

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

CRAFT NIGHT



Andrea, Barbara, Marla, Jason and Delmar serving as staff on Craft Night.



AT HONEYBROOK YOUTH CENTER

Once a month Marla plans and coordinates a craft night. The month of January they made 40+ gingerbread houses and had lots of fun!

God's Sufficiency Exceeds Our Need

For every need, there is a name of God that meets the need.

Our lack is perfectly engineered to magnify His perfect sufficiency. The great I AM stands ready with His supply from His eternal riches. His infinite supply magnifies in bold relief our complete dependence on Him - not I, but Christ.

When we need a hug, **Abba-Father** takes us in his arms to love us and protect us.

When we can't, our **Almighty God** can and does.

When we are empty inside, the **Bread of heaven** satisfies our hunger with himself without measure.

When we are bearing grief, pain, and losses, the **Comforter** wipes away our tears.

When we are weakest, our **Defender** is the most able to sustain us against our foes.

When we are feeling very small and powerless, **El Elyon** is the most high, the incomparable God above all.

When we feel totally helpless, **Faithful and True** is absolutely dependable and trustworthy.

When we feel weary and discouraged, our **God of hope** lifts the burden of responsibility from our shoulders and puts it on his shoulders of government of our circumstances.

When we are perplexed, our **Holy Spirit** gives us Himself as our wonderful Counselor.

When we are facing a human impossibility, the **I AM** is our eternal miracle-working God.

When our resources seem inadequate, we will never lack any good thing, because **Jehovah-Jirah, our Provider**, is our source and supply.

When we submit to Him, the **King of kings** rules our rebel wills as His proper dominion.

When our sin needed atonement, the **Lamb of God** took our death sentence and became God's provision for our sins, so that we may have His life moment by moment.

When we are stumbling in confusion, the **Light of the World** is the lamp to our feet, the only Light we need to dispel our darkness.

When we come into His throne room, we stand in awe of His **Majesty**-splendid, glorious, and radiant, beyond anything that words can describe.

When we are tempted to be impressed with the world's idols, He is the **Name above all names**, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is named.

When we are tempted to retaliate, we remember who we are-called, chosen, and faithful followers of our **Overcomer**, and in Him we can overcome evil with good.

When we are weak, the **Power of God** comes in person to be our strength.

When we have been wronged, our **Righteous Judge** settles all violations against us with perfect judgment, so we must not take matters into our own hands.

Even when our dreams are broken and our lives seem to be in ashes, our **Sovereign** will work His eternal purpose in all things.

When we abide in Him, our **True Vine** is our sustenance and substance.

When we are poor in this world's goods, in our **Un-speakable Gift** we are rich beyond measure with the treasure of His grace.

When we need discipline, the **Vinedresser** regularly prunes us so that we may bear more abundant lasting fruit.

When we need to hear from Him, **Jesus is the Word**, God's living message, the eternal God who communicates with us. He is the First Word and the Last.

We have everything we need, because His name is called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

He is Worthy!

Missions Update

Correspondent: Rhoda Snader

Dear Fellow ministers,

Thanks for the wishful thinking and your blessings. We appreciate your love and the continued support this is really an "acid test" proving to us that you really carry us in your hearts and hold us dear always.

May the Lord bless you much.

We're having YWAM Morogoro branch coming to minister in the village, they may stay for two weeks, doing door to door ministry and perhaps more.....Please pray for us so that their stay will bring a long awaited positive change.

Thank - you for the support, this has come on the right time for supporting the Lord's work in the village.

God bless you mightily.

Please tell our friends that we wish them a new and blessed year.

Sincerely, Pastor P. Lwekamwa



on the way to church with his daughter

LIBRARY LINES



Librarian Correspondent:
Ruby Lerch



Riven
by Jerry Jenkins

This book is the story of two men: Thomas Carey and Brady Wayne Darby. Thomas is a minister who has been faithfully serving God his whole life, mostly in small, poor churches. As he becomes older, he battles weariness and discouragement, feeling like he has nothing to show for his service. Brady is a young man who was raised in a dingy trailer park, who can never quite fit in, no matter how hard he tries. The story starts a bit slowly, but as the story builds, you will be able to figure out how Thomas's and Brady's life will intersect. What you will never imagine is the way this story ends, with a seismic wave of rebirth and redemption that will shake the nation and even the world - to the core! This is the book that Jerry Jenkins (author of the Left Behind books) says he always wanted to write.



