

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Thanksgiving season always makes us think about the many things in our lives we are grateful for and find new ways to express that gratitude.

This year, we are incredibly grateful for our camp community. The campers that attend each summer and allow us to pour into them for a week, the summer staff that serve alongside us every summer, the individuals who serve on our board of directors, and the churches that bring their youth to camp to better experience Christ.

To start off, we just want to send out a **THANK YOU** to everyone who has partnered with us in ministry this past year! We had a fantastic year overall and are looking forward to another year of growth in 2023. None of this would not be possible without all the encouragement, prayers, and support we get from each one of you. It's felt like so much has happened since the last newsletter was sent out, so settle in and enjoy a little update about the ministry!

SUMMER RECAP

It's hard to put into words just how good this summer was! We were ACTIVE, we were FULL, we were EFFECTIVE! Every week was packed with campers and staff! We set a new high for attendance with almost 600 campers coming through Greenview this summer. We also had between 30-50 staff members every week.

Campers were able to ride horses, pop balloons at archery, race around the go-kart track, catch crayfish in the creek, take kayaks out into the pond, and much more. Bible lessons and discussions were a favorite this summer, with campers asking for more time spent in discussions and worship!

We had 14 young people accept Jesus into their hearts this summer! The 12 campers who made that decision last summer also returned this year as well. The Lord is definitely doing some GREAT things through the summer camp ministry!



TRANSITIONS

In February, we announced some upcoming changes in the roles of the leadership here at Greenview. I got promoted to Director, my dad transitioned into a Facilities and Promotion oversight role, and my mom kept on doing everything else. My new role didn't come with a new corner office - in fact, it just made my office a lot more crowded with papers and files - but it did come with a variety of new opportunities for me to explore.

My dad likes to joke that they have to work harder and longer hours now that I'm the boss, and while that might be true, I'm fairly certain that it's not totally my doing! Things have just been busy here, and there's no sign of it slowing down. In 2022, we will have served over 75 different groups (around 5,000 people) that have come in either for a weekend retreat, day event, or family gathering, etc.



When my grandparents, Wooly and Betty Ulrich, started Greenview back in 1959, the summer consisted of just a couple weeks and a handful of campers. Boy, how things have changed!

During their 36 years of leadership, land was purchased, buildings were put up, horses were added, and the ministry was built - literally from the ground up! Wooly and Betty saw this ministry grow from a couple's dream into something wonderful that thousands of people enjoy every year.

For the last 28 years, Steve and Donna have grown this ministry into what we see today. Relationships were formed, cabins were renovated to increase capacity, new activities were added, massive building projects that were once thought to be impossible were planned out and completed, and the impact of Greenview has flourished.

If you look back and see how much this ministry has grown over the years, it is astounding. The Lord truly has blessed us here at Greenview. What amazes me is the reach that camp has had in our local community. It shows up when I least expect it!



If you don't know me too well, you might not know that I spend entirely way too much time on Facebook Marketplace looking for anything and everything. The amazing thing is the number of times I have bought or sold something to these apparent "strangers" only to find out that they once came to Greenview as campers, sent their kids here, or attended a church retreat here. It happens more often than not! Don't believe me? Try wearing a camp shirt the next time you buy something and see for yourself!

FUNDRAISERS

We had a great turnout for our 15th annual **Family Day & Ride** in August. Our main fundraiser every year, this event was started in memory of Floyd Sensenig, a huge supporter of the camp's ministry who passed away in 2007. Floyd was serving on our Building Committee at the time of his passing and the funds raised every year go to payment of the Activity Center which also shares his name. This year, we were able to raise over \$44,000. We are extremely thankful to all the donors, sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who attended the day of the event.



In October, we had around 100 people take part in our annual **Golf Tournament**. This event is held every October in memory of the camp's founder, Wooly Ulrich, who was also an avid golfer and member of the Manor Golf Course where the event is held. It was the perfect day for some good fellowship around the course!

PRAYER MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Last fall, we wrote about our matching fundraiser for our new barn. The response was amazing! Not just with the giving of financial resources, but the many hours of labor, supplies and equipment. Now, I wouldn't necessarily recommend building a barn in the middle of a pandemic when the cost of everything was so high



that it caused us to come in at almost double our estimated cost, but we were able to make it work - thanks to our many faithful and generous supporters. The majority of the work in and around the barn was completed by volunteers!

This Fall, we were able to host our first Horsemanship Programs and really utilize the barn. Kate ran a beginner friendly horse club on Monday nights from September to November, and Jesse led a riding club that met Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays in October.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Our Summer Schedule for next year is finalized and registration is open online! We have decided to add a third week of overnight camp for next summer in order to help us better suit the growing enrollment. Make sure to sign up early, as space has been limited the last few years.

We are planning to offer two **Winter Retreats** this year. Our Sr. High Retreat (for Grades 9-12) will return this year from February 17-19. New for this year is the Jr. High Retreat (for Grades 6-8) which will be January 13-15.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook or check our website for additional information on next summer's camps, both of these retreats, and everything else we have going on here at camp.

CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS

Over the years, we have been blessed by generous supporters of the ministry who have given us equipment and resources that allow us to do all the necessary work around the camp. The Lord has always provided in His perfect timing. For example, a few months ago a friend of the ministry donated funds dedicated to upgrading our vehicles/equipment that has been aging. A few weeks later, we found out that my truck needed several thousand dollars' worth of rust repair, as well as a few thousand more in mechanical issues. We were recently able to purchase a newer replacement thanks to the designated funds. An answer to prayer, before we even knew we needed it!

There are several pieces of equipment we are looking to repair or replace in the coming months. Currently, our biggest equipment needs are the following:

- ATV replacement for our current Polaris 500 that is on its last leg and currently in need of repair.
- Camp work truck replacement for our '99 Dodge 1500. Ideally something that is 4x4 with full size bed.
- Replacement mower ideally with a 72" deck to replace our current 60" Spartan (bagger would be a plus!)

If you are able to help us out with any of the needs listed, please reach out to Jon at (717) 413-2816.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

We may only have a few year-round employees, but the volunteer base which keeps this place running is vast! We have individuals who volunteer their time and expertise helping us complete building projects and fixing things around the camp. We have individuals who help us clean and get ready for groups as they come in. We also have over 60 summer staff (young and not-so-young) that serve alongside us each summer. Would you be interested in getting more involved here at camp?

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. We know there are many great organizations and ministries out there that could use your financial support and as I stated earlier, we have truly been blessed this year with the support we've received from our camp community. BUT... if you would like to continue to sow into the work that is being done here, we would be so very grateful. If you would like to give financially, you can donate through the website, find us on Venmo, or drop a check in the mail!

PERSONAL UPDATE – JON & KATE



Life has been good for our little family! Nora made it through her first summer at camp. It's a good thing she's a little people person! She has been healthy and happy, which has been an answer to prayer. She has recently started to crawl all over the place! Watching her grow this year has been a blessing to both of us.

Kate continues to split her time between being a mother to Nora, a teacher at Lititz Christian School, a flower farmer, and recently added being a puppy caretaker for 11 golden retriever pups!

As for me, I'm just excited that all the puppies found their new homes!

Lastly, I do apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter out to all of you! I always tell myself I'll get to it when things slow down a bit, but that never seems to happen anymore. But we'll never complain about that!

We can't thank you all enough for your continued support of what God is doing here at Greenview.

It truly has been a privilege to serve,

Jon Rohrbaugh on behalf of Steve, Donna and Lena