

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

FACE TO FACE



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Meet the New Director

August 13, 2015

Dear Friend of Peniel,

I am pleased to announce an important action taken by the Prayer Council of the Peniel Bible Conference. At its meeting on August 7, 2015 it was decided to appoint Tobias Kipp to the position of Director, effective September 1, 2015.

In the past few years, the day-to-day operations of Peniel have been handled by a Management Team, consisting of the local members of the Prayer Council. Tobias has been part of this as Properties Manager. The Management Team will remain in place to share the day-to-day responsibilities of operating Peniel with Tobias as Director. He will continue to supervise management of the property with the help of other volunteer and part-time staff.

We believe God has been preparing Tobias for this position all his life. Growing up at a Camp, his father was a Camp Caretaker. Prior to coming to Peniel as Properties Manager he was self employed as a General Contractor for 9 years. He also worked year in a management position in the Automotive Industry. Since coming to Peniel, we have seen significant growth in his life, qualifying him for this task. His wife, Gina, is Peniel's Office Manager. They have two teenaged children, Joshua and Rachel.

Tobias and his family worship at Rockwell Falls Presbyterian Church in Lake Luzerne, where He serves as an Elder. His pastor, Rev. Michael Burkley recommended Tobias to us with these words: "Tobias is a man of God who, like Jesus, lives firmly in two worlds. His heart and mind are set on things above and his feet and hands move through this world as instruments of God's grace. I see this in his participation in our church through worship, prayer, preaching and service, in his family life and in his ability to fix a roof, a sticking door, electrical systems and just about anything else that needs to be done. I admire him and recommend him to you."

I am asking you to pray for Tobias, the Management Team and the entire Prayer Council as we share in the leadership of Peniel's ministries. I also ask you to consider making a commitment to help Peniel financially with a monthly gift to support Peniel, no matter how small. The Camp is run very economically and without debt for \$4,000 to \$5,000 per month year round. One time gifts are also much appreciated. If you have any questions about Peniel or the Council, please contact me by phone (978-820-1293) or email (danmeiners@hotmail.com).

Your servant in Christ,
Dan Meiners, President,
Peniel Prayer Council



Tobias Kipp

Top: at a Peniel Community function,

Center: Property Manager Duties

Bottom: Acting Camp Director at Children's Camp

Shall We Pray?

How often I have heard that question. How do I respond? Most times I would say, “sounds good” or “yes we should”. One thing is for sure, the older I get the more I pray. Probably because I feel less invincible than I did as a younger man. When I was younger I thought my strength was the answer, that it would get me out of trouble spots. My abilities would create the solutions, fixes, and opportunities needed for success. It took me a while to see things clear, maybe too long. Looking back now I would say it was all a part of God’s plan. I want to know what God’s will is in my life. I want to be tuned into Him. What else matters than being in tune and doing the will of God?

I am sitting here in my office pondering how I am going to be more in tune to God. The answers that keep coming to me are two things, prayer and staying in His word. Both of these things I certainly do not do enough of. Shall we pray? Yes, and often! Staying in touch with God is critical. I would desire a daily discussion with Him as a Son talks to his Father. Dad, am I doing the right thing? Dad, thanks for helping me today. Dad, I need your help today and everyday. Please pray that I will have that continued relationship with my Father in heaven. I desire to start each and every day in the Word. It reminds me of something my Son Joshua said to me last year. He said, “Dad, every time I don’t do devotions with you in the morning I seem to have a really bad day at school. When I do devotions I seem to be able to handle situations much better because they are fresh in my mind.” I can’t agree more with him. Breakfast is not the most important meal of the day, devotions are. That’s how we are fed daily. I want to be in the Word more than just devotions. The Bible is our guide to life. Pray that I will take the time and opportunities given to me to read it.

