

# **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.

# **INCREAS**e

*He must increase, but I must decrease.* ~ *John 3:30* 

Fall 2020

### Greetings from the Director,

I pray that as you read you are experiencing freedom from all fear. Jesus has set us free from the troubles of this world. All we need to do is submit completely to Him, letting go of the things of this world. At Increase Youth Ministry we are helping youth do just that. Meeting weekly with youth that are being bombarded daily by the enemy's lies brings up a lot of questions. Our end goal is to help them live with faith in Jesus and to experience His Love as the Bible explains it. Being in relationship with Him will bring the Joy He longs for us to have. We are hearing how youth are not really liking the school set-up, and are struggling with grades. We have the opportunity to share how Jesus is the only true hope in all of this. The world cannot save us. We are able to help them practice prayer and challenge them to put it into their daily lives.

We want thank you for your continued prayer support for the youth and the Ministry as a whole. Continue to pray for the leadership as we navigate through this season, being abadient to Cod as well as being patient and writing on

obedient to God as well as being patient and waiting on Him. Thank you, Ron



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual INCREASe Breakfast Banquet Review

We believe this year's banquet will hold a tender spot in INCREASe hearts for many reasons. First, we had almost given up hope. But God provided. Second,

a sweet time of worship became a fragrant offering up to the only Worthy One. And third, those who gathered met a young man that God has not given up on and promises to keep singing over. Oh yes, the food was dee-lish-ous! The fellowship with guests was joyful, encouraging, and a blessing. Together, we gathered to proclaim just how good, trustworthy, and holy our God is. He will never change while life around us looks very different we know He is able to use all of it for His good.

We give a special thank you to the event sponsors, those who attended, and to all the sweet volunteers that kept everything from sound systems working to dishes being filled and everything in-between!

Is it time to eat, YET?

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## In Her Own Words -

My name is Maddy and I have been attending INCREASE for about 21/2 years. l just started my first year at Linville Hill Christian School. I am in 8th grade. I have just ended my volleyball season at Linville. My hobbies include reading, singing, dancing, swimming, running, volleyball, and hanging out with my family (home, school, and church).

Each week at INCREASE I looked forward to seeing my friends, eating our weekly pizza, and worshiping God. Oh, and I can't forget playing with the other members of INCREASE! Ron and Karen have done a great job at helping me with my daily life. I have ASPERGER SYNDROME (a type of autism that is not really diagnosed anymore) so I have a hard time doing things like making friends and knowing to trust God. I thank you INCREASe! You have helped me so much!

Psalm 91:4 is my favorite Bible verse. "He WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS FEATHERS, AND UNDER HIS WINGS YOU WILL FIND REFUGE; HIS FAITHFULNESS WILL BE YOUR SHIELD AND RAMPART." I LIKE THIS VERSE BECAUSE IT SHOWS GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE HE HAS FOR US.



That is Me on the right and my friend Mackenzie on the left.





we are looking for individuals to prayerfully consider the following positions: -INCREASe Treasurer--Fundraising Coordinator--Volunteer with youth-

Anyone interested please contact Ron at 717-575-8353

Please visit our newly "remodeled" website: *increaseyouth.com* that is the result of our coming in 2nd during the "Ugly Website Makeover" contest through web designer Sparrow Websites! Check out our new look!!!

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: Increase, 334 Hilltop Road, Strasburg PA 17579

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