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Helping you to feel the Pulse of Servant's Heart

Winter Retreats

We have completed our first retreats of the new year, and the teen retreats were a huge blessing. God still uses the preaching and teaching of God's Word to change lives. One of the girls that came to camp with lots of "baggage" spent much of her free time talking to her counselor. Space does not allow me to share some of the exciting details of the story, but it was so refreshing to see the obvious change in her demeanor and her smile after getting right with God and another camper.



Joyful Heart



We are looking forward to an outstanding day on March 24, for our Joyful Heart Ladies' Conference. Our speaker, Beverly Van Gelderen is already very excited about speaking to you. The food, decorations, skits, workshops, and door prizes will all be a great time of fun and refreshment in preparation for the teaching of God's Word. This special day is conveniently located at Faith Bible Church in Mount Joy, PA. If you need brochures, please contact us or you can register online.

Don't forget the banquets scheduled for this spring. The first is at Shady Maple on April 20 and the second is at Prime Sirloin on April 28. Join us for a great time of fun, food, fellowship, camp update, and a challenge from God's Word. There is no cost for the banquet, but you must register by going online or by calling 814-497-4100.

Banquets

Work Projects



One of our faithful volunteers, recently asked if there will be any work for volunteers to do now that the cabins are finished. Let me answer that question with a resounding "YES". One of the items on our "Top 100" list (yes, there are still over 100 projects on that list) is to build a small building similar to the pantry that we built in the spring of 2016. That building has been a huge blessing as our freezers, refrigerators, ice machine, and food is now stored in a building rather than in a tent. This new building would house the camp store, which is currently in the shed. With our growing camper numbers, we need to find a new place for the store until we are able to build the lodge. We are planning for this building to be totally "stick built" and it will take lots of man hours to make the trusses, build the structure, shingle the roof, wire the inside, and do the painting. If you or your church would like to be part of this project, please contact us. We will provide your food and lodging and you provide the man power. Our scheduled work days for the spring are April 3 - 5. We have this project and many more to be accomplished. Just let us know your coming.

Growing Pains

Although we are very thankful for “growing”, it does provide a number of “pains” that we need to address. For the past few years we have seen small sustainable growth. For 2018, we are anticipating the largest single year of growth in teen campers that we have ever experienced. As of now, we have five churches that are planning to bring teen campers that did not bring teens to Servant’s Heart summer camp last year.

The Lord in his graciousness knew that we could not have handled the additional teens in previous years. In 2017, we were able to complete the last three cabins including the tenth cabin which is our handicap cabin. With the extra cabins finished, it will provide room for additional campers. With additional campers there are also other issues to address. On some weeks, our dining tent is already filled (see article below), and we need more seating room and picnic tables. Another of our issues is the all-important meeting room where we have the teaching and preaching sessions each day. Even though we move almost all the equipment out of the shed for the summer, it still gets very full. On the one side of the shed, we have our camp store where we sell, books, devotionals, music, snacks and other miscellaneous item. In order to make more room in the shed we would like to build another small building to house the camp store (see article on front side). We are also planning to have additional counselors this year. Some years it is difficult to find godly role models for the campers. Please pray with us about these important issues.

Dining Tent



This is the picture of the inside of the dining tent that has served us so well since 2011. Although the tent is showing some wear, the major problem with the tent is that we have outgrown it. With increased camper numbers, we are no longer able to seat every-

one in the tent. The Lord has provided the finances to buy a new tent that has over 40% more space. We are hopeful that God will provide the funds for the lodge before we outgrow this dining tent. This is another of the good problems as we grow. If you know anyone that is interested in buying a 20 X 40 pole tent, send them our way. Although the picture does not show it, we do have the side walls.

Transportation

We require all the summer staff to attend three services each Lord’s Day - Sunday School, morning worship, and the Sunday afternoon/evening service. On several of the Sundays during the summer, we go to various



churches to provide special music, present the ministry of Servant’s Heart and to preach God’s Word. All the staff typically carpool with the adult staff members. As the adult staff are having growing families, we are finding this very difficult to accomplish. If you or your church have a passenger vehicle that is not being used during the month of June & July, it would be a huge blessing to us.

Prayer

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Here are some dates to remember as you pray for SHC and as you plan your year’s activities.

Planning



Joyful Heart	Faith Mount Joy	March 24
Bible Quizzing	First Baptist Leb.	March 25
Camp Banquet	Shady Maple	April 20
Youth Rally	Faith Mount Joy	April 21
Camp Banquet	Prime Sirloin	April 28
Spring Work Days	SHC Ramey	May 3 - 5
Staff Training	SHC Ramey	May 28 - June 10
Young at Heart 1	SHC Ramey	June 8

Teen Camp 1	SHC Ramey	June 11 - 16
Junior Camp 1	SHC Ramey	June 18 - 22
Teen Camp 2	SHC Ramey	June 25 - 30
Family Camp 1	SHC Ramey	July 2 - 4
Family Camp 2	SHC Ramey	July 5 - 7
Junior Camp 2	SHC Ramey	July 8 - 13
Teen Camp 2	SHC Ramey	July 16 - 21
Teen Camp 3	SHC Ramey	July 23 - 27
Community Day	SHC Ramey	July 28
Young at Heart 2	SHC Ramey	July 30
Father/Son	SHC Ramey	August 17 - 18
Kick Back	SHC Ramey	August 24 - 27
Shepherd’s Heart	SHC Ramey	August 27 - 29
Men’s Retreat	SHC Ramey	September 7 - 8
Fall Work Days	SHC Ramey	September 13 - 15

Each week during the summer camp season, we send out an email with updates and highlights of the previous week. If you would like to be included in that weekly email this coming summer, please contact us at info@shcm.org.