I would like to express my appreciation to all of those whom have supported Peniel Bible Conference over the years. Without God’s provisions this camp would not be here. Our expenses to operate this facility are right near \$5000.00 a month. When relying exclusively on donations and programs to keep the camp open over the last few years we have not received the income needed for the camp to be healthy and self sufficient. We have not increased our debt, but in fact have lowered it, so we have been good stewards but to move forward to a healthy state we have to make changes. We have a beautiful facility that needs repair, updating, and use. So, how do we achieve this? First we need involvement. I’m talking about buying into this ministry. We need a full Prayer Council. We need volunteers to come work the grounds, the camps, and the events. What can you do? Call me we will talk about it. If this ministry is to remain we must become involved, get our children involved, and get our brothers and sisters in Christ involved. Programming must increase. How can you help? Send a child to Camp. Send a couple to Growth and Truth. Send a man in your Church to a Men’s Retreat. Send a woman in your church to a Ladies Retreat. Refer a couple to get married here. The venue for a rustic Adirondack wedding is ready. We have events on the calendar. Let’s fill them! If you have been here before remember how it impacted you. Help others get that same experience because I can assure you all that the Holy Spirit is still in this place!

We need to use these buildings in ways to generate operating funds. The Restaurant is an outreach ministry tool full of potential. Whether it be opened for Men’s breakfasts, Fundraisers, movie nights, or as a rental for parties. We have a building ready for action. The Cottage with an investment could be a four season rental for getaways, renewal, or yearly rental income. The Motel Units are waiting to be utilized. I would like to see those units rented, booked, throughout the seasons. We have the facilities for Family Reunions, Concerts, and Birthday Parties! What better place to get together with fellow believers than in a safe trusted environment? What better place to reach out to a lost world and tell people about Jesus? I am excited that God is not done with this camp! So if God is not done with this camp, should you be? I don’t know the answer to that but please take the time to pray. Shall we pray?

We have seen the Lord work in this ministry this year. We have had successful programs that need expansion in the upcoming season. We have raised funds to make infrastructure improvements that were needed for immediate and continued operation. There is still much growth to be achieved. Maybe you can help? If you can contribute please feel free to contact me. If you would like me to visit your Church this year to present our mission at Peniel Bible Conference I am ready. I will also be sending out a monthly newsletter from my desk to keep you abreast of the goings on here at Peniel. Thank you for all you have done and are willing to do in the future.

In His Service
Tobias L. Kipp
Director
Peniel Bible Conference

Peniel's Hills are alive with the sounds of music

In the fall and early winter preparations were in place shutting down the Hill campus for the winter. This is always a labor intensive time making sure everything is ready for a hard frost and heavy snow. We also had several Teen Movie Nights with local teens coming in for an evening of fellowship, popcorn and a movie. At this time we served and entertained about 15 – 20 young people introducing Peniel to some, reuniting summer campers, and planning a movie with a good solid message.

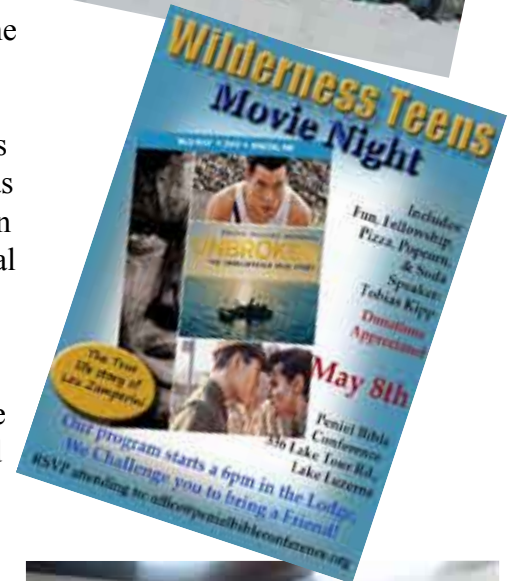
***January Prayer Council:** On a really cold Friday and Saturday the Prayer Council met in the toasty warm fellowship hall at Rockwell Falls Presbyterian Church in Luzerne. We welcomed Beth Sweeney as a new member of the group and are looking forward to her input. Our devotions included a compilation of messages concerning the Peniel Distinctives as we look more closely to the foundation of Peniel. These will be posted on the website. Tobias shared with us the news that the new dining hall metal roof has greatly reduced the concern about snow load.

