

# Youth News

## Soup & Salad Great Success

Much praise and thanks go to all of our youth and parents who helped with the September Soup and Salad Fund Raising. The event brought in over **\$1,150**! I think that is one of our best September donation yet - and it wasn't even our biggest crowd! So WAY TO GO CHURCH! and WAY TO GO VOLUNTEERS - there must have been something special you helped to do to be so blessed.

Thanks Connor for making announcements and the prayer. Our October volunteer for this task will be Elliot. November's volunteer is Edison. We will be looking for additional volunteers for Jan., Feb., March, April and May. (it's easy - you all can do it)

All of the dates are set in advance. If a Sr High youth is not able to attend please let Carol Shearer know head of time.

Additionally, in the past we request youth families provide the deserts for the meal. Please be sure to bring a **Large desert** (or two) enough to serve 15 to 20 people. Our Sr High youth is a bit smaller then last year and we count on each family to provide something to share. (even if your youth can't be there, if you can get a desert to the church - we thank you)

**Oct. 27 Youth will again  
Meet the Kitchen at 9:00 AM**

## Relationships

It's human nature to live in relationship with others. Of course, there are examples of people who choose to become "hermits" and live away from society and other people but, for the most part we are beings that all desire to live in community. I think God created us that way.

We have multiple levels of community and relationships. Our closest community group is usually our immediate family then is spans out to friends who live close by or maybe next to relatives. This group seems to be the people we text regularly or call on frequently. From there in our communities we would include the people we interact with on a regular basis. Maybe these relationships are our teachers at school and other students in class, people we greet and talk to at church, and coworkers. It could even be the people who work at the grocery store or the conveniences store where we get coffee every morning. Beyond this group of relationships are those we just happen to encounter. People we pass in cars or on the street or in the hallways. These are the people we see or maybe just give a simple head nod to them. We don't really talk to them or share a conversation with them. We just know they are there in our world and we share the same space for a time. And then there are more steps beyond even this group. Next would be the people we don't see in person, the ones we read about or hear about on the news. We even carry on a relationship with the people we watch on TV. These are people we don't even know but we may dream about being like them some day. They can be the athletes we watch or the news anchors who report to us the state of the world we live in.

**Each level of relationship in our world can be a reflection of how we relate to God.**

Is God in your life as close as a best friend you talk to every day or more like the person you pass on the street? Do you relate to God like someone you watch from a distance? Someone you don't know personally, but you hear about him all of the time when you turn on the TV - like the athlete or a movie star.

We have a need to be in community like we have a need to be close to God. We can live in a community and not really engage in it just like we can go to church but not really be changed by going there.

Building relationships and keeping them strong takes time, effort, and constant care. Ask yourself - On what level are you relating to God?

- Linda B



## Girl's Get-a-Day Out

Saturday September 28 we met at the church for a day together just hanging out - just girls. Along for the fun were Donna Lungler, Linda Byers, Odett and Gabby Rodriguez, Paige Snyder and Maria Ramirez. We placed the game called "Most Popular" and talked about who we are and who God sees in us. Leaving the church we headed to downtown Lancaster to paint at the Pottery Works. We walked over to Central Market to pick up sandwiches for lunch then to the County Park for our picnic at the gazebo near the Five Senses Garden. After lunch we walked a few trails through the woods then drove to Linda's house for a game of Apples-to-Apples and a campfire. We ate hot dogs and s'mores before seeing the movie "Secondhand Lions". It was a fun day out and we hope we can still do a weekend getaway sometime in the future.



## Brief News You Can Use

### Messages of Thanks

Thanks to all of those who have volunteered to help in Youth Ministry in September.

Thanks to parents who attended the Sr. High Dinner and for the YMOT for providing food.

Thanks to Renea Snyder for teaching the Jr High class first lesson on "Me and Jesus".

Our New leadership for Soup and Salad: Carol Shearer and Renea Snyder and all of those who helped - George and Cathy Betz, Mike Snyder, Terry Shearer, Michele Shertzer, Sue Lines, Melissa Heck and Bookman's for excusing tables.

Thanks to Donna Lunger for helping at Girl's Get-a-Day all day.

### GO YOUTH - !

Matt Brubaker is enjoying his season of varsity soccer for Manheim Township, so far their record is 6 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie. The team hopes to make it to districts! Congratulations to Edison Rodriguez and Sarah Shearer for being chosen for County Chorus. Edison will sing Bass and Sarah will sing Mezzo-Soprano.

If your youth is doing something to cheer about. Let us know. - email Linda

### Wednesday Night Live

We meet in the youth room - Grades 6 to 12 - Every other week we will have a group activity together. For example - Beach Blanket Volleyball or a campfire in the parking lot - Each week we are

not doing a group activity we hang out in the youth room for table games, music lessons with Matt and as usually we end with "Best thing of the Week" and church chat. Event ends at 7:30.

Youth are welcome to invite friends on Weds. nights. They will be expected to participate the same as the our own youth.

### Youth Soda Policy - .50

Youth are welcome to have a soda or bottled water from the Youth room Frig. Because "pay as you drink" means - most of the drinks are consumed before we have the funds to purchase more. Each drink costs .50. If you pay \$5 in advance it will cover the next 10 drinks. There is a list in the youth room where youth can check off the sodas as they use them. As always we are using the honor system.

