead, I was called to the desert of Arizona to work with a Navajo Church. If I had not been praying about going on a mission trip, I may have missed going. If I had been listening only to my own voice that wanted a mission 'vacation', this trip would not have been the one I would have picked. And my praying about going on the trip was not deep constant state of meditation - it was me just asking God to reveal what he wanted me to do. That is one of the first times I remember clearly knowing God was answering my prayer.

Little did I know God had been preparing my heart to make that first journey west. He had really been working on me about my attitude and how I work along side of others. He had showed me that I needed to change some things to really do His work on the mission - not just what I wanted to do there.

Before our youth head out this summer to work camps please take time to pray for them. And youth, pray that God reveals to you what you can change to serve Him in your mission this summer.

- Linda B.

Souper Bowl Auction Statistics

The auction was held during our regular Youth Soup and Salad Fund Raiser on February 5 (Super Bowl Sunday). Mike Snyder, who auctions regularly, held the crowds attention and helped keep to bid going higher and higher. I wanted to be sure to share with all of you some of the statistics of the day:

- 12 youth and 6 parents designed and donated bowls for the auction (3 Jr High and 9 Sr High)
- We had 21 total bowls to sell
- 27 people registered to bid during the auction and 18 different people won bids (some went home with several bowls!)
- 4 bowls sold twice!
- No bowl sold for under \$25 and the average bowl sold for \$52.00
- The Highest one sale total was for the set of four bowls sold for \$188.00
- Highest total sold twice was \$117.00 for Mason Byers bowl - "Valentines Day". It also brought the highest single bid - \$65.00
- The second highest youth bowl sold twice had a total bid of \$92.00 for Colin Betz bowl - "Yellow and Green Stripes".
- The second highest single bid for a youth bowl was Cory Betz at \$53.00 for his bowl titled "Work in Progress"



- For the parents, Mary Snyder's bowl sold twice to total \$105.00 and included the second highest bid at \$60.00
 - Total money raised at the auction came to \$1,191.00
- There were some additional funds also donated to the cause to make the final total cash donation - **\$1,289.00** and we should also include the food items that were donated from the "Meal With Jesus" that also went to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank
- And let us not forget that this was a **Soup and Salad Fund Raiser and the total Work Camp money donated was \$935.00.**

So if this one day reflect the generosity of the congregation, it was a truly blessed event.

Thanks to all of the youth and parents and our church families who made this a SOUPER Auction!

Lock-in at LVC for Jr High - Photos say it All



Brief News You Can Use

Messages of Thanks

Thanks to all of those who have volunteered in to help in Youth Ministry during the last month.

Mike and Renea Snyder, Christine Turkki and David Byers for helping at the auction.

The Lungers for welcoming the Sr High youth to their cabin for the ski weekend.

Jamie Nace and Ricky Reynolds for going as advisors to the Jr High Lock-in at LVC.

Todd Bookman, Dan Hufford, Melissa Hesk and Donna Lunger for helping out at Weds. Nights.

Becoming a Member

If you have the desire to enter into the commitment to love and share and serve in the body of Christ at the Lancaster Church of the Brethren, (or at Maranatha) let's talk ! If you are a youth - talk to your parents about it. If you are a parent - ask your youth if they may be interested to be baptized into the faith. Then, let me know and we'll set aside some time to talk about how to prepare.

There is an indoor baptism being planned for Palm Sunday (April 1) and plans for an outdoor baptism late in the spring.

Soup and Salad

Our next Sr. High soup lunch will be on March 18. Thanks to some youth suggestions we tried a new table arrangement for serving the salad and it seemed to be successful. Please be sure you let Sue Lines know in advance if you (youth) are not able to participate.

Sue is in charge of dividing the tasks and needs to know who is available to make up each of the task teams.

Work Camp Papers

You should have received an envelope in the mail from the General Office of the Church of the Brethren. **Youth going to work camp need to complete and return the work camp papers by March 18**. DO NOT MAIL THEM - Return them all to mailbox #9. (only the travel form can be returned incomplete. - include the information at the top of the page and the rest will be filled in and returned to the work camp office.)

If you have any questions about them please let me know.

Male Work Camp Advisor Needed

Ricky Reynolds was planning to use up several days of vacation this summer attending two work camps. Unfortunately, during the Harrisburg work camp with Jr High - **June 20 to 24** - his work can not schedule him for vacation at the same time as another employee. So, we are asking for someone to volunteer to be an advisor with Laura Bowser during that week. Please let me know if you have any questions or would be interested in attending the camp.

Summer Jobs

For senior high youth thinking about getting a job this summer, now is the time that many seasonal employers begin reviewing applications. Remember the people you have worked with at church can be a good reference.

Your time in helping at Soup and Salad and other activities like work camps are good experiences to use too on an application. If you plan to use Linda or someone at church as a reference, please contact them first so they are aware to expect a possible call. It's just good policy.

