



# Woodcrest Whisperings

Winter

WOODCREST RETREAT ASSOCIATION

2020

## 2020 Annual Spring Banquet

Thursday, March 26, 2020 • 6:15 PM  
Yoder's Banquet Facility

- Delicious Dinner
- Inspiring message by the new Executive Director, Bill Klees
- Testimonies from campers and staff
- Summer Camp Video

For complimentary reservations please call 717-738-2233



## Summer 2020 is Coming

There is power in camp! God can use camp to reach kids that may never set foot in a church otherwise. Once kids are here, they are immersed in messages from God's Word, authentic relationships with trustworthy staff, the joy of new experiences, and the beauty of His Creation. God uses these things to draw kids to Himself in a powerful way. Of course, a child can't express all this. If you asked a camper about her week, she'd say "it was awesome! I had a blast!" And that means God moved! Campers come for the fun, but they leave with the truth. It is our desire that every child that steps foot on this mountain experiences God's love in a real way. It might look like a health care provider caring for a scraped knee, or a counselor giving loving correction, or even a camper beating a counselor in ga-ga ball! But God moves in the little things. And that's the power of camp!

Overnight camp this year is centered on True North: The Search for Truth. As campers work to solve the mystery of the missing camp mascot, we'll begin an even bigger search--the search for Truth. We live in a world where truth is hard to find, especially for young people. Youth have questions and the Bible is the source for true answers. Daily Bible lessons will dive into the deep questions of life: How do we know God exists? Why is there suffering in the world? Is Jesus the only way to heaven? Campers will be encouraged in their walk with God, and will leave with confidence that we have a faith worth believing in. Please pray for our staff as we enter this time of ministry. We expect God to do great things.

Visit [www.WoodcrestRetreat.org](http://www.WoodcrestRetreat.org) for all the dates and details about summer 2020. A full color brochure will be mailed in February. Registration opens February 1st.



### Director's Desk

Greetings friends of Woodcrest. I am so thankful for the privilege to serve as the new Executive Director. It has been a joy to work alongside Cliff the past few months and to learn from him and experience his love for the ministry. He has made this transition much easier.

My mission for the first year is to focus on listening and learning. I want to know the heart of this place so that as we move forward, we can build upon the foundation that has already been laid. The door to my office is always open and I invite you to email, call or just stop in and introduce yourself. My passion is for Jesus and to see people come to know, love, and serve Him. I look forward to meeting many of you at the banquet and in the months to come.



# Journey to Bethlehem Breaks Records

This was the ninth year for the Journey to Bethlehem and it proved to be a record breaking one. Although we were rained out the first night, the other evenings were full of people coming to experience the power of the Christmas message. After three nights more than 2300 guests came—including over 1000 on the last night, breaking the record for the most guests in one night.



We are so thankful for the cast and crew that made this a memorable tradition for so many people.

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|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Savannah Alarie   | Colleen King     | Joseph Stauffer        |
| Caroline Baum     | Alan Klees       | Gabrielle Streb        |
| Jenny Bollinger   | Heather Klees    | Baird Thompson         |
| Troy Bollinger    | Avery Klees      | Katie Trostle          |
| Abby Burkholder   | Bill Klees       | Wayne Trostle          |
| Gary Burkholder   | Emma Klees       | Zayne Trostle          |
| Sonya Burkholder  | Natalie Klees    | Mark Troyer            |
| Asher Christner   | John Landis      | Cyrus Walker           |
| Sharon Christner  | Nichelle Lehman  | Vicky Wallace          |
| Avery Copenhaver  | Brendan MacNeal  | Karsey Warfel          |
| Jennie Copenhaver | Kim MacNeal      | Adrian Weaver          |
| Leandro Dueck     | Austin Martin    | Courtney Weaver        |
| Aleah Eberly      | Brandon Martin   | Jordan Weaver          |
| Lydia Eberly      | Carol Martin     | Lloyd Weaver           |
| Gerald Fox        | Cliff Martin     | Larry Weber            |
| Mervin Fox        | Curtis Martin    | Dean Weinhold          |
| Tracey Fox        | Dolly Martin     | Linda Weinhold         |
| Adam Fox          | Earl Martin      | Abby Wenger            |
| John Gehman       | Elicia Martin    | Joel Wenger            |
| Rick Gehman       | Colton Martin    | Kara Williams          |
| Merv Gingrich     | Jess Martin      | Jesse Yoder            |
| Matthew Good      | Sheldon Martin   | Brandon Zeiset         |
| Josie Groff       | Lyndell Martin   | Jenna Zeiset           |
| Gabe Hall         | Davin Miller     | Rachel Zeiset          |
| Joyce High        | Jeriah Miller    | Ty Zeiset              |
| Tim High          | Brenda Musselman | Ben Zimmerman          |
| Ellie Hollinger   | Dave Musselman   | Judy Zimmerman         |
| Julia Hollinger   | Les Nolt         | Matt Zimmerman         |
| Carson Hoover     | Cody Oberholtzer | Nelson Zimmerman       |
| Curvin Hoover     | Tara Olson       | Jenna Zubaly           |
| Henry Hoover      | Heather Rudy     | Isabel Zwally          |
| Abby Horning      | Tristan Sanchez  | Mandy Zwally           |
| Caleb Horning     | Karen Sauder     | Indiantown Menn. Youth |
| Denise Horning    | Roger Sauder     | Millport Menn. Youth   |
| Nevin Horning     | Eli Saylor       |                        |
| Glen Horst        | Julie Sensenig   |                        |
| Gladys Horst      | Anthony Sensenig |                        |
| Janie Horst       | Wayne Shirk      |                        |
| Leon Horst        | Linda Snader     |                        |
| Stan Horst        | Charles Stauffer |                        |
| Elena Hurst       | Harold Stauffer  |                        |