***February SnoFun:** Tons of snow were ordered for the snow hill and were delivered over a period of time prior to SnoFun! The children were greeted with a rosy cheeked staff who had all been 'working' on the sculptured snow run on the hill for several days! Due to the extreme cold we called parents to bring the children a day later so they were really ready to be here. Forty three attended the first session of children ages 7-11 with one overnight. The event was called Frozen (appropriately named!) and the theme was Letting Go. Needless to say, the beds were all full in the Lodge! The second session was two nights and three days with 26 kids from 12-17 sledding, playing broom ball on the frozen lake, football and soccer in the snow, team building games, warm food and great messages. The theme for this event was Reaching Higher Limits. It was a great opportunity for local kids to spend time in the Word, building friendships with others in their age group, and enjoying the great outdoors.

***April 24 & 25 Prayer Council:** At this meeting we were excited to include Kristen Coltart and Truman Esau as new members. We are pleased as we learn what they are able to offer as service to Peniel. Truman shared with us extensively about his experience with Peniel and was a speaker at the Growth in Truth Conference in August. Kristen joined us for a second summer season as teacher and all around volunteer! She was Manager Extraordinaire of the newly refurbished Pop Shop.

***May Teen Movie Night:** About 18 young people and adults gathered for fellowship and a movie. The movie, Unbroken, gave us some food for thought and was followed by some great conversation. Forgiveness and the resulting impact it had on the life of Louis Zamperini gave us much to think about and discuss. We also enjoyed snacks and drinks. These evenings are a part of our outreach to the area young people and a follow up for the youth who have attended summer camp.

***Redeemer Reformed:** Returning for the fourth year we were happy to welcome the ladies from Redeemer Reformed for their annual





retreat. This is a very quiet group of ladies who especially enjoy encouraging messages, wonderful fellowship and great food.

*Memorial Day Work Weekend: The campus was full of activity as the large group of mission workers came from Maine to encourage us and support us in the physical work on campus. The sounds of hammering, sawing, stacking firewood, burning brush, laughter and music brought the Hills to life. A roof was placed on Cabin 5 in the Pines and The Pop Shop was renovated and refreshed!

*June Life Guard Training & Re-certification: We had a busy week June 12th through 19th for life guard training and re-certification. There were 8 people who came to train to become life guards or to be re-certified. It was a lively group who enjoyed being on campus, some new local teens attended. This service to the community continues to enhance our outreach to the local people who are becoming more aware of our programs.

*Great excitement spilled out all over campus on June 25 and 26! The Ansul system was installed in the Hill Dining Hall and the Pool Liner was installed. The pool was filled with 7 tanker truck loads of water in two days. Just in time!

*We invited the folks from the Christian Motorcycles Association to come and use our facilities for the Americade annual event in Lake George. This event is a gathering of thousands of bikers from all over the world. A prayer group came to pray for the event and had a lovely breakfast. It was cold and damp and they were delighted to have a warm and dry place to lay their heads.

*June 27th was a sunshine filled day as we celebrated with John and Ayla Sutton as they became man and wife. The marriage was performed on the chapel lawn with a beautiful birch arbor as back drop. The reception in the Dining Hall was a time of great rejoicing for everyone. Ayla returned as a camp counselor for the summer and John was involved in the evenings with music. These two are a great addition to local staff and have been involved with Peniel since 2012 when they met at Peniel.

*Our next event was a family reunion group from the local area. There was a high school graduation involved as well. The family enjoyed the campus, swimming, canoeing, basketball, volleyball and hiking. They were delighted to spend time here in the peaceful woods.

*July Swim Lessons were scheduled and continued into August serving 8 children from the area. Parents are always very positive and appreciate the opportunity. It is fun for us to see them grow in skills from one year to the next.

*Staff Training Week is always exciting as we discover the talents, skills and abilities that the Lord has lined up for us for the summer season! We are always happy to have 'old-timers' back for another summer and of course, welcome the 'newbies' coming in. It does not take long for the staff to become a working unit with many chances for team building and fellowship with plenty of time to get the campus in shape for our guests. Morning devotions begin our day as we center on what God has for us to do for His Kingdom.

