

Youth Ministry Director

Report to Congregation Council

Peter A. Fox - January 2010

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. 2010 is finally here and the YG calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been. New YG Nites, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants. A lot of hard work has gone into this year to make it a success. There is truly something on almost every weekend. It will all be awesome! Before we get ahead of ourselves, let's take a look back at what we did this past month.

The month of December was a blast from start to finish. We only had two YG events in the month, but what a two they were! We started the month off with our YG WINTER RETREAT at Camp Seltzer in Palmyra. Around 50 YG and advisors came for the weekend of faith, fun and fellowship. The topic of this retreat was LEADERSHIP. It focused in on leadership in every way, shape and form. We looked at different styles of leadership. We looked at many leadership tools and models to help in leadership. We got to actively practice different styles of leadership. Most important, we helped the YG to discover what their gifts of leadership might be. In short, we learned a lot. The large and small group discussions were awesome! Hands down, this was one of the best YG retreats to date - period! Everyone (myself included) got so much out of it. It even snowed for us on Saturday (which actually has happened on the Saturdays of our last 3 winter retreats:) This retreat rocked! We closed down 2009 with our Annual Christmas Caroling and Party. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for this Nite of faith, fun and fellowship. This year was a little different however. We normally go to Manor Care Nursing Home in Camp Hill to Christmas carol to the folks there. Because of the H1N1 virus we were not allowed to do that this year. Instead, we created Christmas cards as a YG to give to the folks at Manor Care. In talking with their activities director, I discovered that there are about 50 people there at Manor Care who do not receive any Christmas cards (let alone other cards) ever from loved ones. This made me want to do something about that! So the YG stepped up and created over 75 cards to give to those folks at Manor Care. It's a small thing, but hopefully it means something to the people who receive them. It was a great service and it meant a lot to the YG. After card making we enjoyed Christmas YG games, food, Christmas picture (a YG tradition), and prayer. And there you have it, the closing of YG 2009. What a great year, and 2010 promises to be even better, I can't wait!_

REMINDER: ALSO, PLEASE COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YG FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WE NEED TO RAISE A LOT OF MONEY FOR OUR SR. HIGH SERVICE TRIP THIS COMING SUMMER. COUNCIL SUPPORT AT OUR YG FUNDRAISERS IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED AND ENCOURAGED.

Yours In Christ,

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