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A PUBLICATION OF HAPPENINGS FROM JUMONVILLE

Whyel Chapel... updated plans help prepare for the future

The chapel at Jumonville is named after Harry Whyel in gratitude for his generous donation of the property to the Pittsburgh Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1941. It was originally built in 1882 for the PA Soldier's Orphan School, which was in operation from 1875 until 1908 serving the children of veterans whose fathers were killed in the Civil War. Mandatory vesper services were held daily to afford the children the opportunity for spiritual and moral development. This was a high priority since many of them came to the school without much experience in simple good manners or basic social graces, let alone a spiritual and moral foundation of good character to contribute to their success in adulthood.

The chapel has stood the test of time as an extraordinary place of God's visitation and blessing. Many thousands have worshiped in this beautiful chapel, been blessed in marriage, or met their Savior at the altar in this Holy Place. The humble wooden pews, beautiful Rose Window, and decades of prayer and worship lifted in this space seem bring a sense of the Spirit that allows all who listen to hear God's voice more clearly than in their day-to-day lives.

The Spirit is strong, but the flesh (of the building itself) is weakening. For nearly 130 years it has stood strong on the mountaintop; however, the bell tower roof has begun to rot. Because it is open on the top, with a series of small flat roofs to divert water, the continual accumulation of leaves, rain, snow, and ice have deteriorated its ability to protect the interior from the elements. Because of the small drain holes repeatedly becoming clogged, it is felt that an external roof would better solve the



An artist's rendition shows the new look of Whyel Chapel with the proposed redesign of the bell tower roof and louvers over the arched windows in the side of the bell tower. The entire roof is also scheduled to be replaced.

problem without having to keep replacing the inset roof over and over again. The new design would unfortunately require the stone at the top to be removed, changing the look of the tower, but providing a better seal from the elements and debris that collects inside.

The new "cap" roof and louvers in the side windows will better protect the stone tower, and the rest of the roof will also be replaced. It was last replaced in the 70's after the tree fell on the roof and damaged the slate. The cost is estimated at \$50,000 and will preserve the chapel for many years to come. If you would like to contribute to this project, please designate your gift to the "Chapel Project".

Eventually the funds will be needed to protect the windows as well, but that will likely be a future project unless additional funds can be raised. There were several holes and cracks in the windows that were discovered this year that will need to be repaired, and the lead between the glass is getting soft due to age and the effects of pollution. Many thanks to the CAT Week craftsman, Rev. Kevin Haley, who shared his expertise and plans to return to make repairs before winter.



Rose Window - Whyel Chapel



photo to right:

A look at the current bell tower shows the stone on top and the open side windows. Winter snow and rain from all year long freely enters the bell tower. Over the years the interior flat roofs have rotted and are now leaking, causing damage to the chapel's interior ceilings and walls.

photo to right:

The new entrance way is shown on a beautiful, breezy, summer day, with flags flying. It has been a great spot for visitors to see The Great Cross and for guests to take pictures to add to their special memories of their time at Jumonville. This photo was taken by one of our nearly 2,000 summer campers, counselors, and deans.



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The new playground was installed this past spring just in time for summer camp, and it has been a big hit with children and families ever since. The wide variety of interesting activities, slides, climbing options and bridges are favorites for kids of all ages.

The coated metal and green slides are safer from splinters or overheated temperatures than the previous wood and steel construction. In addition, the original bench swing was removed, also because of frequent splinters due to the age of the wood, and is being replaced soon. The edging and mulch are significantly safer than the previous design, and this playground meets all the current safety standards and regulations.

Our Maintenance staff did an outstanding job of preparing and grading the surface for the installation to begin. They also replanted the grass several times after torrential rains eroded the soil around the perimeter. Thanks for a great job, guys!

This project was paid for by an estate gift from Sara Jane VanRyn and by donations of many families giving to the Family Week Project for several years.

Playground Project **Success!**

playground *fun time*

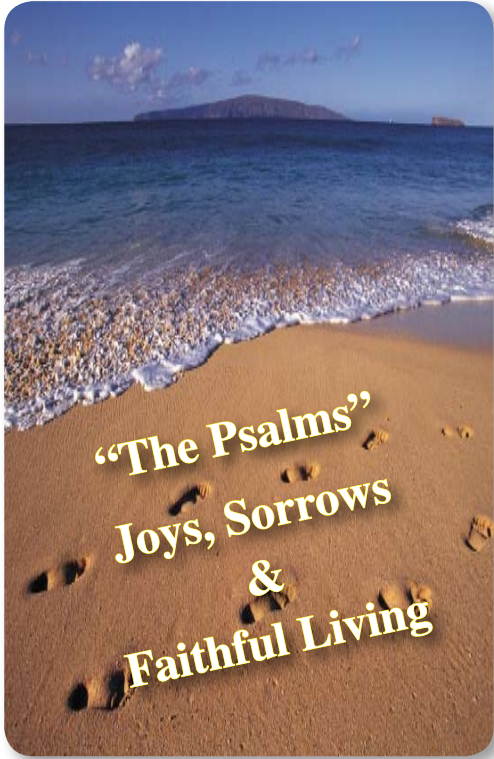


Summer Camp Survey Results...