*Children's Camp started with all the youngsters arriving, meeting new friends, hugging old buddies, meeting our new EMT, Josh Hayes,

greeting the counselor, making the beds, and trying to find a place for the suitcases. We had a cowboy theme this year- Wanted: Pursued by God. Our amazing team teaching duo, Kristen Coltart and Erin Frasier, pulled together a wonderful message with relevant support from scripture. It was delightful to see all the kids underneath a parachute with activities provided by Sarah Maynard. We were able to take the whole group of guests and staff to the Painted Pony Rodeo for an evening of bull riding, barrel racing and calf roping! We enjoyed a barbecue dinner there as well.

*Teen Camp: We had scheduled a week of camp for Junior Camp and a separate week for Senior Camp. However because of a lack of registrations a decision was made to combine the two and call it Teen Camp. We combined the staff as well as the kids so that each age group could still be given an age appropriate message. The guests were into it full-swing and it worked together really well. The large support group from Maine was a blessing added to our staff. We are never without some complications and this year was typical. Monday morning our state Department of Health inspector arrived on campus for his yearly inspection. He found everything in good working order and was pleased with our situation. On Monday evening the well pump at the dining hall just gave up the ghost! It was dated 1979 so we should not have been surprised, however it was not a good time. The Department of Health was notified and we followed their instructions to the letter making sure all water issues were covered and safe. The well pump was replaced by Tuesday evening and we continued to boil water as directed until we were given the all clear. The campers were able to use the Pines bathhouse because the water comes from a separate well. We discovered the value of prayer, a good sense of humor and patience! The campers seemed in tune to the situation and presented some extremely funny skits on talent night that hit the mark right on! This was another opportunity to teach that Our Heavenly Father is in control of all things! None of the 'setbacks' kept us from our scheduled activities. Two hikes were enjoyed by all ages, one up Constitution and the other up Hadley Mountain. Our emphasis for the week was on Super Heros with a theme of "Be Still and know that I am God" with Tim Pearson, Peter Bailey, Joey Aponte and Teresa Taylor leading the activities and teaching. This message was lived out in reality as we tried to 'be still' and wait before the Lord who provided all things in His time.

*Staff Work Week: Since we did not have any registrations for our family camp and we had promised the staff a stipend including this week, we chose to keep the staff and schedule some needed projects to be done instead. They were delighted to stay on and were a great addition to getting campus into shape. They cut, split and stacked all the fire wood on campus (there was a lot, remember the timbering company came in September of 2013), stripped and painted the lodge outside stairways, cleaned and prepared campus for the next week's guests and continued in Bible study, devotions, and fellowship.

*We had scheduled an evening during this week for an artist to come as a guest speaker. David Weiss came from Pennsylvania and gave a message on The Many Faces of Jesus. His message was powerful, his paintings were inspiring, and we were blessed to have him. Many phone





calls were made to local pastors and local friends offering the opportunity to come and spend the evening here. We were pleased with the number of people who were able to come and they were pleased to be here. This could be another continuing opportunity to reach into the community and provide a program in support of the local churches. We will be praying about this.

***August Growth in Truth:** This is an annual event we always look forward to, with many folks returning year after year. The theme this year was Union with Christ with many speakers from different backgrounds. Dan Meiners led the meetings with Jay and Adrienne Richmond bringing a powerful message as well. Our evening messages were given by Truman Esau on our need to have a sense of belonging as a child to be able to appreciate that we belong to God from before the very beginning of the world. There was a wonderful time for fellowship, meeting new people and reuniting with campers from the past. If you for any reason have been thinking of returning to Peniel for a week of immersion in the Word, this would be the week to consider. We highly encourage attendees to plan to come next year and register early.

