

Spring 2021



# INCREASE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30

## Board of Directors

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**Pete Kingsley**

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**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.

## Greetings from the Director

I pray this writing finds you more in love with Jesus. As we continue to navigate through our current culture situation I have to think, "Are people growing closer to the Lord?" According to the Bible we were created by God for God. He wants to take care of us Love, Protect, and Provide. When I step back and take a look at what is currently going on I see the perfect opportunity to start living and accepting His design for us or continuing to accept love, protection, and provision from the world. At Increase each week we are in the battle helping youth to see this. I say battle because that is what it is, God and satan duking it out. Our youth today have more worldly (satanic) influence than ever. The Bible tells us that Jesus wanted the little children to be allowed to listen to His teaching. This would lead me to believe that by design at a young age we learn to know His design for us, by listening, watching someone older than us. This would make us all teachers whether we are aware of it or not. People younger than us are listening and watching. This brings me back to the question, "Are we accepting the Love, Protection, and Provision of Jesus?" Are we exemplifying His very nature?

These past months have been great with the youth. We have been working through the book of Acts. His Living Word generates a lot of discussion and allows the truth to come out. We get to help youth learn how Jesus would respond and to recognize lies and truth. What a blessing to plant these seeds! We recognize this is made possible through our faithful supporters. So we want to say "thank you" for first and foremost your prayers. There is power in prayer! We thank you for your financial support for this pays our weekly expenses. We thank you for your physical presence as this gives us encouragement.

Ron Peters



## Pizza & Popcorn Fundraiser Outcomes

1. Our first ever partnering with Country Style Pizza Fundraising Kits and Emma's Popcorn= successful!
2. We offered supporters opportunity to bless the local Mission Food Pantry with pepperoni pizza kits=18 kits delivered!
3. Youth packing up orders and helping with pick up night=2 hard working young women!
4. Reaction to purchased products=positive
5. Funds raised=supporting the financial needs of this ministry (facility rental fees, transportation, meals, materials, etc.)

**THANK YOU to all who ordered!**

## INCREASE Youth Sharing

We asked one of our youth to share about her experience with INCREASE and about herself. Here are some thoughts from Ciara. We find her to be fun, loves with a big heart, and is a friend!

### How long have you been attending INCREASE?

About a year consecutively each week, and prior to that occasionally.

### What school do you attend? What grade are you in?

I attend Lititz Christian and am a 9th grader going into 10th.

### What school activities are you involved in? What hobbies and interests do you have?

I am not involved with any school activities, but outside school I enjoy playing soccer, drawing, and being with kids.

### What do you look forward to the most each week at INCREASE?

I look forward to learning more about Jesus and getting closer to other youth my age each week.

### How has INCREASE helped you with daily life?

My prayer time is more meaningful and I am not embarrassed.

### What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

Psalm 18:29 helps me everyday. It tells me as long as He is in my heart I have nothing to worry about.



***With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. Psalm 18:29***



## INCREASE 3rd Annual Golf Tournament Results

On Friday morning, May 21st we were blessed with sunshine, a cool breeze, and the presence of 40 golfers ready to take on Tanglewood Manor Golf Club's 18 holes! After the 8am shotgun start players were enjoying the beauty of the terrain and the challenges of each hole. Golfers were able to enjoy a snack bag as they played that included donations from Emma's Popcorn and meat sticks from Rocky Ridge Meats, along with a selection from the devotional series, Trust Me, penned by local authors and donated by The Factory Ministries.

Along with vying for 1st, 2nd, and Middle of the Pack title, golfers participated in a "closest to the pin" and "closest to the line" along with our first ever hole in one! Ebersole's Vacuum Cleaner Sales and Service provided a vacuum cleaner as a hole in one prize! Unfortunately no one took the vacuum home this year. BUT! Save the date for next year's tournament, mark your calendar, and get your team ready for Friday, May 20, 2022!

THANK YOU to all who golfed! (We think the world of you!!!)

### Here are the winners:

Closest to the pin: Patty Wright, Pete Kingsley, Randy O'Connell  
Closest to the line: Mike McConnell



1st place (58): Greg Minnich, Jim Howell Jr., Dave Herr, Doug Finkbiner



2nd place (65): David Strawser, Derrick Kreider, Shawn Reimold, Nate Kreider



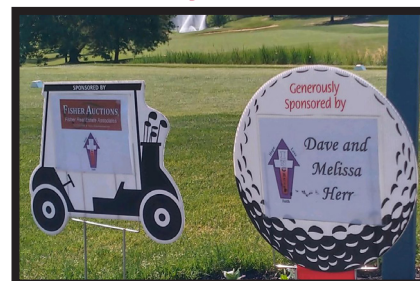
Middle of the Pack (70): JR Sirotta, Paul Vriend, Paul Broomell, Jesse Hersh

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.

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→ [increaseyouth.com](http://increaseyouth.com)

**Mail your donation to:**  
**Increase, 334 Hilltop Road,**  
**Strasburg PA 17579**

**Thank you to Tanglewood Manor Golf Club for such hospitality, attention to every detail, deliciously prepared lunch, courteous and caring staff and for the deep beauty of the greens and the trees-you are a Lancaster County gem!**



**THANK YOU** to our Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors! These businesses and individuals were recognized on the course with signage provided by Tanglewood. We are so thankful for their prayers, financial support, and commitment to the tournament! Many sent a team to play, or came out to enjoy the morning of golf.

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Our golfers enjoyed door prizes and snack bags as they golfed, generously donated by:

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Emma's Popcorn  
Good's Mulch

Grauer's Paint & Decorating  
Martins Water Conditioning  
Rocky Ridge Meats

