

Spring 2023



# INCREASE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30

## 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.

## Greetings from the director...

I pray that this writing finds you more in love with Jesus than the last time you picked up an Increase newsletter. This is our spring newsletter but due to a long list of events this spring we are way late in keeping you informed of the way God is moving within Increase Youth Ministry. The ministry is alive and doing very well. We had two fundraisers that went extremely well. We feel so blessed to be God's servants in this ministry. The challenges that our youth culture continues to face are not getting any easier. So we find it very important to continue the battle against the evil that they deal with on a daily basis. We have students who are very hungry for more of the word of God. Asking very good questions in our weekly meetings as well as contacting us during the week to know where to find answers to questions in the Bible. It is a great joy to hear that they are looking in their Bible on their own. We have started to read through the book of Romans in our weekly meetings. This has been very good to see how the Bible calls us to live as Christ followers compared to the culture that we are submersed in. This has made us stop and wonder how did so many things become okay when the Bible clearly states that these things are sin. As we work through these scriptures it is a blessing to see how the Holy Spirit is ministering to the youth.

We want to thank you for your endless prayers and ask you to continue to pray more. We are firm believers that it is the power of your prayers that moves the Holy Spirit to encounter the youth. I also want to take moment to thank all our faithful financial supporters. We had a very successful Pie, Pizza, and Popcorn sale. Along with our golf tournament. This enables us to continue to meet the monthly financial expenses. We are still praying for a permanent building to house the ministry in, please continue to pray with us.

**Thank You,**

**Ron**

This is a big, flashy "don't miss this"  
**Attention Getter**  
you know - Like the sign says

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday**  
**September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7am**

**INCREASE**  
**Breakfast Banquet**  
**& Silent Auction**

Lampeter Church  
of the Brethren



Our 5th Annual INCREASE Golf Tournament at Tanglewood Manor Golf Club was a “hole-in-one” in our books! Sixteen groups rolled through the beautiful course (our biggest response to date!) and each had a turn to bring home a Lancaster Log Cabin...although no one made history on hole seven, it was definitely worth the shot! It is our hope that each player went home feeling like a winner, regardless of what their scorecard read. Every participant was entered in for a door prize drawing, had a delicious bagged lunch from Emory's of Tanglewood, and experienced perfect weather for a day on the greens. Here is a breakdown of our winners, a listing of local businesses/partners that supported this event with a tee box sponsorship, and door prize donors. We are so thankful for each player that put together a team and for the sportsmanship that was evident throughout the event-it was a wonderful day!

**AND THE WINNERS ARE:**



*(drum roll please)*



1st place Men (59)  
Dave Herr, Greg Minnich,  
Doug Finkbiner, and Jim Howell, Jr.



1st place Ladies (70)  
Nancy Bounds, Keven Lawson,  
Dona Wakeman, and Bernie Weed



2nd place Men (64)  
Earl Mitchell, Mike Dings,  
Rick Robinson, and Dan Hushon

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DOOR PRIZE DONORS**

Abby Frank  
Country-style Pizza Kits  
Grauer's Paint and  
Decorating  
Martin's Water Conditioning  
Michael's Bakery  
Rocky Ridge Meats

### **AND TEE BOX SPONSORS**

Akerly Technologies  
Bob & Pat Swartwood  
Chris Heisner  
Dave & Melissa Herr  
Grauer's Paint and  
Decorating  
Graybill Service  
Greg & Lisa Minnich  
Hatchet & Axe Co.  
Peters Excavating  
Smoker Design Build



1st place  
Having Fun Photo

### Closest to the Pin Winners:

Hole #7: Rick Robinson 4'0"  
Hole #13: Gary Ketlerer 7'11"  
Hole #16: Jim Howell, Jr. 15'6"

### Straightest Drive Winner:

Hole #11: Dave Herr 1 ½"

### Putting Contest Winners:

Evan Elias, Brian Cline, Roger Harvey,  
Cathy Miller, and Ryan Hallman

Special  
Thank You  
to Lancaster  
Log Cabins



**THANK YOU for all your support in regard to our fundraisers!**

All proceeds support our Thursday evening property rental at Camp Andrews, fuel for the van, meals with the youth, event fees, and other materials.

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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