***August Prayer Council:** A good bit of time was spent on reviewing the summer programs, the impact on the youth, the churches, and the area. We looked at what worked and what could be improved. There was much discussion about what programs to continue with next year and what sort of things we could be doing more of during the off season. Expect to hear great things. We also voted unanimously to place Tobias Kipp in the directorship role for a year round position. See his report in this issue. We are excited in the direction Peniel is going and are looking for the great opportunities the Lord will lead us in for the next years.

***Wedding:** In August we scheduled for a wedding. We were pretty excited to see the preparations for 225 guests come together. The family included 2 extra days for a family reunion here using the facilities. It was great for us hearing the laughing voices, seeing the young people walking up and down the hills, and working with a wonderful family group. The reception was held on the Hill at the Dining Hall where outside tables were set up. It was a real treat for us to see them happy and enjoying this blessed place.

***September and October:** The only events officially planned at this time are two weddings in October as well as a Men's Retreat. We are considering several other opportunities for small weekend retreats for the Lodge and Lamplighter Restaurant side of campus. We have in mind to do some evening get togethers (especially a Teen Movie Night) and other age groups. Continue to check the website for upcoming events. We would welcome your participation at any time.





Lto R: Old pool liner, New pool liner, New Ansul, Replaced Water line



Micaiah's report:

Micaiah's story involves a man who insists on giving the message God wants him to give even though the king hates him and would have him killed. Read the whole story in I Kings 22 to get the whole picture. So here is a 'Micaiah's' report on Peniel because it is not always easy to hear what is necessary. This report is not to be taken in a negative light, it is just the truth of it and we hope it will inspire you to be a part of Peniel in a new way. There are things we need that may have a cost. There are things we need that may cost time. Our intention is that you would be willing to share with us the work that is needed to keep this ministry fruitful. We have much to be grateful for and many people to thank who have continually been supporting Peniel with monetary gifts and who have volunteered their time and talent. Here is a list of things we are wishing for. These will include our visions for next season as well.

Facility Needs:

- Pool Cover
- Cabin Roofs
- 2 A.E.D.s (automatic electronic defibrillator)
- Water Front Rescue Board
- C.P.R. Manikins
- Ceiling fans with lights for the chapel
- Paint for the exterior of the Lodge, Restaurant, Cottage & Motel
- 8 octave electronic key board
- Siding for the Dining Hall

Designated Gifts/Donations for:

- LAMP Staff Scholarships
- Camper Scholarships
- Lamplighter Cottage Repairs
- Repairs to exterior of Lodge
- Repairs to exterior of Lamplighter Restaurant

People Needed

Volunteers for Summer & Snofun:

(by week or season)

- Kitchen Staff
- Housekeeping Staff
- Maintenance Staff
- Grounds Staff

(by Event)

- Activities Director
- Teaching
- Worship
- Guest Speaker

(by Season)

- L.A.M.P. Directors (Married couple)
- L.A.M.P.: *Leadership and Ministry Program* Summer Camp Counselors (Must be 18 years of age)
- Camp Health Officer: Must have up to date NYS Certificates
- C.I.T.- *Counselors in Training*
- Head - Maintenance



Be a LAMP



Inspire Kids



Help in the Kitchen

What can I do to help?

In a world of chaos and strife as we are now, let's go back to a time long, long ago. Do you remember being at Peniel? Do you remember what an impact this place had on your life? Do you still wistfully sometimes wish you could be here? Are there moments when, if you just close your eyes, you can see the chapel? Do you ever tell your friends about Mrs. Silburn's sticky buns? Can you picture the faces of some of the campers or staff who influenced your life? If you have ever been here, surely you have a memory to share.

Now let's jump forward to today. This summer we had 5 young adults who served as counselors and an amazing number of volunteer staff who came and went as needed. We will continue those memories in our lives as time rolls on. The impact on our young campers is still to be lived out. Several asked Jesus into their lives and made that first important step. We express great Praise and Glory for the work the Holy Spirit accomplished this summer.

