



# INCREASE

*He must increase, but I must decrease.*

*~ John 3:30*

Summer 2019

## Board of Directors

Chairman:

Pastor Jason Smith

Members:

Pete Kingsley

Executive Director:

Ron Peters

## Vision Statement

*Our vision is to increase positive Christ-centered relationships for youth, increase understanding between youth and their community, and increase opportunity for youth to hear, encounter and have a life changing revelation of Christ's sacrifice while participating in a youth center where youth can be themselves.*

## Mission Statement

*Our mission is to reach the youth of the Lampeter-Strasburg area, and beyond, with the life changing peace, hope, and love of Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit.*

## From the Executive Director

Greetings! As I write this it is blistering hot. I stop and pause how magnificent our Creator is, to have designed us to withstand a very wide range of temperatures. Yes, it is hot, but I am living. God is very good and is in control. I sometimes have to think what it would be like if He had left us in control of the weather. That could look very interesting with everyone being created differently.

Well, enough on the weather, God has blessed Increase over the last few months. We have been meeting every week, studying the book of John, worshiping in song, and building relationships through games and recreation. We started the summer with a big cook-out, game night which was a blast! The youth were excited to be done with school for a few



months. Then we had a girl's night out where they went shopping for baby clothes to be given to Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services. The girls hope to deliver the clothes in the very near future. We took a group to Creation Festival at the end of June. We had another great year helping youth learn more about God through music and guest speakers.

On July 12, we held Increase's very first Golf tournament at Tanglewood Manor Golf Club. God gave us a beautiful day. We had thirty-three golfers and twenty-one Tbox Sponsors to make this first tournament a big success. Please save the date for next year and join us for a day of fun. I do need to mention that we are very excited to be hosting our Fifth Annual Breakfast Banquet. I pray that if you have not joined us at this meal in the past, the Lord will move you to attend this year. This event features an all you can eat breakfast, a time of worship, an update on the ministry, a word from a youth, and a silent auction. Please see separate article for all the details. We are looking for people to sponsor tables along with people to fill up the tables.

Thank you again for all your prayers and financial support over these past months. We will see you at the Breakfast! Have a Blessed day!

**Ron Peters**



## First time at Tanglewood Manor Golf Course for INCREASE

While this may have been the first time INCREASE Youth Ministry experienced the sunrise over the beautiful greens of Tanglewood, it is not the first time this golf course has blessed us! Tanglewood participated in our Breakfast Banquet's Silent Auction last fall by sending out a basket that golf enthusiasts politely fought "fore" as the bids rose! Seeing how guests responded, and knowing the hearts behind the golf course ownership, this new fundraising tournament adventure began with a basket.

On the day of the tournament our hearts were filled with blessings of encouragement, connection, and finances to further HIS kingdom here for the youth of our community. Eight teams rolled out for the scramble format which included four teammates working together to make the best score for each hole. Competition was intertwined with conversation, visual recognition at each tee box from sponsors, and ended with a delicious meal (yes, even ice cream!). Director Ron was able to share with participants about the ministry of INCREASE and all attending had a chance to win door prizes: restaurant gift cards, Emma's popcorn & pretzels, ice cream shop gift cards, a sporting good store gift card, golf balls, barbecue grilling sets, and a Fashion Cents gift card.

It is our hope that a new tradition has begun and that perhaps next year we will see you "putting a round" at Tanglewood with us—they truly do love golfers there, and it is evident they love serving God there!

### 1st Annual INCREASE Golf Tournament Tee Box Hole Sponsors:

Darrell & Carol Dombach  
Dave Herr  
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Greg & Lisa Minnich  
GR Mitchell Building Supplies

Metzler Mower  
Peters Excavating  
Scheurich Roofing  
Smoker Design Build  
Speedwell Construction  
Strasburg Masonry



### Talent on the Course:

1st place team: Greg Minnich, Dave Herr, Doug Finkbiner, Jim Howell, Jr.

2nd place team: Mel Lentz, Leroy Stoltzfus, Skip Fisher, Levi Fisher

Middle of the Pack team: Kyle King, Vince King, Bo Graber, Arlin Kennel

Closest to the Pin competition: hole #7 Pete Kingsley, # 13 Lou Denome, #16 Andy Tompos

Closest to the Line: hole #11 Wes Rineer

Most sportsman-like: ALL involved! All players were there to enjoy a sport they love, and play their best!



INCREASE meets weekly and ALL youth 6th to 12th grade are invited to join us. There is no cost to our regularly scheduled nights. We meet every Thursday night beginning at 5:30pm. Your generous support will go a long way in helping us fulfill our mission.

Mail your donation to:

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