

So Jacob called the place Peniel. Saying, "It is because I saw God face to face . . ."-Genesis 32:30



FACE TO FACE

A Publication for Friends of Peniel - A Center for Prayer & Renewal

Fall/Winter 2017

Middle School Camp:

Visual lesson on how yeast (sin) can multiply and take over.



Mission Groups: Our first visiting youth group of 2017 was the Hunger Strike work group from the Church of the King, Queensbury. They come every year to work on a project with water as their only sustenance. They cleared pathways in the Pines and removed branches in the area.

The next group of 41 people was the Memorial Day Work Weekend from Grace Bible Church in Holden, Maine. This was their 6th consecutive year planning and raising funds at no cost for Peniel. They repaired and painted the Restaurant and the Office exteriors, built an addition to the pool house and cut fire wood needed for the next two seasons. The children cleared the summer side of sticks and debris left after the winter and repaired the pathways throughout.

The next mission group of 12 came from Pennsylvania, 2 youth groups led by Rebekah and Ben Little. They painted the water-front fence, the Pines bath house and the pool house. They also assisted in tree trimming and brush removal around campus.

Rentals: We started with the

- Fieldstadt wedding on the summer side.
- The Girl Scouts were hosted in the Pines cabins as were the
- Heritage Girls. Each stayed for a weekend.
- Americade brought us 15 Christian motorcycle riders to the lodge and the motel units.
- James Wood and his wife were able to stay with us for one night.
- A neighbor from down the road rented a motel unit for two months while his house was being built.
- A major rental for the summer is the Music Camp staff in the Lodge as well as the motel units.
- We are also renting the Cottage year round to John and Ayla Sutton, who welcomed Grant Jacob in July as our new Peniel Baby.
- Dan Meiners and family came in August for a family reunion. In August we have also had
- several families come up to spend the weekend in a cabin.



Middle School Camp:

Final prayer over the campers before they leave.

Great to hear them laughing and singing. It has also been an honor to visit with •Charles Blowers this summer. He participates as he is able and has also painted the chapel steps.

Summer Staff: Our Summer LAMP staff entered an intense training for the summer season.

Our LAMP counselors were Del Clement (first time LAMP, music leader), McKenzie Dolan (previously a camper, new lifeguard and first time LAMP), Joshua Kipp (third summer as LAMP), Andrew Moore (third summer as LAMP), Courtney Pearson (third generation camper, first summer as LAMP), and Lauren Woodhouse (first time LAMP, music leader). Mackenzie Coltart and Ava McDougall (Counselors in Training), Rachael Kipp (kitchen staff and lifeguard), Jacob Coltart, James and John Sweeney (kitchen and dishwashing), and Antonio and Serena Aponte (dining hall and dishwashing). They came to serve the Lord in much needed positions. All of these young people were the mainstay of our work force and we are so grateful to them for their dedication to serve in every way. We believe these young folks will be the leaders in the future of Peniel. Please pray for them as they go back to school, go off to college, or begin their life's work, that their minds will be open to the Holy Spirit's leading in their lives.

Programming: Our Lifeguard Training with Jes Goodwin trains our own lifeguards and offers an affordable venue for the community. Gina Kipp offers swim lessons for the local children as well.

Our first camper session was the Middle School Camp with 33 young people. The theme was



Day Camp:
At Left: Building the tallest structure possible out of spaghetti & marshmallows.
Below: using the airzooka gun to demonstrate how the air (God) that we cannot see has a great ability to move things we can see.

Icons from the Bible, led by Wayne and Corey Patterson. This was their second summer as teachers and their message this year centered on references to Jesus in the Old Testament.

The next lively group of 19 campers was our Day Camp session led by Pastor Michael Burkley. We offered to the community a free VBS program in the morning.



Middle School Camp:
activities in the chapel field



It was a science based study using science experiments to teach truths from the Bible. It was a program donated from our local Rockwell Falls Presbyterian Church. The afternoon program included the usual activities, organized games, swimming, canoeing, basketball, volleyball, gaga pit ball, tether ball, and pop shop. This was a combined group

of Vacation Bible Schoolers and kids who wanted to stay the whole day. In the end everyone stayed the whole day!

Our next conference was Growth in Truth led by Faith Grosso. We had 15 adults attending the sessions. We are very grateful to the Grossos for picking up the responsibility for this conference. GIT is a

vital and the only program for adults and we will need more support from adults to continue this program. It is a wonderful week of reviewing what we know about our Heavenly Father and how the Biblical teachings must impact our lives as we encounter the world around us. Please prayerfully consider attending next year and becoming a part of these studies.

Our last session for the summer was the Teen Camp with 26 campers. The message for this group was given by Joe Aponte from the Church of the King, Queensbury. The topic was on the reality of spiritual warfare and its various attacks on Teens today. A very powerful testimony was given by one of our teens which made a tremendous impact on every one there including the adult staff.

A group of local men come together on Thursday morning for Bible Study. This has been a continuing program during the last several years. They often hang around for discussion and breakfast providing the men with friendship and support. Several members have become volunteers coming as needed throughout the year.

Management Team:

This group consists of The Kipps, The Sweeneys, Jeanette Powell, The Suttons, Kristin Coltart, Diane Spelter, others when in the area and the specific leaders of each camp. It is a meeting to organize and prepare for upcoming camps and are critical for our success and continuity. This summer we included a morning devotional and prayer as a group during down time between camps. This meeting will continue to meet every two weeks over the off season to continue the integrity of our team work.