How about tomorrow? Who will be here for the next group? Our house-keeper is 82 years old. Our cooks are in there 60's. Most of the prevailing staff are at least in their late 40's. By the way, most of the staff are volunteers. With that information it should be easy to see we need more younger staff to carry on this mission of presenting Jesus to campers, guests, and the community. What could you do? Do you know of young people looking for a summer mission? Most of the tasks are on a volunteer basis, though some are paid. We would also appreciate mentioning Peniel to your churches and youth groups. We would love to involve more youth as campers as well. Could you sponsor a child with a scholarship for a week of Worship and Word? Could you donate toward food cost, general funds, designated gifts (see wish list)? Could you come as a guest to immerse yourself in the ministry? We also offer lodging for guests for retreats, family reunions, weddings, and just getting together. We could host birthday parties at the pool, youth group weekends, women's retreats, and men's retreats. We would also welcome your ideas. How would you like to be involved at Peniel? Your partnership is vital to the continuing ministry.

Property Report 2015

Greetings to all from Peniel Bible Conference! What a wonderful property God has given to us to maintain for a mountainside ministry here in Lake Luzerne NY. The 2015 year has been in some ways more routine but in other ways more eventful. One thing that I have learned from this season is to trust in My Heavenly Father when the unexpected occurs. Isn't it amazing the way He speaks to us through His Word? One of our scriptures from camp this year was Psalm 46 verse 10. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted above the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The hard part for me is being still, trusting in Him, acknowledging that He uses difficult times to be exalted. The following report will hopefully show to you how God was exalted here at camp this year.

We started the 2015 season with a cold snap! Turning on the winter side in February was a bit chilling. We were in the midst of below zero temperatures the whole week and a half. We were blessed to have Pastor Phil Allen of the Conklingville Community Church bring his tractor to move snow banks and create access points where we needed them. The water line from the Office to the Restaurant started out flowing but froze the day before Junior Snofun. Two years in a row now we have dealt with this situation. Well, we ran hoses out every day and pulled them in every night to keep the event going. This unfortunately is routine at this point. We had no other issues during this event.

April startup went well this year except for the fact that we had frozen lines until mid June to the Restaurant and the Pines Bathhouse. This adds a little stress considering we rent the Cottage to The Music Camp at the end of June for the summer season and could not turn on until the last minute. There is a good routine for startup that I follow and it has come from learning and doing over the last few years. We continue to improve.

Spring projects to improve operations this year were focused on resolving continual issues that we address every year numerous times. The first project was to improve road conditions on both sides of campus. Harry Goodwin has loaned us two pieces of equipment that were invaluable this spring. A backhoe to dig ditches to eliminate our frequent washouts and a smaller tractor for grading the roads as needed. The labor saved with these actions was tremendous. After every rain storm we aren't having to work on the roads and they still look great. Thank you Harry! We also had a very productive Memorial Day work weekend. Thanks to The Grace Bible Church of Holden Maine for making Peniel a mission for service each year. We pray that God will continually bless them as they work for His glory. We had many projects going on Memorial day. We were able to completely repair and rejuvenate the Pop Shop for the season. This was an income generator for the summer season. We also were able to replace a roof on Cabin 5 in the Pines which was rotting and leaking. We remodeled The Hill and Pines bathhouses as well. Interiors are now painted, the floors were epoxy painted, and all fixtures were replaced. Not one maintenance issue arose from the season this year in these bathhouses. The Grace Bible Church Youth Group also cleared all brush from the Chapel Field to the Hill Campus. It looks beautiful! All firewood for camp was split and stacked for the season as well.

We also were in need of liner replacement of the pool. We were able to raise the money to have it installed. It looks great and it brings us up to date with the DOH "Department of Health". We also replaced the fire suppression system in the Dining Hall kitchen as required by Warren County this year. It is also beautiful, modern, and safe. Tom Sweeney rejuvenated all kitchen cookstoves this spring. They are working great and looking good as well. Thanks Tom!

This brings us to the camping season. This is where I learned to better trust God this year. Our well pump on the Summer Side failed during Teen Camp. We were able to quickly have the pump replaced and running. We had to report this to DOH hoping we wouldn't have to shut down and send campers home. We had to go on a 48 hour water boil. It slowed us down but we didn't have to close camp. Praise God! We also had to close the pool during DOH inspection for using the wrong chlorine. That was rectified and we only lost a day of swimming.

