

Winter 2025



INCREASE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

~ John 3:30

Greetings from the director...

With the fall long gone and winter quickly fading, it is so good to be looking at spring. It is just awesome the way that Jesus created the seasons to protect His total creation. And above all He created you and me. To experience a relationship with Him, the very one who created it all, is my prayer that you are doing just that. That may look different for each of us, but one thing the living word promises is in Him we will experience freedom, peace, and love. So I ask, are you living in relationship with Jesus?

This is the goal here at Increase youth ministry. Meeting with youth each week to build relationship to show them what Jesus looks like. The fall sped by so fast not sure where it went. We had a great time at Uprise festival, the fair was full of talking with a lot of youth, then we were also meeting youth at fifth quarter. Went right into our annual banquet, that was another great blessing as people came together to show their support. Then it was a fall spiritual growth weekend, hosted by Feet On the Street. Then a Christmas party, and throw in our weekly meetings, and the annual ski weekend. Here we are in March getting excited about Winter Jam. Then our annual Pie, Pizza, Popcorn fundraiser. Please do not miss this! The youth of your community are blessed by your support. We have for all the golfers our annual Golf Tournament May 16, 2025. As always the most important way for you to support Increase Youth would be to take time out of your busy schedule each day and pray for the Youth, the leadership, and our community.

Be Blessed! - Ron Peters

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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.

What does winter look like for the youth of INCREASE?

Each Thursday we continue meeting with supper first at Dolce Vita Pizzeria and Grill in Quarryville and then heading over to Camp Andrews for open gym time (usually soccer, or basketball, and upstairs for air hockey...minus the air but it is still fun!) Our fellowship time includes worship, reading the Bible, and praying together. This winter we visited another youth ministry, Feet on the Street, in Reading, for worship, basketball, and reconnecting with friends youth met at the November Renew Weekend retreat. We attended WinterJam (a winter tradition) at the Santander Arena in March. Occasionally, the weather has impacted opportunity to meet this winter as road conditions have been unsafe to travel.

Our girl's Bible study continues at Latte Luv (Strasburg Market Place location). Currently we are reading through Philippians with an emphasis on the girls taking turns to lead the study. We assembled Christmas boxes for families in North Carolina and had a sweet time of fellowship as we wrapped and wrote words of encouragement for families still recovering from devastation.

Consider inviting a youth you are connected with to our Tuesday or Thursday nights. Both groups are welcoming to new youth and have a desire to see the ministry grow! Please continue to pray with us, and the youth, for a building. We are thankful for Camp Andrews but would love to have somewhere close to home!

The Blessing Food...



Around your table or for giving away!

We continue our traditional fundraiser of pizza kits, frozen meat pies/apple dumplings, and delicious popcorn! INCREASE's heart is to look beyond ourselves to the needs of the youth, your neighbors, our community, and beyond. If you know of a family in need, it could be encouragement, financial support, or relationship, we challenge you to purchase from our fundraiser with the intent to give it away and be a blessing – be God's love expecting nothing in return! Or purchase and invite someone over to your home. You can focus on the fellowship and not the meal prep. Your open table could be just the invitation someone needs to consider his/her seat at the King's table!



Using the enclosed order form and envelope, or by ordering online at increaseyouth.com (then mailing payment in) you can select from pizza kits, flavored popcorn, chicken or beef pies, and apple dumplings. The pizza kits come with 2 homemade crusts, sauces, cheese and toppings for two amazing pizzas you can make right away or freeze for later. Choices are: cheese, pepperoni, chicken bacon ranch, and sourdough crust cheese pizza option. Emma's Popcorn comes in ½ gallon sized clear, plastic tubs of 9 different flavors to choose from. Zook's Pies are 6" or 9" chicken or beef and apple dumpling 2-packs (all items are pre-frozen). There is a 9" chicken pie you can order to support your local food bank-we'll deliver it for you!



Please kindly send your orders with payment on or before Thursday, March 20th to INCREASE, 334 Hilltop Rd., Strasburg, PA 17579. Orders will be available for drive-thru pick up at Strasburg Jaycee Park Barn (218 Miller St.) on Thursday, April 3rd between 6-7pm unless other arrangements have been made by contacting Karen Peters (717-471-0803).

THANK YOU in advance for being a partner in advancing HIS Kingdom through the blessing of food!



SKI WEEKEND 2025



NC CHRISTMAS BOX MAKING



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024



FRIENDLY'S ICE CREAM

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:29-31

SAVE THE DATE!

May 16th

shotgun starts @8:00 am

INCREASE

Golf Tournament

Tanglewood Manor

Golf Course

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.

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increaseyouth.com

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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