The sodas are available during Weds. nights, Youth Time and on Soup and Salad Sundays as long as everyone is respecting the rules of the room. Soda at Soup and Salad is available when we are not serving. The policy continues to be no sodas in the FLC or Kitchen when we are working.

### Youth Ministry Must Have Volunteers and Teachers

With our Safe Church initiative, all of our scheduled Jr High and Sr High Youth events are required to have at least two adults present (and hopefully participating). Our events this year include retreats, Weds. Night, Youth Time and any events we hold at the church.

Contact Linda to learn when a volunteer is needed.

### Isaac's Meet To Eat

It's BACK - Thursday night **Oct. 17 Sr High Youth** will meet at **Isaac's at Greenfield around 6:00**. Not only do we get to hang out together and share a fine meal of sandwiches named for birds, but we also get to support the Lancaster County Council of Churches raise money for the CROP Walk. **25%** of to price of our meal will go to CROP. Bring cash to pay for your own meal and tip. It should be a fun time.

### Jr High District RETREAT

Sign up now - in the Jr High room or by email to Linda - for the Jr High District Retreat at Camp Swatara, **Oct. 25-27**. We'll be **leaving by van from the church parking lot at 6:00** (please eat dinner before you arrive) Watch mailboxes for additional information about what to bring and what to expect.

**Jr High Youth need to be signed up by Wednesday, October 16**, to attend. - contact Linda to sign up - cost is \$43 - checks payable to Lancaster CoB can go in mailbox #9 - please note on the check it is for the Jr High Retreat.

### Oversight Team

Youth Oversight Team meets once a month in the Youth Room. We will be in need of adding a new member in December for a two year term. If you are interested in serving or think of someone who might be if asked, contact Linda.

## October Events

- Oct 6** - Love Feast 5:00
- Oct 9** - Weds Night Live - campfire begins 6:00 ends 7:30
- Oct 13** - **Sr High** Youth Time - 11:30 (pizza and wings)
- Oct 16** - Weds Night Live begins 6:00 ends 7:30  
Last Day to Sign up for the Jr High Retreat
- Oct 17** - **Sr High** Meet to Eat 6:00  
Isaac's Deli at Greenfield
- Oct 23** - Weds Night Live-group activity begins 6:00 ends 7:30
- Oct 25-27** - **Jr High** District Retreat @ Camp Swatara
- Oct 27** - **Sr High** Soup and Salad meet in the kitchen @ 9:00  
Cong. Business Meeting

### Sr High Youth Time Sunday October 13

Youth Time consists of three parts: planning to serve, grabbing some lunch together and some activity time.

The planning to serve part is going to take several steps and will happen during each meeting. There is a plan to help our youth discover who they could serve and what they could do to serve. The goal and investment of time will only be as big or as small as the youth are willing to invest but it will need to be reasonable, supportable (as a "Brethren" youth activity or project), and serving outside of the church body (unless we come up with a REALLY good plan that meets a need that isn't already being met). No doubt this will take support of our families and congregation to reach a goal to serve others. This doesn't even need to be something new. Even a previously used activity is doable. However, it can not compete with Soup and Salad.

The second part is, of course, Lunch. Each youth should bring \$5 for lunch and each time we will plan what we want to eat the next time. (October will be pizza and wings). Planning may spill over into conversations around the table and youth will be expected to help clean up.

The third part is activity. The entire group will play a game or do something together - like broom hockey at the ice rink or a walk in the woods. The parts 1 and 2 of the event are only expected to be 1 hour long (30 minutes of talking and planning, 30 minutes to eat and cleanup). Activity time will begin at 30 min. but could go longer.

For each **Youth Time** we need at least one additional adult to volunteer. That task will include to help at lunch and hanging out for the activity time. Parents helping could divide up (like one to help at lunch and another to go to the activity)

We'll begin at 11:30 - bring clothes to change for the activity part. We start when everyone who signed up for lunch arrives.

## November Events

- Nov 3** - **Jr High** Sunday school used to practice for Youth Sunday
- Nov 10** - **Jr High** Youth Sunday  
All Church Breakfast  
**Sr High** Youth Time - 11:30
- Nov 18** - **Sr High** Soup and Salad meet in the kitchen @ 9:00

## Jr High Youth Sunday

Our Jr High Youth will be sharing in the Traditional Service on **Sunday Nov. 10** for the 10:15 service. Watch for upcoming email for more information. We hope ALL Jr High will be there and take part in the service.



## Brethren National Youth Conference 2014

Our Trip will be planned for: July 13 to July 27. Remember youth only have one opportunity to participate in this event since it only occurs every 4 years - It is a trip of a lifetime! We hope it is also a spiritual journey too. All Sr High Youth who are eligible to attend should have received in your church mailbox or youth folder a page with information about the event.

**We need ALL Youth who are planning to attend the conference to commit with a \$100 deposit by Dec. 31.** Families can begin making payments NOW. Either write a check and in the memo add - National Youth Conference Deposit - OR - cash in an envelope indicated for the youth participating. BOTH can be placed in mailbox #9 - for payment. The expected cost for a youth to attend will be about \$500.