

Youth News

Meal to Support the Maranatha Youth



It was a great time to be at church if you enjoy Spanish food. We were served rice and beans, pork and chicken by the families of the Maranatha Fellowship. They also serves us plantains and for desert - flan all great ethnic foods from the home

countries where many Maranatha families were born.

After the meal the Jr High Youth entertained the crowd with music and singing and a little drumming. Priscilla Phillips worked hard with Matt Shenk to prepare the Jr High Youth for the performance. Edison shared his talent on drums. Louis played the violin. Odett, Gabby and Maria had a preformed a song together. Giovanni shared by running the computer for the projector. Emil sang with a group too and just about everyone shared in the drumming circle.

The reason for the meal was to raise money for the Maranatha Youth to be able to participate in our youth events that may have a fee to attend. The total for that day was just over \$800.00! It was a great time!

(Maranatha Jr High Youth - pictured standing above: Louis, Elliot, Edison, Emil, Maria, Gabby. seated Giovanni and Julian)



Whose Job Is It?

I was cleaning out a cabinet space the other day where I have been keeping old photo prints and papers from trips and events I have attended and I found this copied paper with the following story titles the same as above "Whose Job Is It?" and it goes like this:

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody blames Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

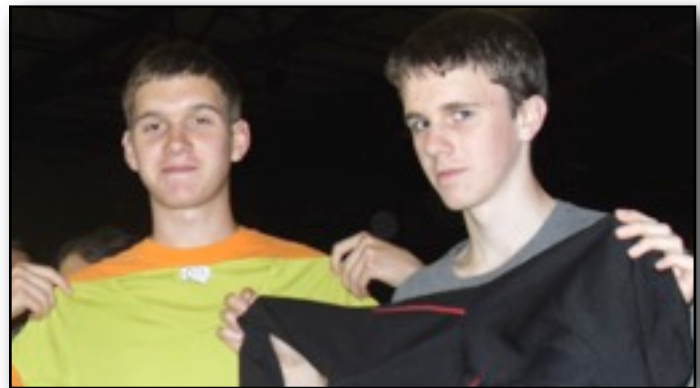
I enjoy the clever use of names in the story but also find it so true. Often we are asked to do things that are simple or don't take much time at all, but instead of just doing the work - we start to question - should that be 'my' job? - or - why must 'I' do that job? -

With summer work camps quickly approaching it's a good time to begin realizing that service is defined as the act of helping. Look for ways to help before some one even thinks to ask you. If you see a need - start by trying to fill it for Anybody.

- Linda B.

District Service Project

On Saturday, April 21, 4 Youth met at GAIN, The Global Aid Network warehouse in Mt Joy. Attending were Carly Deihm, Mason Byers, Colin and Cory Betz. Our job was to sort and inspect clothing to be shipped to Africa. We needed to divide the clothing between 'summer' and 'winter' and also 'kid' and 'adults'. It was interesting to see what some people donate for the cause. We learned that we could not pack any shirts with an



“American” theme or flag, or camouflage, in addition to any shirts that included faith messages. Wearing these things in foreign countries can be dangerous for the person wearing them.

After our work we had a tour of the building and learned more about the program and the job they do to supply aid and missionary workers around the world. Then we had pizza for lunch.



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.

Priscilla Phillips and Matt Sherk for working with the youth of Maranatha Fellowship.

Everyone who has been helping with Soup and Salad Team.

Guest Jr High Sunday School Teacher Suzanne Schaudel.

Everyone helping to pull together Youth Sunday - John Lines, Steve Focht, Ken Harnish, Christine Turkki, Gail Murray, Scott Brubaker and Mike Snyder.

BIG THANKS to Sue Lines who has been serving as Soup and Salad Coordinator AND is finishing her term on Youth Oversight Team.

Oversight Team

We will be adding a NEW member to the Youth Oversight Team in June. Laura Bowser (Mom of Ava Bowser in grade 6) Laura is also traveling this summer with the Jr High Work Camp to Harrisburg. The team will be losing Sue Lines as a member since her term is complete. Currently serving are Ricky Reynolds, Melissa Heck and Christine Turkki.

Soup and Salad

Our last Soup and Salad of the season will be May 20. Our last luncheon earned the most for the 2011-12 season - over \$1,400.00 came in that day. Without youth and parent help this would not be possible and not only is it a service

to the church and a great time of fellowship for the congregation, it brings a major amount of support to the Work Camp Funds. Thanks again to ALL who donate time and effort to make it happen!

Work Camp Payments

Some families will owe the last payment for work camp in May. Please be sure to make checks to Lancaster Church of the Brethren and you can deliver them to mailbox #9 with the payment slip.