This summer at the conclusion of our summer camp events we asked our campers to participate in a brief camper survey. Here are the results:

- 99% of our campers had an awesome time at camp.**
- 99% of our campers felt like they learned more about God.**
- 97% of our campers tried something new.**
- 98% of them made a new friend. (61% came to camp with a friend.)**
- 99% of our campers feel good about themselves.**
- 95% of our campers enjoyed the worship time.**
- 95% of our campers learned something new.**
- 85% of our campers worked at solving a problem.**
- 98% of them were comfortable with their cabin group & counselors.**
- 94% of our campers learned to care for God's creation in a new way.**





M&M Retreat

... a special mid week fall event

MORE MOUNTAIN MOMENTS WITH THE MASTER for MOSTLY MATURE (JUMONVILLE) MOUNTAINEERS

The first M & M Retreat was held at Jumonville in September 1996 under the leadership of its organizer, Wilma Parrish Trimble. It continues to be held in mid September and this year is scheduled for Sept. 18-24.

Its structure follows the format of the summer Institutes of the early years of Jumonville with Morning Watch in the Chapel. This is followed by breakfast in Asbury Dining Hall with singing around the table from the "Jumonville Sings" songbook after each meal. Morning classes are led by our speaker and then all join in the dining hall for lunch. Afternoons are spent resting, hiking to the Cross or the Green Cathedral, or visiting with old and new friends. After dinner, Vespers are held in the Chapel, followed by a "Talent Show" on Monday. On Tuesday a modified campfire is built in the fireplace in Asbury Dining Hall with Communion in the Chapel afterwards. Our retreat would not be complete without a group trip to the Cross.

Our last morning is a later Morning Watch followed by a delightful brunch in the dining hall with a parting "Sending Forth" and then the traditional tearful "goodbyes til next year."

The leadership of the retreat is of the highest quality. Speakers have included Pat Albright, Drew Harvey, George Bashore, and Paul Schrading. Worship leaders have been Jim Hartland, Carleton McKita, William Grove, Oden Warman, Ruth Simmons, and Don Scandrol. Musical leadership has been provided by Janet and Paul Scandrol, Ruth Cattley, Shirley Schmunk, and Geroge Tutwiler. The inspirational worship center in the Chapel is designed by Wilma Trimble.

Many of the M & M's who sing in their church choirs or just love to sing join the "pick-up choir" which performs at all the worship services.

There are those who are not "done in" at night after all the planned activities, who spend the rest of their waking hours playing Scrabble, Dominoes, Monopoly, Rummikub or just visiting.

Food plays a big role at the retreat. We are served the most delicious meals especially planned for us by Chef Michael Lundberg. The meals often consist of chicken, baked fish, roast beef and scrumptious desserts. But it does not end there. All day long healthy snacks of fruit and cheese and crackers and beverages are available in the meeting and activity room.

The retreat has been designed for older adults, both men and women, and for people who can get away during the week. Individuals, couples, and church groups of all denominations are encouraged to attend. People come from all over the country - California, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Kentucky, but mostly from western Pennsylvania. Many of the M & M's have attended all or most of the retreats with new people attending every year.

We occupy the Inn and Washington Lodge, which is handicapped accessible, with transportation provided to the dining hall for anyone unable to walk the distance.

It is fun filled time of fellowship, worship, and learning where friendships are renewed and new friendships are formed.

The weather does not concern M & M's. No one cares if it rains or shines. It has often been said, "A rainy day at Jumonville is better than a sunny day anywhere else."

article by Mara Watson, Event Dean

Wishful Thinking... disc golf project

Disc Golf is one of the more popular activities at Jumonville - enjoyed by all ages, and even by guests who come from outside the area just to try out our course. There are even some local fans who have actually come to weed-whack and remove stones from some of the rougher sections of the course, creating a beautiful stone wall in the process. We have really appreciated their passion and giving back to the sport here on the mountain, especially since there aren't that many other courses nearby.

