

Rockville

Reflections

As we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."
2 Corinthians 3:18

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Photo Credit: Barbara Ranck, Virginia Coast of Atlantic Ocean at Sunrise



Rockville Ladies Retreat

March 20 - 22, 2009

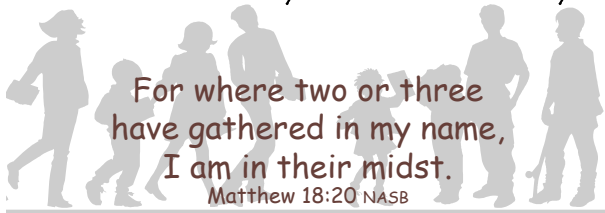


Loving Well



see details on back page

Small Group Fellowships



For where two or three
have gathered in my name,
I am in their midst.
Matthew 18:20 NASB

JR High Youth Group In His STEPS

Following the school calendar,
upon entering 6th grade youth are invited
to attend Jr High events until they enter ninth grade

Advisors:

Dave and Rose Myers 610.286.7870

SR High Youth Group

Following the school calendar,
upon entering ninth grade youth are invited
to attend SR High events.
There is no cut off age for the SR High Group.

Advisors:

Dave and Verna Diener 717.354.2424
Dale and Renee Horning 717.445.0598

Officers:

Jon Lapp, Austin Stoltzfus,
Emily Stoltzfus, Andrea Stoltzfus

Young Adults Group

Upon graduating from high school,
young adults are invited to join YAG.

Advisors:

Fred and Joanne Good 717.354.9376

Group Bible Studies

To participate contact lead couple for group details

Mike and Cindy Shoup
610.286.0821

Leon and Gloria Lapp
610.593.5889

Gene and Loretta Smucker
717.354.9923

GriefShare

Seminar meets weekly as announced in bulletin

Mary Howe 610.656.2855
Paul and Twila Ranck 717.442.1287

Congregational Prayer Meeting

1st Sunday Evening of the Month at Church

Facilitated by the Elders
Fred Haldeman, Paul Ranck, Cliff Stoltzfus,
Marv Stoltzfus, Nate Stoltzfus

Jr. Youth Report

submitted by Rose



Junior youth meetings
often begin with ac-
tivities that encourage
group interaction.



Plan Ahead...

Jr. Youth Retreat
Shoups' Lodge
July 31 - Aug. 2, 2009

One evening in Feb-
ruary they enjoyed
making snowmen in the
warmth of Shoups' gym.

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Missions Update

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Article by Adrian Stoltzfus serving with YWAM in Australia

Outreach 2009 Christmas Island and Bangkok, Thailand

For the first three months of 2009 I've been on outreach leading a team from the counselling school in YWAM Perth. It has been a great year so far! Here is a bit of the work I've been involved in this year:

Just after Christmas I took a team to Christmas Island, a small island and Australian territory in the Indian Ocean. We helped work with refugees who were seeking asylum in Australia and coming from nations in the Middle East and other places affected by war. It was an amazing



opportunity as YWAM was invited in by a non-Christian agency looking after these refugees who are kept in detention. We helped run activities with them such as English class, Australian studies,



art, and also sports and other games. As time went on friendships were built and we were able to share about why we do what we do, and the love of God for each of them. We were even able to pray for some of them and God healed one guy's knees from pain!

We finished up our time on Christmas Island on February 12th. After three days back in Perth we left for Bangkok, Thailand. Besides being a large hub in Asia for business and travel, Bangkok is also a main center where many women and children are trafficked and exploited. YWAM Perth has a team reaching out to Children at Risk and we were able to come alongside them, doing children's programs in a slum area, exploring areas where there are street children, and reaching out to people on the streets. Many people's lives were touched as the team initiated relationship and shared God's love through practical ways.

God is really at work in Bangkok! But one of the biggest rewards for me on a trip like this is seeing the transformation God brings in my team -the students that I am leading. They really grew in God as they were exposed to the needs of a city, seeking God for his perspective and his answers, and challenged to reach out to people in different situations! God has been faithful to do amazing things in all of us.

Do you Know... Jennie Ringler?

Correspondent:

Christina Kurtz



I was the second daughter born to Jim and Anna Ringler, we lived in Bowmansville fairly close to relatives from both their families.

Then when I was 6 years old we went out to our aunts house in Wisconsin. Dad loved the idea of farming and the farms were for sale out there, so in no time we were packing up that big moving truck and headed up north! Super exciting stuff for a six year old!

I was nine when the twins came along, another sister and finally a brother! Also very exciting!!

My first job was as a bed maker at a nursing home which got me interested in nursing and I quickly became a nurse assistant.

In April '05 I spent the year at RBC, afterwards I decided I wanted a change from WI and ended up here in Lancaster County, PA. I've now become an LPN and work at Fairmount Homes as a charge nurse-probably the best job in the world:)

I'm currently living in Lititz with two amazing roommates, (one part time). We're close, almost like sisters, which is a blessing to me since my family is hours away.

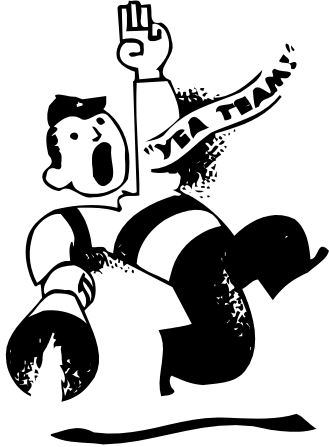


I've been dating a wonderful man nearly a year. I met Lloyd Lienbach though friends several years ago and after talking we discovered we attended the same church as kids, prior to my family's move to WI. Its a small world in Mennonite land!

I've been truly blessed to be apart of the Rockville Church and am very thankful that God led me to a church where I can continue to grow in Jesus.

