


# Youth News

## A “Light” Dinner

The Jr High Youth got together for a “Light Night” Progressive Dinner. We began in the dark at the home of the Bowser’s for an appetizer of vegetables and dip along with a very special beverage. We didn’t know how special it was until the black lights turned on revealing the drinks glowed blue. This began our discussion about light appearing in the scriptures and how we think about and relate to the light. From here we were welcomed in the Snyder’s home (Paige’s house) for our main meal – spaghetti pie. Here we added a little more light. We ate by candle light and



everyone got a glow stick. After dinner we used the glow sticks to make long exposure photos writing words and making shapes with our light. Each youth moved their light to make a part of the letters to spell out – J O Y and L U V. We made stars and tried a smiley face and the word HI too. For our desert we visited Doug and Donna Lunger’s house for cookies and warm brownies. At this stop we worked in the light to write a message to share with the world. Each youth wrote on a paper Chinese lantern what they would share about “the Light of Christ.” Because during the entire evening it was raining, we did not get to do our Lantern Lift Off. We are looking forward to rescheduling our lift off for a Sunday evening in January. It was a fun evening for Ava, Giovanni, Paige, Alex, Maria and Sadie. Our next big event for Jr High will be the ANE District Lock-in in February.



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blessed for the journey together

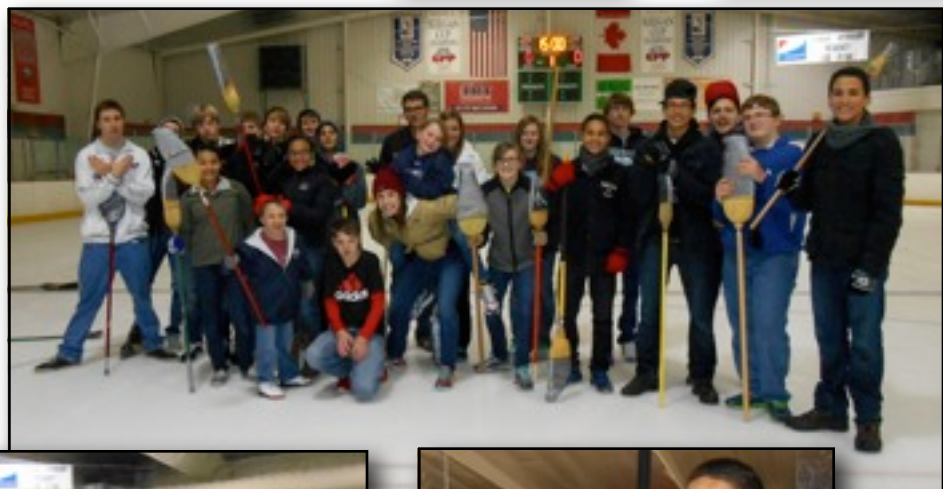
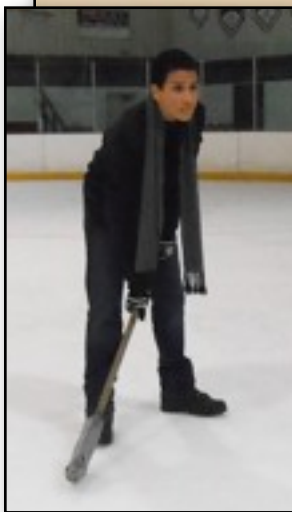
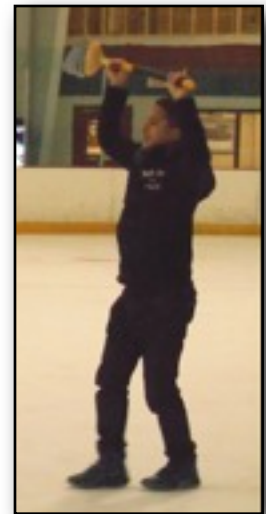
### National Youth Conference Meeting January 12

The Following Youth are signed up in the Sr High Youth room and planning to attend National Youth Conference next summer: Alex Bookman, Andrew Lines, Elliot Ramirez, Emil Ramirez, Stephanie Reynolds, Edison Rodriguez, and Odett Rodriguez. Youth Families need to submit a \$100 deposit to the Youth Fund before registering online. Checks need to be made to Lancaster CoB – memo NYC. Once registered - information and forms come DIRECTLY to the Youth. These forms must be complete by an April deadline. More instructions will be shared during the January meeting for both Youth and Parents.

