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Helping you to feel the Pulse of Servant's Heart



Christmas is a time of gratitude, reflection, and thanksgiving. Recently, I read a quote from an unknown source that stated, "No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." This Christmas season have you reflected on what Christ has done for you? Christ has given you and me everything! The sacrifice described in Philippians 2 concerning Christ's coming to this earth is inconceivable. I occasionally use the illustration of an opossum, because I personally think the opossum is about the ugliest and least attractive of any animal. Let your sanctified imagination run a bit wild. If you or I were to leave this body that we have become so comfortable with and take the confines of an opossum, it would be a huge sacrifice. Imagine the humility of waddling across the road or playing dead to protect yourself. Imagine knowing that people think you are the ugliest thing ever. Imagine rooting in the ground for insects, bugs and slugs for your afternoon snack. Would that be a great sacrifice? The sacrifice that Jesus made by coming to this earth and taking the confines of human flesh was greater than the sacrifice that we would take by becoming an opossum. This Christmas season would you take some time to reflect and thank God for what Jesus Christ has done for us by coming to earth?



As a very small token of our appreciation for your interest in God's work at Servant's Heart Camp, we would like to give you a window decal, that you can attach to your car, bathroom mirror or any other visible location. A number of months ago, I received a text from a faithful camp supporter saying that he just saw another SHC sticker on another car in the parking lot. Although he didn't know who owned the other car, he was excited that there was another camp supporter in the area. Simply send us an email with your address, and we will send you the window decal.



Now that the Lord has provided the money for the water, sewer, electricity, equipment shed, a home, ten cabins, and many, many other significant blessings, we have started working with an architect for the design of a lodge. This building will replace our dining tent, game tent, kitchen trailer, meeting room in the shed, camp store in the shed, and portable pantry. Just as some of the other steps have limited our growth in the past (cabins and utilities), this building will provide many of our needs and overcome many of the factors that limit our growth and ministry. Although the plans are not finalized to the point of getting estimates on the building, we anticipate the building cost may be in the 1.25 million range. Recently someone asked me how we planned to raise the money for the lodge. We honestly do not know, but we are praying that God would show Himself strong for this need. I would also like to ask you, our friends, to pray that the Lord would provide the funds in His perfect timing. The Lord is certainly able to provide the funds, but at this point it seems like an insurmountable challenge. Currently, we have \$750.00

in the lodge fund. Although we are thankful for that money, it is a small spritz in the bucket. Would you pray with us about this matter?

At our two banquets this spring (information on back side of this newsletter), we hope to be able to show you the next phase of the plans for this building.





Early next spring, we have two banquets scheduled for our friends (18 and older). The evenings will include wonderful food, great fellowship, a devotional challenge, special music, skits, and a camp update. One of the items that we would like to show you is the plans for our new lodge (you can read a bit more about the lodge on the reverse side). Although there will be an opportunity to help with the ministry of Servant's Heart Camp, you will not be under any pressure. We would simply like to update our friends about what God is doing at camp. This is also a time to invite friends that are not familiar with God's work at Servant's Heart. In fact, if you bring six friends to the banquet with you, we will give you a special gift when you arrive. There is no cost for the banquets, but you do need to register. You can visit the banquet page of our website or call us at 814-497-4100. If you register online, you should receive an email confirmation. This is the last scheduled mailing before the banquets, so mark the dates and register today.

**Prime Sirloin Steakhouse**  
**Saturday, April 28, 2018**  
**4:30 PM**  
 501 Municipal Dr. Duncansville, PA

**Shady Maple Smorgasboard**  
**Friday, April 20, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**  
 129 Toddy Dr. East Earl, PA



**Dining/Meeting Room**



**Sample Bedroom**



In 2006 we rented Timberwind Log Cabin Lodge for our first teen winter retreat. Since that time we have grown and we are now renting Timberwind for three weekends each year - two teen winter retreats and one ladies retreat. Now that Timberwind Lodge is for sale, they make no guarantee that they can honor our rental agreements. That has forced us to find another facility for these retreats. We searched for a new facility to rent and discovered that there is a high demand for retreat centers near the end of October. We finally selected Camp Susque in Trout Run, PA. Although it will be hard to leave Timberwind, Camp Susque will provide more room in the dining room and also smaller bunk rooms. After the Lord allows our own lodge to be built, we will move all the retreats to our own camp. If you would like to see pictures of this retreat center, visit our website and check our recent blog post.



Don't forget to register for the Joyful Heart Conference. March 24, 2018



Teen Bible Quizzing January through April

New event for 2018 Father/Son Retreat. Invest in your son!



- Wish List
- Frame Tent (20' x 60') \$2,700.
  - (2) 60V Dewalt String Trimmers \$279. ea.
  - (2) extra Dewalt 9ah batteries \$100. ea.
  - (2) Sets Ping Pong Paddles \$20. ea.
  - (9) Disc golf goals \$85. ea.
  - 90" PTO finish mower (used)
  - Teatherball with pole \$85.
  - (10) gutter/leaf guard cabins \$500. ea.
  - (3) Amana HVAC AH183G35AX \$800. ea.
  - (10) Rustic log clocks \$35.00 ea.
  - Set of throwing hatchets \$100.00
  - Used Commercial Playground
  - (10) Cedar log tete-a-tete chairs \$300. ea.
  - (6) Lumber/hardware picnic tables 110. ea.
  - Used iMac mini for sound board \$500.
  - 20 Volt Dewalt Tool set \$400.
  - (2) Long Handle Pitch Forks \$45. ea.
  - 65 CC backpack leaf blower \$430.

We are currently recruiting for summer staff. We would love to talk to you!



This year there are two options for the Young at Heart - June 8 or July 30.