Fund-raisers
At Left: Sip & Paint
to benefit the LAMP
staff. Raised \$523.

Below: 5k Run to
Benefit the LAMP
- \$1,352.88 and the
Food Pantry -
\$1,452.88

Fundraising: We have started a new phase of fund-raising this year to support the costs of staff and facility maintenance. We continue to partner in this ministry with The Serendipity Thrift Store in Luzerne. They are faithfully contributing on a large scale



to the camp's expenses, facility repair and scholarships for local children.

A huge garage sale over two cold weekends in May was a huge success. There were lots of donated items available. The left over items were donated to the Serendipity Thrift Store and to other charities. This event brought in approximately \$1800

We also held a Father's Day fund-raising Bar-B-Q which brought out around 80 people and raised almost \$500 in one day for our LAMP program. We are hoping to continue with this type of fundraiser next season.

The Peniel 5K run was a wonderful success and attended by 35 runners. We raised approximately \$2900 from this event through registrations and donors. We partnered with the Maxfield Food Bank and split the amount with them as a gift. We had donated bananas given to us with plenty left over and so were giving bananas to everyone who graced the dining hall with their presence! In the end we froze many for baking use down the road.

We have now begun a request for funds to replace the stoves in the dining hall. They are both on their last legs, so to speak. The temperatures are never consistent often delaying meals when the food is not up to the correct temperature. Any oven baking is iffy at best. The doors of one of the stoves do not close tightly and we have to prop a baking sheet up to it to keep it closed. This, of course, affects the temperature but also gives us a tripping hazard. The other oven has a door that needs to have a wedge in it to keep the door closed. This is hazardous when the door pops open when standing in front of it. Several bruised shins to testify. Our plan is to replace them one at a time as funds come in. Check our website for details

About Peniel – A Center for Prayer & Renewal

Founded in 1933, Peniel is an interdenominational camp and conference center promoting renewal - through union with Christ of r youth, adults, families & churches. Peniel is situated in upstate New York's magnificent Adirondack Mountains. Fifteen minutes southwest of Lake George and 45 minutes north of Albany. Peniel has a rich history of over 80 years of Christian ministry. Historically Peniel has been a place where people can come to meet God face to face.

About Face to Face

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Future 2017 & beyond

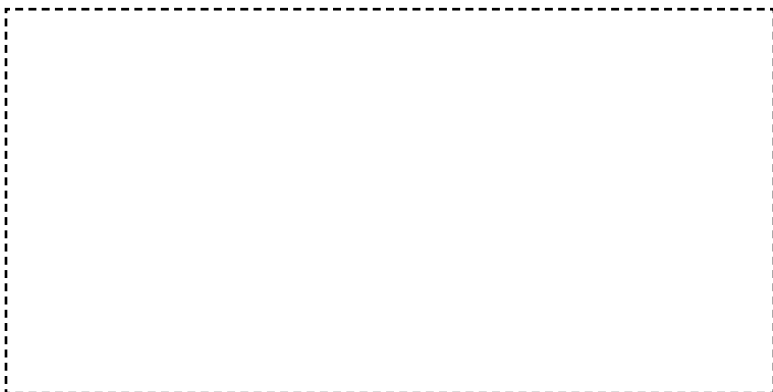
Our next big project is replacing the Lodge roof with metal roofing. We will also be looking at expanding the Office parking lot over the next couple of years to increase our capacity. Some of the trees have already been cleared. Please pray with us that the Lord will lead in our planning and preparations for His Glory.

Programing for 2018

Our Theme for the 2018 programs will be "Walking in the Spirit" from Galatians 5. Each camp teacher will focus on Personal Fellowship with the Holy Spirit which is one of the Peniel Distinctives. Please study this scripture and pray that God will guide us in this teaching.

Peniel Bible Conference 2018 (Tentative) Schedule
Snofun Camps: February 18 - 25
Campus Opens: April 1
LAMP Training: July 2 - 6
Day Camp: July 9 - 13
Middle School Camp: July 16 - 20
High School Camp: July 23 - 27
Growth In Truth: July 30 - August 3

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Dear Friends of Peniel

The purpose of the letter is to update our contact information in our system, to be able to keep our constituents informed with what is new at Peniel and upcoming events. You can update your information at anytime through our website, but please take the time to fill out our questionnaire. We have lots of new and exciting things happening in our upcoming 2018 season and we would like to make sure that no one misses out on our new adventures with Christ.

Our theme for 2018 is "Walking in the Spirit"-Galatians 5

Thank you for you support.

Sincerely,

Peniel Management Team

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Please fill out the questionnaire on reverse side.



Contact Information

Thank you for your support and participation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

- Please add me to your email list for updates to camp events. General Specific events: _____
- Please add me to the pray cell email letter.
- I am interested in volunteering to help at camp. Please email me the volunteer form.
- Would your home church like information about Peniel's programs or rentals? Please provide contact info:

Yes, I would like to pledge partnership with Peniel

- Enclosed is my one time donations of \$ _____
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Snofun: \$150
Summer Camp Session: Full \$300 Half \$150
- I would like to sponsor a LAMP Counselor.
 Full Scholarship \$1000.00 Half Scholarship \$500.00

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