Final travel arrangements are still being made. We are planning to travel with additional churches for the trip July 13 to July 27. We will only be taking a bus if we have enough youth (at least 40 riders are needed). Currently, we are researching other driving options. Plans are to stop at Six Flags near Chicago, the ZOO in Omaha Nebraska, White water rafting in Colorado, and McPherson College in Kansas (on the return trip).

## Slip-Sliding Away!

Broom Hockey was held on November 29 at the Regency Ice Rink. Five members of our group joined in with youth, grades 7 to 12, from Wayside Presbyterian and Strasburg Presbyterian for the game. If you are not familiar, Broom Hockey is played on a rough rink using brooms held together with duct tape. What makes it for everyone is you do not need to wear ice skates. Players run and slide chasing a small dodge ball and sending it toward the goal with the broom. There are few rules except no checking. Some youth are comfortable running on the ice, others are much more cautious. We had enough players to switch in fresh players every 5 minutes which is good because it takes a lot of energy running and sliding from end to end of the rink. After the game the entire group gathered at Infinitos Pizza Buffet for lunch. We hope to meet up again for another match up in May.



## Brief News You Can Use

### Messages of Thanks

Thanks to all of those who have volunteered to help in Youth Ministry in November and December.

Thanks to Edison Rodriguez (the older) for attending with the youth on Wednesday Night at the Lititz Church of the Brethren

Thanks to Mark Forsha for teaching the Jr High class.

Our team for Soup and Salad: Carol Shearer and Renea Snyder and all of those who helped - Jay and Gail Murray, Mike Snyder, Terry Shearer, Michele Shertzer, Sue Lines, and John Lines..

Thanks to The Bowser's, The Snyder's and the Lunger's for hosting our Jr. High Light Night.

### Soup and Salad Report

In November our team of youth and adults served our congregation for the last time in 2013. This month the crowd trickled in after a congregational meeting and seemed to linger after the meal engaged in conversation. The congregation contributed around **\$860** . to fund Work Camps and National Youth Conference. Thanks to all of our families for helping out and support with deserts. Thanks also to the Holsinger Family for providing our soup and chili. **January 26** is our next meal event and we will be serving Spaghetti and Salad.

### Sr High Next Meet To Eat

We are seeking a Date, Time and Location for our next gathering for food. Sr High youth should vote in the youth room for the restaurant and choose the day of the week that works best for you.

### NO Sunday School Dec 22

The Education Team of our congregation sponsors a "Meet and Greet" each year on the Sunday before Christmas. This is a time during the Sunday School hours when we get to gather for some refreshments and conversation among our families. Jr. High and Sr, High are welcome to join the group in the Gathering Place during that time. It is a great opportunity for our congregation members to visit with the youth they are so dedicated to support. YOUTH please consider seeking out those who have been your prayer partners from trips you have attended. Take time to share what is going on in your life. That is what our church family is for!

Youth attending will be invited to help a bit by serving refreshments to the children Sunday School classes.

### GO YOUTH - !

**Sarah Shearer** auditioned for District Band and was chosen for 3rd chair clarinet! She plans to try out for County Band in January followed by District Band in February. Sarah is also busy working on her Gold Award in Girl Scouts. Her project is creating instruments and teaching music to students at the Boys and Girls Club.

### Joanna, our visiting exchange student from France,

is playing Vibraphone with the Indoor Percussion at Hempfield, keeping her busy this winter and spring with practice and competitions. **Alex Nye** sang Christmas Carols with the Bear Creek 6th grade chorus at ManorCare Health Services in Elizabethtown. The chorus performed for the residents and went caroling down the halls to spread Christmas cheer to the residents. **Odett Rodriguez** earned the first prize from her "Squash Aces" Squash Team for raising the highest amount of donations for the squash program. The program works with Franklin and Marshall College and incorporates both the sport of squash and academics. **Elliot Ramirez and Edison Rodriguez** have both joined the McCaskey High School Swim Team. Neither of them have ever swam competitively before. **Alex Bookman** has landed his first job! Alex is now working for Sonic in Brownstown.