*Our intention was to recognize and appreciate all who served. Our apologies for misspelled or omitted names.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Woods Worship Night**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2020 7:00 PM**  
**Indian Rock Center**

An evening of worship and fellowship for local youth groups.

**Spring Banquet**  
**Thursday March 26, 2020 • 6:15 PM**  
 See front page.

**Ladies Night Out**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2020 • 6 PM**  
 Cost: \$18

Speaker: Carol Cool  
 Ladies, invite your friends and come enjoy a delicious buffet meal and an inspiring speaker.

**Open House**  
**Sat. April 18, 2020**  
**Drop in between 9 AM – 1 PM**

Learn more about the summer camp ministry and other retreat and rental facilities. This is a great way to introduce a friend to summer camp at Woodcrest.



**Spring Senior Citizen Day**  
**Wed. April 22, 2020 • 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Lunch provided.**

A day designed for our senior supporters to be encouraged through an inspiring message, a warm meal, and special entertainment.

**Alumni Reunion**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

All summer staff alumni young and old are invited to this event. Come enjoy food, friends and memories. Watch for more details.

**Benefit Golf Tournament**  
**Thursday May 21, 2020**  
**Foxchase Golf Club**

11:00 Driving range opens  
 Noon: Lunch served  
 1:00 Shotgun start  
 Dinner: Following tournament



**Father/Daughter Canoe**  
**Sat. May 30, 2020 – see article**

**Father/Son Campout**  
**Fri. & Sat. June 12-13, 2020**  
 – see article

## 2020 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Summer Camp Staff – Ages 16 and older

Join a wonderful staff team focused on growing in faith, loving on campers and serving the Lord! Apply to volunteer by the week or be on paid staff for 9 weeks. There's a variety of positions available to fit various skills and talents.

### Lifeguards – Ages 15 or older

Get paid to serve on a team of trained and skilled individuals that keeps everyone safe as they enjoy the pool and waterslide. Be part of the resident summer staff or choose a part-time, drive-in position.

A complete list of summer positions and volunteer opportunities, with an online application, can be found at [www.Woodcrest-Retreat.org](http://www.Woodcrest-Retreat.org) and click on "Employment."

**Summer Camp Cooks:** We are looking for a head cook and assistant cook for our summer camp program. The head cook is responsible for meal planning including menus and food ordering. Assistant cook works with the head cook in food preparation. Both positions start in early June and run through early August. Hours range between 30-40 hours a week. Call the camp office to learn more.

### Summer Weekend Hosts – individuals or couples

This volunteer or paid position is an opportunity to use your hospitality gifting. Duties include light office work, cleaning restrooms and pavilions, running the waterslide, and operating the store. Learn more by calling the office or emailing [Bill@WoodcrestRetreat.org](mailto:Bill@WoodcrestRetreat.org).



### Part-time Receptionist/ Reservationist

This year-round position is suited for a friendly, detail-oriented individual proficient in guest relations and who has organization and computer skills. Responsibilities include greeting guests, answering phone calls and e-mails, facility and group reservations, data base management, and assisting with summer camp registrations.