However, our baskets were originally "made from scratch" using plywood and lawn edging and chains from the hardware store. They have served well, and were even rebuilt by Bryan Watson as an Eagle Scout project in the past. The baskets are in poor shape now and the sport has evolved, with more standard sizes and distances for public courses. Commercially made disc baskets cost \$375 each (plus installation) and we would also like to add signs as well. If we can raise \$4,000 we can rebuild our existing 9 hole course and if we can raise \$8,000, we plan to extend the course further into the woods beyond the sports fields and make a full 18 hole course. That would be a great improvement over our current 9-hole course. We did apply for a grant this past spring for \$4,000 so that we could raise matching funds, but unfortunately we were not approved. We will continue to seek out grant funding to assist in this project.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please use the enclosed contribution envelope and indicate "disc golf" on your check or on the form.



Check out our "almost daily" photo blog @www.Facebook.com under Jumonville Camp & Retreat Center

President's Corner



Greetings from the beautiful Jumonville mountaintop. As I write this, we are in the final weeks of our summer camping program. I am so pleased that we have started to see an increase in the number of our summer campers.

All of that snow made for some gorgeous photos but it did cause some retreat cancellations and gave our poor maintenance staff non-stop snow removal for weeks in a row. To see some of those beautiful photos, check out the Jumonville photo blog at www.jumonville.wordpress.com. New Jumonville photos are posted almost every day.

If you are using Facebook, we'd love to have you join our Jumonville Camp and Retreat Center Fan Page. We have posted some of those winter photos there, plus we're having fun touching base with lots of our Jumonville family. We are also adding events as well as movies and lots of photos to our fan page. Check it out and you may find some of your Jumonville friends who have already joined.

Larry Beatty,

Jumonville President

P.S. We'd love for you to send a digital photo of yourself or your family that you are willing to share. Email it to larry@jumonville.org.

Pass it On

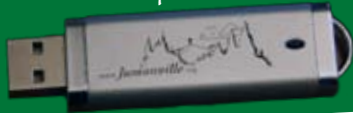
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Refer another retreat leader & get...

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If that leader visits Jumonville, you get...

- a \$20 gift certificate for the Jumonville Camp Store.



Can also be used on our new online camp store.

If they book a retreat from their visit, you get...

- \$100 - \$250 cash



\$100 for a retreat of 10 or more.

\$250 for a retreat of 75 or more

For complete details and the "fine print" on this offer, contact the Jumonville office and we'll be happy to provide you more information. *All conditions in the brochure must be met to qualify.

It's not just a good deal for you; here's what's in it for them:

- a personal tour at Jumonville with an opportunity for a FREE overnight in Mary Cottage or the Inn at Jumonville.



When they arrive on site, they get...

- Retreat Leaders Packet
- Jumonville mug & pen
- Pastime* info kit



If they book a retreat, they get...



off regular Jumonville retreat rates!

It is a win, win situation for everyone. You get paid, the group gets a discount, and more people experience Jumonville!

Summer Camp Kudos...

This past summer, we had one camper come from California, one from Colorado, three from Florida, one from Georgia, two from Indiana, four from Kentucky, four from North Carolina, and one from Michigan. One came to Jumonville instead of going to Disney World, all saying, "There's no other place like Jumonville!"

New Events!

August 26-28, 2011

...Parent/Child Autism Retreat

September 9-11, 2011

...Jumonville Mother/Daughter Retreat

JTC Nation - Join the family!

Volunteer, serve, and learn

Is Jumonville one of your favorite places in the whole world? Are you looking for some ways in which you might be able to serve? Here is where we need some help!

We need folks who are willing to:

- Pray for Jumonville, campers, staff, and future ministry.
- Act as an "ambassador" for Jumonville in your church and community.
- Make phone calls on behalf of Jumonville.
- Assemble information for mailings or marketing plans.
- Help Kitchen Staff with their daily duties mid-week during the off-season.
- Help at a Clean-Up Day for the Ropes Course.
- Helping at a Clean-Up Day for the gardens on campus.



Contact the Jumonville Office to find out more!



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For your records:

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Comments/address corrections:

Upcoming Events

Sign up now!

September 9-11, 2011	Jumonville Mother/Daughter Retreat
September 18-21, 2011	Mostly Mature Mountaineers
October 7-9, 2011	W PA Christian Ashram
Wed, October 19, 2011	Jumonville Sponsor's Dinner
October 21-22, 2011	1972-1973 Summer Staff Reunion
October 28-30, 2011	"Prayers that Heal the Heart" Retreat (Renewal)
November 4-5, 2011	BRPA French & Indian War History Seminar
April 16-19, 2012	Challenge/Ropes Course Workshop
Sunday, May 6, 2012	Jumonville Spring Dinner
Sunday, May 20, 2012	Summer Camp Open House
June - August	Summer Camp Season

Visit the Jumonville website or call the office for more information.