

Youth News

SOLD - Soup Bowl Auction Success!

Our February Soup and Salad continued to collect funds for youth Work Camps but, at the end of the meal, our auctioneering family (The Snyder's: Mike, Connor and Renea as clerk) took the stage to call for the bids. We had 18 ceramic soup bowls painted by both Jr. and Sr. High youth. Two additional hand-thrown bowls were donated by the Murray's (created by Kelsey Murray- student at Bridgewater College). The youth had two options of where the money for the sale of their bowl would be donated. Nine bowls sold to help support Heifer International and the other 11 helped the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank. The bowls had been on display in the Gathering Place and the Heritage Center the week before they went on the block, thanks to Carol Shearer who artistically arranged them. By the time the bowls were moved to the stage of the family life center many people had picked their favorites and were ready to get started.

As the meal was winding down and everyone had been served, our Jr. High Youth assembled to help show the bowls to the waiting crowd seated at tables. Thanks to: Ava and Sadie Bowser, Drew and Jack Smith, Alex Nye, Paige Snyder, Maria Ramirez, Gabby Rodriguez for helping walk around the room to display the works of art. During the meal congregation members were encouraged to acquire a bid number from John or Sue Lines to get ready to buy a bowl.

Each bowl was artfully described by Connor Snyder before it was sold. Connor takes his cues from have

watched and helped his father auction. No doubt, the descriptions added to the fun of the day and the final bid amount of each bowl. Youth had been invited to give their painted master piece a title. Some art included scripture verse or references to faith and love. Others were uniquely named for their design. One artist title seemed to be most unique and combined design and faith references in it's title:

"Blessed Cheetah in the Water" (thanks to Andrew Lines creativity).

The most competitive bids of the day went to a bowl sold about halfway through the lot and the last bowl to be sold. The piece by Gabriella Rodriguez titled "Winter Swirl" caught the eye of many bidders. The bid quickly rose to \$160 and was awarded to John Herr. The last bowl to be sold for the first time was one Hand-thrown by Kelsey Murray and again the bid exploded quickly to \$160 to go to Deb Chillias. Any bowl that sold under \$30 that day was a steal for most averaged more. Two bowls were donated back to be sold again to raise more money.

The bowl auction alone brought \$1,086 in total bids. Our total donation for the day, including the table funds for the Soup and Salad meal, were over \$2,207. THANKS to EVERYONE who came out for our event and who gave to support the youth. Your encouragement and excitement to donate teaches a lesson to youth about great giving and using our own gifts and talents to help others. Because of you our youth will be able to donate \$750 to the Food Bank and \$400 to Heifer International. What a Blessing!.





Atlantic Northeast District Youth Cabinet Application

The Senior High Youth Cabinet is an integral part of the Atlantic Northeast District youth programming. Selected youth will serve as the leadership body for the 2014-2015 school year. As a group they will envision, create, plan and implement together. These youth are a committed group who meets together an average of once a month from August through May. Often, this body gains a strong small group connection during their time together. We welcome all types gifts and skills in order to form a top-notch Cabinet. We need crazy/creative person types as much as visionary or organized types. All applicants should show great honesty, truthfulness and also demonstrate a maturing faith. Contact Linda if you are considering applying to join the 2014-2015 Atlantic Northeast District Youth Cabinet. Youth entering Sr. High Youth (or 9th grade) in September are eligible to apply. Applicants must have a recommendation written by a youth leader or pastor. Deadline to Apply is April 30. The applications will be forwarded to the district office in Elizabethtown: 500 East Cedar Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Brief News You Can Use

Messages of Thanks

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

Thanks to Mike Snyder for auctioneering for our Bowl Auction and Renea for clerking.. Thanks to Carol Shearer for displaying our Soup Bowls and to Sue and John Lines for registering our bidders and collection funds.

Thanks to Mark Forsha and Morgan Husted for teaching the Jr High class.

Our team for Soup and Salad: Carol Shearer and Renea Snyder and all of those who helped - Mike Snyder, Terry Shearer, Donna Brubaker, Scott Brubaker, Tim Heck, Michele Shertzer, Sue Lines, and John Lines.

GO BEARS!

Well, we hoped the Bears would go a lot faster and score more goals than the other team on March 2 at the Giant Center – but, they lost. They played the Charlotte Checkers and were beat 6 to 3 as the final moments of the game added the last blow. Despite their loss it was a gain for many youth attending because this was the first time most had ever attended an ice hockey game. We didn't know if the questionable weather was going to turn us away but, David Byers (an avid bad weather driver) was not detoured from the reports of the possible snow storm. Turns out we only had rain for the evening. Our group did get to cheer the famous "B-E-A-R-S Bear! Bears! Bears! WOOOOO" – for each of the 3 goal. By the end of the last period we were all ready to grab some dinner and so we

headed to McDonald's after the game. It was a fun time together!.

BUNCO

Ever played? It's simple, can be VERY competitive and somewhat active as you change tables and grab for the dice. EVERYONE in our congregation is welcome to come and play. Make it a family time! Youth should easily enjoy gaming with other members of our congregation. A fun opportunity to get to know more people from our congregation. The gathering begins Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 5:00 pm (enough time for Sr. High Youth coming from the ALL-nighter to recover) This event is hosted by the Hospitality Ministry Team. Games will be played in the Family Life Center. At 5:00 p.m. the main dish, Chinese Food, will be provided by Hospitality. Families are invited to bring a side dish, dessert or drink to share. If you need child care for those too young to join in, please contact Jamie Nace at 940-1790 or jnace77@gmail.com.

GO YOUTH - !