Have you ever been asked an innocent question such as, "So what is this MACSA Bible quizzing like?" How can you adequately convey all the hard work in memorizing, truly, to the "jot and tittle!" A listener's eyes glaze over as they hear a description of the different kinds of specialty questions, the team strategies, the blinking lights of the quiz box, the scorekeeping, team divisions, etc.

Attending an actual quiz-a-thon may not even be all that enlightening because a spectator doesn't even get a chance to hear the question before many quizzers are jumping. Not only is the answer given, but at times the unfinished question is also correctly given by the quizzer.



Why would anyone commit themselves to hours and hours of study in the King James version at that?!

**HEAR IT FROM THE
ROCKVILLE QUIZZERS
AS TO THEIR
HIGHLIGHTS OF
BIBLE QUIZZING
THIS YEAR.**



ROCKVILLE TRUTH
COACHED BY WILMA STOLTZFUS

Jesse Stoltzfus

I learned to understand and jump on reference questions.

Ellie Weaver

My highlight was getting 2 trophies. I liked getting to meet other quizzers and the comradery we could have even though we were competing against them.

Hadassah Stoltzfus

I had a fun time with my team. I love the intense competition, being in AA for the first time, and getting a trophy at the retreat.

Clark Stoltzfus

I liked getting a trophy in AA and studying God's Word.



ROCKVILLE PEACE
COACHED BY BARBARA RANCK

Gabriel Stoltzfus

I liked the competition of quizzing and getting a 1st place trophy.

Jennica Stoltzfus

I value the benefit of memorizing the passage.

Shirah Burns

I enjoyed being with my friends and also building a team relationship.

Josiah Stoltzfus

I enjoyed the practices and the retreat. It was great getting out of the normal routine of school.



QUIZZED WITH A TEAM AT
CONESTOGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Jonathan Shoup

I enjoyed the competition and learning more of God's Word.



ROCKVILLE POWER
COACHED BY MELODY STOLTZFUS

Peter Stoltzfus

Hanging out with the guys at the retreat.

Derek Burns

It was a good year working together with everyone contributing.

Daniel Ranck

I liked the retreat and enjoyed the strategy involved in quizzing.

Gemma Stoltzfus

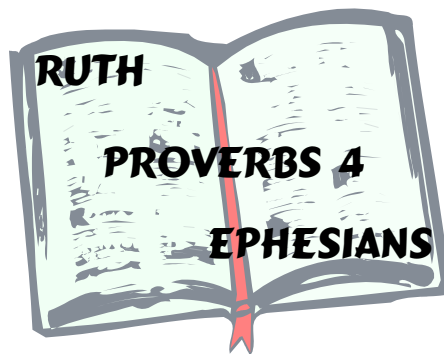
I enjoyed studying for the situation questions.

QUIZ

PASSAGE

STUDIED

WAS



ROCKVILLE AMBASSADORS
COACHED BY SHERILYN LAPP

Candace Stoltzfus

I liked the retreat a lot. It was fun being with friends.

Megan Stoltzfus

I liked the bunny quiz at the retreat.

Jessica Lapp

It was my first ever retreat which I liked better than I even thought I would. It was fun being away from home for 2 nights with my friends.

Catherine Ranck

The quiz-a-thons and the retreat were great! I could have fun with my friends.



ROCKVILLE RULERS
COACHED BY MARLA RANCK

Emily Stoltzfus

This was my favorite retreat because of the good attitude of everyone in our division (Senior High AA). We were all OK with losing.

Martha Ranck

The retreat was my highlight! Interacting with quizzers from other teams and building relationships.

Shelley Burns

This was the best quiz year ever! I wouldn't trade the fun times I've had with my team for anything . . . not even a trophy!



QUIZZED WITH A TEAM FROM CHESTNUT STREET

Jessica Stoltzfus

Quizzing is the highlight of my winter!

Abigail Stoltzfus

Quizzing senior high was much better than junior high. Instead of seeing our opponents as enemies, we had fun spending time with them as friends.



Ladies Retreat



What was the best part of the ladies retreat?

-the smorgasbord of snacks tempting us at every turn?

-the entertaining conversations both to and from the Shoup's lodge?

-the succulent and satisfying culinary delights prepared by Mike and Rich?

-the hike across swinging bridges, up stone steps next to waterfalls, and a spectacular view next to a hanging boulder at Trough Creek State Park?

-the group games of "Keep Your Balloon Aloft the Longest", "Puppet Actionary" or "To Bean or Not to Bean, That is the Question" (name dubbed by Patsy Horning)

-the worship and prayer times, the quiet conversations, the ministry input by Sherilyn Lapp and Beth Moore?

For each one who attended, there probably is a different answer, but we were all blessed in some way. Our hearts were stirred as Sherilyn shared her experiences surrounding Nate's accident last June. We came away amazed at the way the Lord lifted her up spiritually in the midst of the crisis, and spoke into her heart as never before. He showed her how HOLY, how BIG, and how willing He was to answer when she and others would "just ask".

Beth Moore's DVD sessions challenged us to love well. We soon became familiar with four kinds of people to love- "Joy", "Testy", "Foe", and "FAR" (stranger). Beth Moore made us all laugh with her vivid illustrations, but the Word's truth was deeply planted that we can all accept and access God's love in order to "love anyone through anything."

All-too-soon it was time to pack and leave, but the bonds created between women, and the memories from the weekend will linger.

So what is the best part of a ladies retreat?



For me it was seeing several sets of feet flying out the door to greet me before my vehicle had even come to rest. Nothing's like coming back refreshed to HOME SWEET HOME! submitted by Cheryl Stoltzfus



Proof positive... a woman organizes her life to be available to those she loves!!!