Name Change

Ashley and Stephanie Kline have had a significant life changing event (along with Ricky and Doris too). Although just the change of a name can seem a minor thing, it does make a world of difference in the legal world and in who you now belong to as a family. Ricky Reynolds has officially adopted both Ashley and Steph and they will now share the same last name. So now in our youth they will be known as Ashley and Stephanie Reynolds. Congratulations Ricky, Doris, Ashley and Stephanie in taking this step in your family.

Camp Swatara

If you need something else to do this summer, especially those in Jr High - **You can ADD a week or SUMMER CAMP to your schedule.** Be sure to register by May 19. NOW you can register Online! Go to : <http://www.campswatara.org/camps/register>. Brochures can be found in the Gathering Place and at the Bulletin Board across from the lower elevator doors. Lancaster CoB will cover 1/2 of the cost with a "Good as Gold" Certificate (available from the church office)

and there is scholarship money available through camp for those with financial needs. Ask Linda or Donna Lunger if you have any questions.

On Vacation

Linda will be out of the office and on vacation from June 22 to July 8. You will not be able to contact me by phone or by email.

Sr High Work Camp Meeting

Our third **mandatory** meetings for all Sr High youth and advisors attending work camps will be held **next Sunday (May 13) 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.

There will be an additional meeting with *parents* and youth for each group just prior to travel. Then we will go over details for packing and any additional planning.

A meeting with all of those traveling with the Jr High will be on June 3 after Church.

Graduation Sunday

June 3 we will recognize all of those who are reaching this milestone in their lives. This includes those who are graduating from High School as well as those who have achieved degrees from colleges and universities and other schools of higher education.

This year our High School graduates will include Mason Byers, Carly Deihm, Jennifer Lines, Ashley Reynolds, Eric Ramirez and Andrew Lefever. All should plan to attend to be introduced as part of our worship on that Sunday.

May Events

- May 6 - Sr High** Youth Sunday meet in Youth Room 9:00am
- May 13 - Sr. High** Work Camp meeting - 7:15 in Youth Room
- May 20 - Sr. High** Soup and Salad last one until Fall
- Jr High** Mini Golf

May 20 Jr High Mini Golf

Doug and Donna Lunger will be leading an afternoon trip to Village Greens in Strasburg. Please, let Linda know if you are planning to attend. The plan is to eat together at Soup and Salad (hopefully the first table through) then pile into the Van to go and play the long course. Youth should plan to bring at least \$12 - cost of golf for those under 12 is \$7.25 and over \$8.25 - there may be time to grab a snack afterward.

Awesome Youth Sunday

There has been a HUGE positive response to the messages presented during this years Youth Sunday Service.



Many received thanks and personal phone calls from members of the congregation. The church has been inspired and excited that the Youth of Our Congregation took seriously the call to lead the entire worship service.

June Events

- June 3 - Graduation Sunday Work Camper Commissioning** during the 10:15 combined service
Jr High Work Camper meeting after church
- June 6** - Church Lawn Party 5:00
- June 12** - Van to New Windsor
- June 20** - Jr High leave for Work Camp
- June 22** - YOUTH DIRECTOR on Vacation
- June 24** - Jr High return
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- June 26** - Sr High Work Camp to Caimito Puerto Rico

Youth Ministry Oversight Team

YMOT works to schedule youth events, evaluates activities and seeks ways to instill opportunities for growth in the faith of our youth. Starting in June we will be searching for two members to join the team. The team meets regularly once a month. The anticipated term is 2 years with the hope to rotate members every 6 months. Please contact Linda if you are willing to serve. Thanks

July Events

- July 2** - Sr High Work Camp #1 return
- July 8** - YOUTH DIRECTOR still on Vacation
- July 14** - Van to New Windsor
- July 22** - Sr High Work Camp to Kyle South Dakota
- July 28** - Sr High Work Camp #2 return
- July 30** - Sr High Work Camp to Camp Colorado

August Events

- Aug 4 - Jr High** Swim Party
- Aug 5** - Sr High Work Camp #3 return
- Aug 19** - Work Camps present to the Thoughtful Life Class Jr High and Sr High #1
- Aug 26** - Work Camps present to the Thoughtful Life Class Sr High #2 and Sr High #3

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Summer Sunday School

Plans are in the works for a Movie themed summer for our youth Sunday School lessons. If you have interest in sharing a lesson or a favorite movie with a message you think should be included let Linda know.

There may be Sunday's when many youth are on vacation. If you can let me know the dates youth will not be joining us for Sunday School it can help with planning.



GO YOUTH !

I want to thank ALL of the Youth who have participated in our Youth Sunday Service - Colin Betz, Cory Betz, Alex Bookman, Matt Brubaker, Mason Byers, Shane Heck, Chris Holsinger, Grant Husted, Andrew Lefever, Jenny Lines, Ashley Reynolds, Sarah Shearer, Brad Snyder, Connor Snyder, Grant Turkki and Tristan Turkki.