

Youth Ministry Director
Report to Congregation Council
Peter A. Fox - March 2010

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. We are now in our busiest part of the YG season. The YG calendar is the most jam-packed that it has ever been, especially in February and March. New YG Nites, new retreats, new events, and new friendships all await our YG participants. 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 February was a blast from start to finish. We started the month off with SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY on the 7th. All of the YG were involved in raising money and collecting food this year. With the congregations help we were able to raise over \$900 and collect over 250 food items. The donations were once again given to "THE BRIDGE" food pantry in New Cumberland. They thanked us very much and let us know that we were one of the only donors during this hard winter season. They always need help, so it was good to lend them a hand.

On Sunday, the 14th, we had a YG NITE. Because of the weather, only around 35 YG and advisors came out for the nite of faith, fun and fellowship. We changed the NITE around and decided to have a fun-laid-back nite. We played games, ate pizza, and had a longer candle prayer time. I've been working the kids pretty hard this year in YG, so it was good to have a nite to just relax and be together in fellowship with one another. The next weekend, on the 19th and 20th was the JR. HIGH SLEEPOVER. Around 20 Jr. High and a handful of advisors came out for the nite of total fun and fellowship. We played games, ate pizza, watched a movie, played soccer and just had an "all around" good time. It was a blast from start to finish! On the last weekend was another YG NITE. Around 50 YG and advisors came out for the nite of faith, fun and fellowship. The theme for the evening was TEEN PRESSURES. This YG NITE focused in on all of the pressures they face in their lives. We talked about all aspects of peer pressure, family pressure, school pressure, etc. Not only did we discuss the causes of these various pressures, but we observed all of the ways to combat them, and we reaffirmed to the YG that their YG family and the Lord were always present with them to help through these "hard times". Once again, the nite evoked some of the best large and small group

discussions so far this season! The YG learned so much and shared so much, it was amazing.

And there you have it, a fine beginning to the year 2010. With such a great start, I am truly looking forward to the rest of the year, 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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