Shameless Plug!

Please let me know if you have any interest in hosting an international exchange student - I'll help you find one! - Linda B.

Sr High Work Camp Meeting

This year, to prepare ourselves for the task, we are going to hold a few **mandatory** meetings for all Jr High and Sr High youth and advisors attending work camps. Our first Sr High meeting will be on **March 11 - at 7:15** in the youth room. Please, let Linda know if you are not able to attend so you can schedule another time to meet.

Additional tentative dates for Sr High Work Camp meetings are:

April 1

May 13

If you are a Sr High youth NOT going to work camps - you are still welcome to join our discussions. The things we go over you will be able to apply to other similar challenges in team building.

SAVE THESE DATES

Reminding you of these dates on the Event Calendars and NEW events:

March 18 -Have Work Camp Papers returned to Linda in box #9

April 21 - District Service Project for Jr & Sr High

May 6 - Youth Sunday

June 3 - Graduation Sunday

March Events

- Mar 2-3 - Jr High** Lock-in @ LVC meet @ church 7:00 PM
- Mar 4 - Sr. High** \$10 due for All Nighter
- Mar 6** - YMOT meeting 7:30@ church
- Mar 7 - Jr. High & Sr. High** WNL (Weds. Night Live) 6:30 - 8:00 Sr High room
- Mar 10** - Volleyball @ church 12-2
- Mar 11 - Sr. High** First Work Camp meeting 7:15 in the Youth Room
- Mar 14 - Jr. High & Sr. High** WNL (Weds. Night Live) 6:30 - 8:00 Sr High room
- Mar 16-17 - Sr. High** All Nighter @ Skippack CoB
- Mar 18 - Sr. High** Soup and Salad Have ALL WORK CAMP Papers handed into Linda
- Mar 21 - Jr. High & Sr. High** WNL (Weds. Night Live) 6:30 - 8:00 Sr High room
- Mar 24** - Volleyball @ church 12-2 Hempfield Basketball Tournament
- Mar 28 - Jr. High & Sr. High** WNL (Weds. Night Live) 6:30 - 8:00 Sr High room
- Mar 31** - Visit to Food Bank? see email

Basketball Tournament

Hempfield Church of the Brethren are hosting a **3 on 3 basketball tournament on March 24th, 2012** to raise funds for their youth mission trip to Costa Rica. The Tournament is being held at their gym.

Teams from 5th grade thru adult are invited to play. Teams can be both girls and boys. Teams can make their own game shirts or wear coordinated shirts representing their school or favorite college or pro teams. Games will each be refereed, half court, with 10

minute halves, 4 games guaranteed per team.....Sign up now to put your team name on the bracket.

All proceeds benefit our youth mission trip this July to ROBLEALTO, in Costa Rica. For more information about our mission go to www.roblealto.org

Contact Tim Heck if you are interested or Register by calling Hempfield Church of the Brethren at 717-898-0181, or contact Kari Housner @ 717-664-2248 or 717-278-0292 for more details.

- \$15.00 per player
- Register by March 15th.

Come out and spend the day playing basketball and supporting "Youth on a Mission"

GO YOUTH !

We have a few noted youth to tell you about.

Both Mason Byers and Grant Turkki have artwork on display at the Mulberry Street Gallery in Lancaster. The show features art from Lancaster County High School Art programs. Grant's work earned him a Silver Award. Mason's entry is one of his pieces from his first High School Art class in Jewelry and Metal work.

Jenny Lines appeared in the Lampeter-Strasburg musical "Fiddler on the Roof" this month. Her last High School Musical

Alex Bookman has decided to join the Conestoga Valley Varsity Track Team this year.

Wednesday Night Expectations

The WNL events run until the end of March. Since Jan. 25 our combines Jr High and Sr High numbers have increased slightly.

There have been a few changes we needed to make to insure the safety and security of the youth and the church. Youth are expected to arrive in the youth rooms at 6:30. If the the doors are still locked, youth are welcome to help clean up and take down the tables after the meal in the FLC. Youth need to stay in the youth room, not wandering in the halls or hanging out in other locations.

April Events

- April 1 - Baptism - Palm Sunday** Sr. High Work Camp meeting 7:15 in the Youth Rm
- April 3** - YMOT meeting 7:30@ church
- April 4 - NO YOUTH**
- April 5 - Love Feast**
- April 8 - Easter Sunday**
- April 11 - NO YOUTH**
- April 15 - Sr High** Soup and Salad for the Congregational Business Meeting
- April 21** - District Service Project

Those with music lessons at the church should come back to the youth rooms when the lesson is over.

We have added an element too. Now at 7:00 we will stop what we are doing for a moment and gather to tell each other about one good thing that has happened to us in the last week, followed by prayer.