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Helping you to feel the Pulse of Servant's Heart



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March 23, 2023

The excitement of flowers and spring is in the air, but, perhaps, the excitement is a bit higher this year as we slowly move forward toward digging the footers for the new lodge with the goal of getting the lodge under roof before winter. As you can see the site for the lodge is now cleared and ready for the excavator. The orange posts show the corners of the building. We are converging on this project from several different angles and each area needs to be settled before the construction can actually take place. The architect is working on the construction-ready blueprints. Those finalized blueprints are needed before we can get the new and totally accurate costs to move forward. Bill Ford, a recently retired contractor from the Pittsburgh area, has consented to be the general contractor for the project. As soon as the blueprints are finished, he plans to get bids for the various sections of the construction. The Civil Engineer is working on the Erosion and Sediment permit before we can start digging. Be sure to read the article on the reverse side about the miracle of the retention pond. Another area that needs to be finalized before we can move forward is the finances. We want to make sure that we have sufficient money to completely put the lodge under roof. We do NOT want to put the building up partway and need to stop because we do not have the money to finish. As you can see the excitement of the flowers and spring is truly multiplied as we move forward for God's glory.



In February a friend of the camp has offered us a matching gift of \$25,000. As soon as we have received \$25,000 for the lodge fund, he will send us a check to match that amount for a total of \$50,000. This is an outstanding opportunity for us and for you. Your gift will be doubled when you give to the lodge fund at Servant's Heart Camp.

This unique and fun-loving individual has a heart for ministry and a heart for Servant's Heart Camp. In our conversation, he mentioned in a fun way "we will see what the people do with this opportunity." He indicated the potential of more gifts after this matching gift is met. I do not want to take advantage of his generosity, but I do want to give him the opportunity for more fun in the future.





Our spring workdays are scheduled for May 11 – 13, 2023. We have lots of projects including setting up the dining tent and game tent, blowing leaves, mulching, cleaning the cabins and chapel, stacking wood, working on an outdoor chapel, cutting tree on trails, mowing, weed whacking, helping prepare meals, and many assorted other jobs. There is no cost for the retreat except some labor. You can come for one, two or three days or a portion thereof. We provide the food, and lodging, we simply need to know which nights you will need lodging and for which meals you will be joining us. The first meal is Thursday lunch, and the last meal is Saturday evening. We do take some time for some fun and fellowship on Thursday and Friday evening. You can register on our website at www.shcm.org/work-day/



We would love for you to join us for one of our banquets in April. The banquets are free of charge to all our friends of the camp that are eighteen years and older. There is no charge for the banquet, but you must register. You can do that on our website at www.shcm.org/banquets. If you have some friends that would appreciate hearing about what God is doing at SHC, why don't you invite them to join you? They will enjoy an outstanding meal, singing, a skit, a camp and lodge update, and a short challenge from God's Word. The registration deadline is the Monday before each banquet.



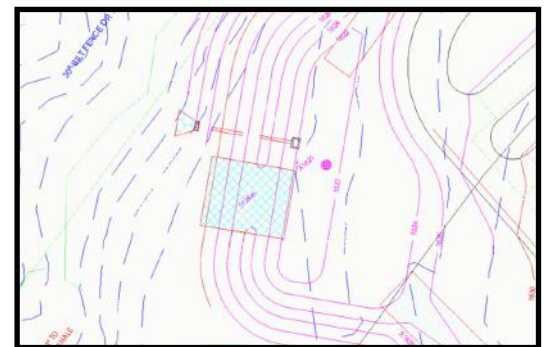
Faith Bible Church
2075 Harrisburg Avenue
Mount Joy, PA 17552
4:00 on Saturday, April 8

The Upper Room at The Village Pantry
5510 E Pleasant Valley Blvd
Tyrone, PA 16686
4:00 on Saturday, April 15



When we purchased this property in 2010, we were required to get a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit before we started digging or installing and utility lines. As the long name might suggest, it is a long and expensive process. When that permit expired, we renewed the permit to continue the work. The Clearfield County representative for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would stop by occasionally to make sure we were following the rules as outlined in our NPDES permit. It has been several years since he has been on our property, but one of the last times, he told me to not forget the retention pond. He stated that we should construct it in

conjunction with the Lodge. Late in 2022, I contacted the local excavator, and we reviewed the specific blueprints for the retention pond. The excavator exploded and told me the criteria for this retention pond was very silly and a huge overkill. He had put



many retention ponds in for the DEP and never went to this elaborate design and expense. He told me that he would install the retention pond the way he had done it in the past, and he would save us a pile of money. He assured me that they would approve the pond. I struggled for a few weeks, and added "retention pond" to my prayer list. I finally got back the excavator and told him that we received approval for this project with the designed retention pond, and that I wanted to do right and have a clean conscience, rather than save money. Although he did not seem to understand, he said he would do whatever we wanted. He suggested that we have another engineering firm design the retention pond because he was sure they would make a much simpler design. I continued to pray for wisdom about the retention pond. Because our NPDES renewal had expired, I contacted a civil engineer about what permit we would need to get our Building Permits. At that time, I not only talked to him about the lodge, but also about the retention pond. He was fairly confident that the DEP would make us renew our expensive NPDES. He called our Clearfield County representative of the DEP (our direct authority) and to his surprise he is only requiring us to have a much less expensive E&S permit for the lodge. When he asked him about the retention pond, he told him that we did not need to build any retention pond. The civil engineer was a bit shocked at both of his answers and repeated the answer back to him. What an amazing answer to prayer that was way beyond what I was expecting. The Clearfield County DEP representative (our authority) told us that not only that we don't need to build the less expensive retaining pond, but we did not need to build **any** retaining pond!!

To God be the Glory, great things He is doing!