



# INCREASE

*He must increase, but I must decrease.*

*~ John 3:30*

Winter 2020

## 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

*Hello I am praying that you are experiencing the joy of the Lord as you read this. In today's hectic lifestyle it can be very easy to give in to the enemy and allow him to steal the joy out of your life. Each week we make an attempt, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to restore joy to broken and hurting youth. And we can honestly say that we have seen the Holy Spirit providing smiles on faces. This brings joy to our hearts and gives testimony to the fact that our God is not dead. He is the Risen King! Please continue to pray for His children who are connected to Increase.*

*As I write this we are looking at another building to house Increase Youth Ministry. Please pray for discernment as we walk through this. We want what God wants. We want to be obedient to Him. If, while you are praying, you receive a word concerning this building situation, please contact me to share what God has revealed. You may have noticed I talk a lot about prayer. This is because I believe it is one thing that has taken a back seat to our hectic schedules. In the Bible it is very clear that this is the most important action needed to gain access to God's heart. This would lead me to believe we all need to spend more time in prayer.*

*I do want to thank you for your past prayers and for continuing to pray; along with your financial support. You truly do keep this ministry running. Thank you!*

**Ron Peters**



## 2020 Zook's Chicken Pie Sale Fundraiser

This will be our fifth Zook's pie and apple dumpling sale and we are excited to increase participation again this year! Along with filling your freezers, and providing an alternative, stress-free meal for you, we are again offering you, our faithful supporters, the opportunity to bless a family in the Lampeter-Strasburg School District with a meal. Last year you generously sent 61 pies into the homes of LS youth! We hope you will partner with us again to "pay it forward" pie-style.

The order form slips have the 9" chicken pie for LS as a separate column that can be included with your own order summary. If you order this pie, we will pass the pies on to the LS School District social worker who will help with distribution. YOU DO NOT NEED TO PICK UP THESE PIES.

Ordering has begun with this newsletter issue. Payment (cash or checks made out to



"INCREASE") is due with orders, and form/payment is due by Friday, March 13th and can be mailed in to INCREASE, 334 Hilltop Road, Strasburg PA 17579. Pies are ready for pick-up on Thursday, April 2nd between 6-7pm at the Jaycee Park Barn (218 Miller Street). All items are packed for you, frozen, and ready for you to pick up.



**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020**  
**2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**AT TANGLEWOOD MANOR GOLF CLUB**

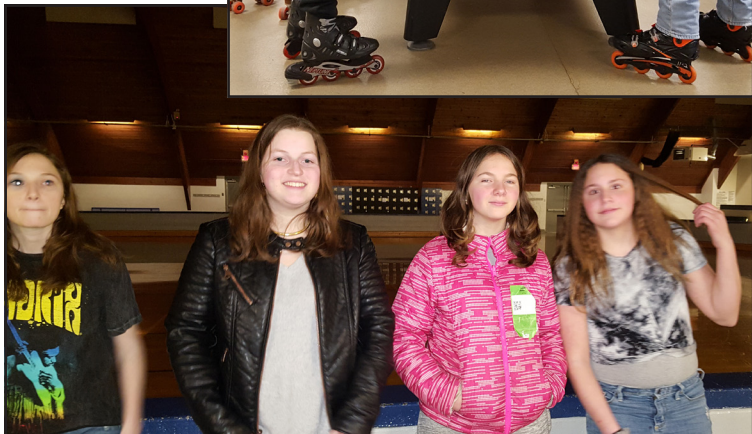
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**  
**6TH ANNUAL**  
**BREAKFAST BANQUET**



*Above:  
Ski Weekend*



*Right & Below:  
Roller Skating  
at Overlook*



### ***INCREASE is a Family***

Ron once asked me what Increase meant to me. At the time I couldn't think of an answer. After thinking about it I realized that Increase is like family. Every Thursday Ron comes to pick me up at my house and it's something that I look forward to every week. We go to get pizza and then we go to goof off and read Scripture. Increase to me is a home away from home. To me it's not a place; it's the people there that are special to me. It helps me get through the trials and tribulations of life. The youth that go aren't the most stable or the most popular and that's what makes it special. I can share my grief and my pain and I know that I won't get judged.

The youth that attend Increase regularly are all people that have gone through some unimaginable things. When you step into a room with them it's just such a different feeling in the air. You can tell that there is something about each and every person in that group that is just different. They are just so understanding because they don't want others to go through what they have gone through.

So to answer Ron, Increase to me is a refuge, a family, a place that I can be myself. I go to Increase to grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ. But I also go to get away from the problems of life. I don't know where I would be if it weren't for Ron, Karen and all of Increase. I thank everyone that is a part of Increase. The first time I ever went to Increase was to see the movie "Breakthrough". I met the whole group and honestly I didn't know what to think of them. As I started coming to Increase I realized that it was a group worth getting to know. Now they are family. Increase means the world to me.

*Luis*

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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