

YOUTH COOP

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Upcoming Events

*September 9- Girls vs. Guys softball at Grantsville Park at 6:30

*September 11- Canada program during Sunday school

*September 16- Bible study at Nick's at 7

*September 23- "Menno-Nite Go" at Nick's at 7

*September 25- Chicken Alfredo fundraiser meal

*September 30- Persecution at Sheldon's at 7

*October 2- StudLea

*October 7- game/movie night at the church at 7

*October 9- Canoe trip. Meet at Anthony's at 10 am

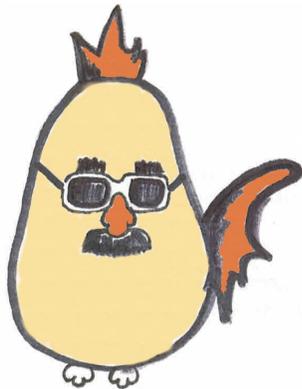
*October 14- Bible study at Danny's at 7

*October 19- Committee meeting at Darren's at 7

*October 21- Barn social at Dale's at 7

*October 23- Coopers rock. Meet at the church at 9 am

*October 28- Christmas shoeboxes. Meet at the church at 7



Let not
your heart
be troubled,
neither let it
be afraid.

JOHN 14:27

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Swallow Falls by: Sierra Maust

On July 15, the Youth Group gathered at the church to split up into vehicles, and soon headed off to Swallow Falls! After arriving at Swallow Falls, we walked down to the largest fall. While some looked over the edge, took pictures, or “Were not playing spike ball very close to the edge of the water fall, but were only getting their picture taken,” I stood at a safe distance with a rather petrified Mackenzie. Next, everyone walked to the smaller falls. Even though a lot of the others decided to go swimming, Mackenzie, Krista, and I decided that we wanted to stay warm and dry for the evening, so we sat and chatted for a while. Later we talked about joining the others, but still did not want to get wet and cold, so we chose to wade around. We were walking around in the ankle-deep part, when suddenly, we fell over a small drop-off and were now in the knee-deep water. We did not want to get too wet, so we quickly had to form a plan to get out. In front of us was even deeper water, to the right were super slippery rocks, behind us was the water fall, and to the left were the currents from the water fall! After much debate, we decided the rocks were our best bet. Krista, very courageously, went sliding first. I went next, but not being as graceful as Krista was, I slipped, causing myself to get all wet. I stood up and tried to recuperate from the shock of the cold water, when suddenly I heard a very panicky scream of pain. Krista and I turned around to see Mackenzie sitting in the rushing water, holding her foot, and yelling, “Aw guys! Oh, ouch ouch ouch! It’s stinging! AAAHH IT’S STINGING ME!!” Here, some mysterious creature had bitten or stung her foot while she was making her descent. We still have no idea what it was. We gathered our composure, then weighed the pros and cons of going swimming, even though it was the one thing we didn’t want to do. After changing our minds many times, we finally decided that since two out of the three of us were already wet, cold, and going to need to change, we might as well make it worth it. After coming up with a strategy of how to get behind the water fall in the most efficient and safe way, we jumped in and swam over. After our adventures, we convinced ourselves to jump off a small water fall. Which, of course, ended up being loads of fun, as did the swimming. We ended our adventures by heading to Katie’s Ice Cream. That night was filled with many memories and laughs.

September Birthdays:

***7th– Doug Mast**

***13th– Dawson Bender**

***20th– Ellie White**

***24th– Morgan Maust**



Youth Leader Update

By: Nick and Wendy Guingrich

One of the upcoming events for the youth is a night scavenger hunt at our property. We will mark out a virtual trail for the youth to follow with GPS. Along the way the youth will encounter situations they must resolve to move on to the next location so they can find a token. When all the tokens are collected the group will return to base for a prize. I'm looking forward to this event and the fun, exercise, mystery and challenge it will provide. I'm enjoying the planning of the different obstacles, the locations of the tokens and the type of prizes to be earned.

I imagine God planning the future for these young people, too. Can you see God preparing a path, knowing about the obstacles and providing a way for them to be overcome? Can you picture the prize that we strive for as we go along the path God has set out for us?

Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
- ⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and
going
both now and forevermore.



Bike and Hike

By: Trevor Schrock

It was a warm, humid day, when the youth group planned to go on another bike and hike trip. We decided to meet at Pillar in Grantsville, where we would load up all the bikes and head out to Meyersdale, where we would bike all the way to Frostburg. Some people didn't have bikes (including myself), but our thoughtful youth sponsor Nick Guingrich allowed me to use Wendy's. We started to ride and there were about 4 different groups because some wanted to take their time and go slow, and others wanted to finish as fast as possible. My group decided to wait for another youth member to show up so that we could ride with him, but quickly decided that we couldn't let the girls beat us to the end and started our 11 mile voyage. As we pedaled along, the groups started to spread out more and more. In the very last group I was being very entertained by Dawson Bender's wheelies as we tried to see how long he could hold one. With an outstanding one and a half seconds, I think we felt pretty good about ourselves, even though I was just the person counting. About half way through the trail (I am guessing about 5 miles from the start) we saw the tunnel. The last time I went on the bike trail I remember being able to see the end as a little hole of light. But, due to the rain earlier that day, there was no little hole of light at the end to judge how far away you were, or if there was an end to bike towards. So with a little hesitation the group started down the tunnel. It was a little scary because the only light we had were dim, foggy yellow lamps 15 feet above us spaced every 30 yards. The fact that the fog was so thick that you couldn't see someone 30 feet in front of you didn't help either. But all in all it was really cool and we found out that it was great for echoes and acapella singing. So the rest of the ride was a beautiful scene of God's creation with the endless hills and luscious greenery. I highly recommend going with a group of friends because it is a great time to enjoy a slow paced cruise, or a fast paced competition with one another. After we all got back both exhausted and hungry, we chose to go to frozen in time to fill up on some tasty frozen yogurt. In the end it was a great time and I can't wait to go again next year.

Youth Profile:

Pamela Grace Frantz



Birthday: March 15, 1998

Parents: Jon Bradley Frantz and Diane Lynn Frantz

What is your favorite verse or quote?

My favorite verse: "God is our refuge and strength. a very present help in times of trouble." ~Psalms 46

What did you do this past summer?

What I did this past summer: Went to Canada, got a permit/ did driver's ed, helped my Dad renovate our basement, and went swimming a lot.

If you were a sport what would you be and why?

What sport would I be: I would be soccer because soccer is awesome.

Where do you want to travel most in the world?

Where i want to travel most: Ireland, mostly for the views but i also love the culture there.

What is one of your most treasured items?

One of my most treasured items: My sketchbook collection

If you knew you only had 24 hours to live, what would you do?

If I only had 24 hours to live I would: visit all my friends and eat as many cookies as humanly possible.

What is your favorite book?

My favorite book: Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan

Who is your favorite band?

My favorite band: Newsboys

Tell us about your family.

I have three blood brothers and one brother-in-law, one sister and one sister-in-law. My sister, Angela, is the oldest. She is married and has two kids. Next is Josh, then Sam who is married to Carrie, then Tom, then me. I love my parents and siblings very much and would do just about anything for them.

What do you want to be when you "grow up"?

I want to own a small business when I "grow up" like a cafe or a boutique.



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