"Suessical the Musical" must be a huge hit with high school's this year. We have three youth in two different schools performing. **Sarah Shearer** and **Joanna Choblet** (from France) both played in the pit orchestra for the musical at Hempfield High and **Andrew Lines** played the role of "Who" Boy on stage at Lampeter-Strasburg. Thanks to **Ava Bowser** for creating the display board of photos from last summers trip to the Global Village. Great Job and Thanks goes to **Gabby Rodriguez** for designing and painting our highest selling youth bowl at the auction. Congratulations to **Cory Betz** who scored a perfect "800" on the math portion of the SAT. **Colin Betz**, now in college, will receive the President's Freshman Award for

earning a 4.0 in his first semester at Penn State.

Jr. High Work Camp Summer 2014

The following youth have completed registration for the Jr. High Work Camp: Ava Bowser, Sadie Bowser and Alex Nye. We are planning to travel to Hooversville PA, June 18-22 and stay at Camp Harmony. The camp will provide us with a way to serve through painting, doing clean-up and fix-up work around the camp.

If you are a Jr High Youth interested in going along to work camp this summer you will need to register online with your parents. Space is limited so please contact Linda ASAP if you are interested.

Bible Study

Our church is engaging in an online Bible Study during this time around the book of Philippians. If you are linked to Facebook through Jr High / Sr High / or Lancaster CoB Youth pages you should find the link there. Or you can go to: <http://lcobbiblestudy.org/> You will need to register and add your profile to the blog like group study. It would be GREAT to hear from some Youth how they hear from God through His scriptures. It's as easy as reading and posting to Facebook.

Youth Events

Please be sure to check your email for updated information.

This News Letter may not include all dates, times, meeting locations or registration instructions for all events.

If you are not receiving youth email contact Linda at:

lancob.youth@comcast.net

call or text Linda's cell 368-9471

**JR. HIGH YOUTH
HELP at Soup &
Salad Mar. 23**

March Events

- Mar 2 - Sr High** Bear's Game 2:30
- Mar 5 - Wed. Night** Youth 6:00
- Mar 9 - Jr High** Ice Skating 2:30
- Mar 12 - Wed. Night** Youth 6:00
- Mar 14-15 - Sr High All-night**
- Mar 19 - Wed. Night** Youth 6:00
- Mar 23- High & Sr Jr High**
Soup and Salad
meet in the kitchen @ 9:00
- Mar 26 - Wed. Night** Youth 6:00

**Special Youth Camps
Offered for FREE**

There are two special events happening this summer through **Bethany Theological Seminary** to encourage youth interested in ministry vocations or service.

"Immerse" is for Youth completing grades 7, 8 or 9 this year will be held June 12-17 at E-town College. Like our National Jr. High Conference held every two years, youth stay in the dorms at the college. This opportunity is FREE and will be modeled like a week of summer camp. Participating youth can expect to study the Bible deeply to see how it can change your life. There are plans for field trips to see the land of the Amish and visit sites of Brethren history. You will enjoy great recreation on a college campus and in surrounding nature. And it is expected that you will meet new friends who share your interests and excitement for learning. **YOUTH INTERESTED SHOULD talk to Linda and need to be REGISTERED by MARCH 30.**

EXPLORING YOUR CALL
For Sr. High Youth, Bethany Seminary offers – **Exploring Your Call – (or EYC)** This will be held July 15-19 in Ft. Collins CO. Because these dates coincide with our trip to get to National Youth Conference it will not be available for those currently registered for our bus trip. However, this event does happen every year and if you are interested please keep it in mind for next summer. It is usually held on the Campus of Bethany Seminary in Richmond, Indiana. Students in Sr. High School should expect to have a Hands-on ministry experiences in a variety of settings. You will share in College-level classroom learning with Bethany professors. Organizers expect it to be another fun and friendship building opportunity with peers asking similar questions about life, faith and ministry. Again, **YOUTH INTERESTED SHOULD talk to Linda and need to be REGISTERED by MARCH 30.**

Sr High ALL-NIGHTER

BOWLING and more. Another Late Night event for Youth. We'll be starting the event at the Palmyra Bowl at 10:00 PM (we'll be leaving the church at 8:45 to be there on time to get lanes). After a few frames we'll be going to the Mount Wilson Church of the Brethren near Mt. Gretna. It's a fun evening of hanging out and playing games.

**Registration Deadline:
Mar. 11**

Contact Linda to register. Parent permission slip is needed + medical form on file. Cost: \$5 per Youth. Write Checks to Lancaster CoB memo: Jr High Lock-in - put them in mailbox #9.

**Jr and Sr High Youth
Service Project in April**

This is a combined Jr. High & Sr. High event with the District. Date/Time: April 12, 2014, 10 am – noon (or possibly longer) We will be gathering to work at the Global Aid Network (GAIN), 1506 Quarry Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552 Junior High and Senior High will join forces at the GAIN (Global Aid Network) warehouse in Mount Joy on April 12th beginning at 9:45 am. This is a warehouse that packs and ships humanitarian aid. We will work at various stations and find out more about the ways GAIN provides for those in need. Then we will have lunch together (pizza and drink provided). GAIN may have some more work for us in the afternoon, but they won't know until closer to the time. There is no cost to go to this event. Registration **Deadline: April 8 – WE WILL NEED ADDITIONAL ADULT LEADERS to attend this day!**

April Events

- Apr 2 - Wed. Night** Youth 6:00
- Apr 9 - LAST Wed. Night** Youth
- Apr 12 - Jr and Sr High**
District Service Project
- Apr 13 - Palm Sunday Baptism**
during the Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
- Apr 17 - Love Feast Service**
- Apr 20 - EASTER SUNDAY**
NO Sunday School Class
- Apr 27 - Sr High** Soup and Salad
meet in the kitchen @ 9:00
Congregational Meeting
- May 4 - YOUTH SUNDAY**