Get the full job description online. If you have questions or want to apply contact Bill at 717-738-2233 or [Bill@WoodcrestRetreat.org](mailto:Bill@WoodcrestRetreat.org)

## Two Great Events for Fathers Father/Child Adventures

### Father/Daughter Canoe

Sat., May 30, 2020 • 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Age: 9 and older • Cost: \$85.00 per person

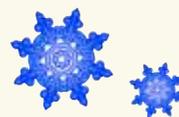
This is a tradition for many and a great way to create lasting memories. Enjoy a day of canoeing on the Schuylkill River with plenty of fun and quality time for dads and daughters. This trip is fully equipped including delicious food. You just bring yourselves! You will admire the natural beauty of the river, learn canoeing skills, and reflect on your journey with Christ.

### Father/Son Campout

June 12-13, 2020 • Fri. 6:00 PM – Sat. 4:00 PM

Age: 5 & older • Speaker: Bill Klees • Theme: Sons of God

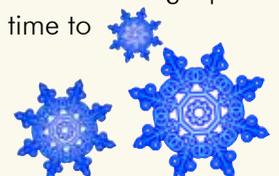
Make great camping memories with your sons or grandsons! Not only will you get outdoors, it's a hassle-free event with activities and meals provided. (Friday dinner through Saturday lunch.) Also, our speaker will help you understand the importance of knowing who we are in Christ. Other activities will include group games, archery, pool, waterslide and more! Cost: Father: \$ 75.00 • Son: \$50.00/per son  
Lodging Options:  
Bring a tent or RV - Reserve a bunkhouse.

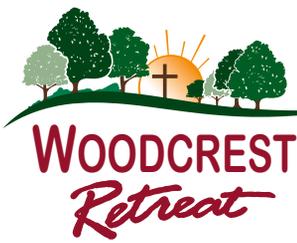


## Winter Blast Fun

This event lives up to its name... it's a blast! We had over 70 campers come for a day of winter fun. We sang

Christmas songs, trekked on a nature walk, played several outdoor and indoor games, and warmed up with cozy hot chocolate. DRAMA ministries brought Bible stories to life with powerful mimes to share the gospel message. It was a great time to reconnect with campers and staff over the Christmas break!





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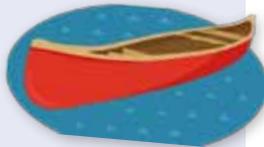


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## Woodcrest's River Rumble

June 29 - July 1



Explore the beautiful Delaware River in this exciting expedition. Join trained Woodcrest staff as they lead a 20-mile canoe trip filled with activities, biblical teaching, and lifelong memories. Campers spend time traveling through the Water Gap region while camping on islands as they paddle the river. Highlights include amazing scenery, delicious campfire meals, and in-depth teaching to challenge campers in their understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Campers will learn basic canoeing skills to assist them on their journey. The River Rumble is for campers ages 12-15. Early bird registration is \$275 if registered by May 1st.

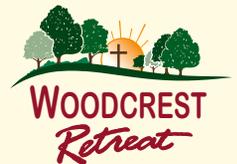
## Thank You!

We give thanks to God for His great provisions. We are also thankful to the many friends who supported Woodcrest through their year-end gift. Back on November 22 Woodcrest participated in Lancaster County's Extra Give. Ninety-five donors contributed more than \$20,000 toward the ministry. With special awards and matching funds we expect to receive nearly \$22,000. Our special year-end campaign focused on 60 years of ministry and celebrating what God has done through the years. We set an inspirational goal of \$60,000 to help us start the next 60 years on a strong financial foundation. With the Extra Give included you showed your support by donating over \$79,000 and helping us reach our goal. Thank you and we look forward to serving the Lord for years to come.



### Praise God! ...

- For the privilege of "Sharing Christ's Love" with 2362 guests through the "Journey to Bethlehem"
- For all the volunteers who made the "Journey" possible
- For the wonderful support through the Benefit Auction, Extra Give, and year-end donations
- That we are debt free again after the generous support of the Woodcrest family
- For the smooth transition with our new Executive Director



### Please Pray...

- For the summer staff search process and that we would have an amazing team for the summer
- For God to provide the right individual to fill the Receptionist/Reservationist role
- For the Board as they give direction for the ongoing ministry
- For God's peace and blessing to rest upon the ministry of Woodcrest

### Help us! We could use ....

- Spring work groups/individuals for mulching, painting, and clean up
- Commercial Ping pong table (estimated value \$1000)
- 12 Passenger Van (2010 or newer)
- Mid-sized chainsaw industrial (estimated value \$300)
- Miter saw (\$180)
- Basketballs, volleyballs, and playground balls