SR Youth

Spiritual Life Weekend

January 9 - 11, 2009

at Shoup's Lodge



The Youth had a super good time thanks to -

Youth Leaders: Dave and Verna Dienner, Dale and Renee Horning

Speaker: Brian Holmquist (and family) **Cook:** Barbara Ranck

Hosts: Mike and Cindy Shoup





Brian Holmquist challenged the youth on these points.

Session one:

The Power of YOU making Right Choices

What have you purposed in your heart not to do?

Session two:

The Power of the Sovereignty of God in Your Life

Are you aware of God's sovereign hand guiding your life?
Do you see him leading your life?

Session three:

When Christ is living His life in and through me, I become the perfect, sovereign will of God.

Stop being content with listening to other people's cool stories of things God did in their lives. Dare to be that person.

But realize it will only happen as you make the right choices daily and the most important one is your relationship with the Lord. Guard it oh so carefully.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAST AND PRESENT

First established in 1780 in Gloucester, England, Sunday school was designed to give instruction to "poor factory children" who were victims of the industrial revolution. The purpose was to teach them something of morals and religion and to keep them off the streets. Sounds like something one might read about in one of Charles Dickens books!

In 1786 the Sunday school movement crossed the ocean and sprung up in VA. It spread rapidly across the eastern seaboard and in 1824 The American Sunday School Union was organized. This movement of evangelical Christianity in America is said to largely be the result of The Great Revival of 1800.

The first Mennonite Sunday School in the US was apparently established in 1842 in PA. Although not without controversy, the first Sunday Schools were very popular and were held on Sunday afternoons. Lancaster Conference approved Sunday school in 1871 with the first organized Sunday school at Willow Street.

Looking back at over a century of Sunday school history, we can appreciate the many contributions it has made to the church as a whole and specifically to us here at Rockville.

Our goal continues to be that it will increase Bible knowledge and enhance spiritual growth for the whole family unit. We are presently working very hard to design classes that will encourage our young people to seek out and establish firm convictions of their own. We want to come along side as each of you pursue your life calling and seek to understand and use your God given gifts and talents. The high school class deserves special recognition as they have regular attendance of 20+ students!

Next quarter beginning March 8 will mark the beginning of a new class designed particularly for both single and married young adults from post high school to age 29. We do encourage each of you to make the most of this great opportunity! Nate Stoltzfus, an experienced teacher, will bring insight and wisdom to the class as he shares with you from the book of Ephesians.

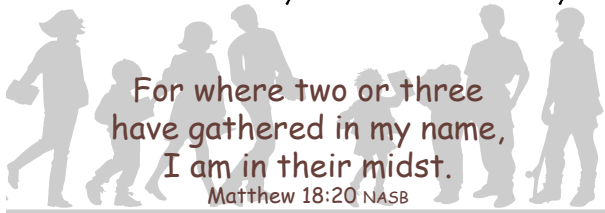
Two adult electives will also be offered next quarter, a study of the book of Pilgrims Progress which will be taught by Marv Stoltzfus. Also Chad Beiler will continue teaching through the book of James.

Our prayer is that we will grow closer to God and to each other as we meet during the Sunday school hour this next quarter.

Mark Stoltzfus,
Sunday School
Superintendent
(Facts compiled
by Melody)



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 Dienner 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

Do you Know... Chris Faulker?

Correspondent: Christina Kurtz



Turkey shot by Chris
May 3, 2004
Nockamixon State Park,
Bucks County, PA

I grew up in Tanner Williams, Alabama and have very fond memories living in the rural south. It was a much different culture from what I have grown accustomed to now. Christmas of 1984 I came to Pennsylvania to visit my mom and she decided for me to stay and finish out my last year of school.

After earning a degree in Agronomy from Delaware

Valley College, I was hired by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (18 years now) and have also served with the United States Navy and PA Air National Guard.



My son Tanner was born April 24, 2006. We spend a lot of time playing at parks, visiting farms and construction sites watching tractors, and going to the fire station to look at the fire engines. Tanner is a great kid and an

absolute joy in my life. He is already asking me to take him hunting and fishing.

This past year has been rough having had both hips operated on but I'm finally coming around to some degree of normalcy. The pain in my lower back and legs has gone away. The doctor recently said the recovery is progressing well and by next spring I should be good as new. submitted by Chris



Tanner 2 1/2 years old
November 2008