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

### Baptized in the Faith

**The following Youth plan to be baptized Sunday, Dec. 15 as members of the MMF: Elliot Ramirez, Julie Luciano and Gabriella Rodriguez.**



## Sr. High Sign-Up for Winter Retreat

Sr. High Youth meet for Winter Retreat at Camp Swatara – January 17-19. Cost is \$45 per youth. Our speaker will be Becky Ullom who leads the office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Church of the Brethren. The theme will be *“Inside Out”* – and talk with be about self-image and what God sees in us. Music for the event is shared by *Everything Dear*. (visit [www.reverbnation.com/everythingdearmusic](http://www.reverbnation.com/everythingdearmusic))

**YOUTH MUST BE REGISTERED (sign up with Linda) by Jan. 2 - T-Shirt size is required at sign-up. Return the Permission slip and fee to mailbox #9.** (checks are written to Lancaster Church of the Brethren – memo Retreat)

## December Events

- Dec 15 - Baptism 3:00 pm**
- Dec 22- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Meet and Greet**
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services**
- Dec 30- Sr High** Deadline for \$100 deposit for National Youth Conference

## Basketball Tournament Team

The LCOB Basketball Team wants to rally together to represent! Tim Heck has again volunteered to help lead a team of youth and adults for the ANE District Basketball Tournament. This is not a youth event. It is sponsored by the ANE District for all Brethren churches, all ages and levels of play. The tournament, we are expecting, will be scheduled for the Saturday of Easter weekend in 2014 (April 19). If you are interested in joining the team (youth and adults) please contact Tim Heck to learn the practice schedule.

## Sr High Bears Game March 2, 2014

B - E - A - R - S - bears, Bears, BEARS Wooooooo!

If you don't know this familiar chant that happens every time the Hershey Bears Team scores a goal - then you need to join us on **Sunday, March 2** for a trip to the Giant Center. **Plan now, tickets will be ordered in January.** The discounted cost will be **\$10 per youth** and adult leader. (our youth fund will cover the rest). The game

begins at 4:00 so we will need to plan to leave a 2:30 to be sure to get our seats in time for the drop of the first puck. We may plan to grab a meal together on the way home.

## Jr. High Work Camp Summer 2014

We have several options this summer for a short distance work camp with the Church of the Brethren. Those Jr. High Youth interested in attending work camp need to let Linda know the date/trip that they will be able to attend. Work Camps for Jr. High are a 5 day experience. We ask for youth families to cover 1/3 of the work camp fee (\$92) – the Youth funds cover the rest. We do not travel overnight or by plane for Jr High work camp. The Camps and Dates we may be able to attend are: Camp Harmony (June 18-22) in Hooverville PA; Columbus, OH (July 6-10); or Roanoke, VA (July 30-Aug 3). Each Camp offers different opportunities to serve. Some are focused on help in construction/painting, while others include work in gardening, food banks or thrift stores. Families - please review the dates for attendance. **We will hold a meeting Jan. 26 (at the end of the Spaghetti and Salad Meal)** to decide the date that works best for those who would like to attend.

**Out Of Town** - Linda will away from Dec. 24 to Jan. 5.

## January Events

- Jan 2 - Sr High Retreat SignUp**  
Last Day to Register
- Jan 12 - Sr High** National Youth Conference Meeting in Youth Room during Youth Time - 11:30
- Jan 17-19 - Sr High** Winter Retreat weekend at Swatara
- Jan 22 -** Weds Night Youth Returns
- Jan 26 - Sr High** Spaghetti & Salad meet in the kitchen @ 9:00
- Jr High** Youth & Parent meeting after meal for Work Camp

## February Events

- Feb 14-15 - Jr High** ANE District Lock-in at LVC