We have replaced the waterline to the Restaurant this fall with the expectation we will not have to worry

about freeze up any longer. It is run through 4" plastic pipe that can be heated during the winter months. Initial tests look very promising. We have also created a driveway for the Cottage this fall to provide better parking for that rental in the future. This is with the intent to have year round income eventually from the cottage.

That is what happened so far this year! As you can read we have accomplished many things through the help of God and his many servants! We look forward to another year and continually thank God for the blessings he bestows on us.

Upcoming projects I will briefly list. If you would like to talk specifically with me on any of these projects please feel free to contact me.

Painting of the Restaurant	Siding of Dining Hall
Painting of the Office and Motel	Roof Replacements
Painting of the Lodge	Water Slide Development
Mold Remediation of the Meeting House	Turning Cottage into 4 season rental
Pool Winter Cover	New Roof on Lakeview
Pressure Tank Replacement Winter Side	Waterfront Cleanup

Thank you,
Tobias L. Kipp
Property Mgr

In Memory of



A communication from Truman Esau dated December 1, 2014, tells us of the passing of his wife, **Marilyn Esau**, in Whitewater, CO on November 25, 2014. December 1 was the service at the grave site. "Marilyn passed peacefully from us to her Savior this morning. She was His and blessed us with the bonds He developed with her and us. She leaves a heritage of trust, honesty, integrity. In almost 64 years of marriage after a five year engagement, she shaped me and I shaped her in the presence of our Savior." Truman and their son Eric con-

tinue to live in Whitewater.

Robert McCoubrie's more than 18 year battle with Parkinson's Disease ended December 30, 2014 in Rosemount, MN. Bob came to Peniel at the invitation of Frankie Coyle whom he met at Union College in Schenectady. At Peniel he met his future wife, Susan Newhall. They were married for 56 years and were blessed with a daughter, Mary Elise Holley. Bob's talent as an organist gave him numerous opportunities for ministry.

Margaret Silburn, 93, went to be with the Lord on March 6, 2015. With her husband George, who pastored in Worcester, NY, for a number of years, she later moved to Peniel where George served as property manager for an extended period. Many of us think primarily of Margaret in the kitchen at

Peniel -- a wonderful cook who always had such a positive and loving disposition. In her later years she lived in different locations with her children.

Helen Stewart Brownson went to be with her Lord on June 4, 2015, having fully lived out 85 years. Born in Burnt Hills, NY, she participated in the life of Peniel from high school years onward, together with her husband Bill and their family. A passionate advocate for persons on the margins of life and society, she drew on her own experience of life at the margins, with one son severely disabled by measles encephalitis and another son who struggled with schizophrenia. Despite this deep pain, she lived her life without an ounce of self-pity, thoroughly devoted to her family and to all those who live their life in the midst of pain, struggle, difference, and sorrow.

David Matthew Conover, 36, went to be with the Lord on September 30, 2015. David's Memorial service was held on November 14th at the Fairfield Reformed Church, Fairfield New Jersey, the home church of Pastor Allan & Phyllis Conover. Many friends and family were present at service which was given by Arnold Kress. David had a contagious smile and gregarious personality, he will be dearly missed by his Peniel Family.



Peniel Bible Conference

2015 - 2016 Calendar (tentative)

Monthly

Teen Movie Night
Community Supper or Breakfast fundraisers

October 2015

10/3 Wedding Rental
10/9-10 Men's Retreat (TBA)
10/16 Prayer Council
10/24 Wedding Rental

November 2015

11/ Ladies Retreat ACF

February 2016

2/15 - 16 Jr Snofun Session \$75
2/18 - 20 Sr. Snofun \$150

April 2016

4/1 Campus Opens
Sit & Paint (TBA)
4/15 -17 Spring MUDDfest

May 2016

5/6 - 7 Redeemer Reformed
5/27 - 30 Memorial Day Work Weekend

June 2016

6/7 - 11 Americade (Check in 3:00 pm daily)
6/3 - 5 & 6/10 - 12
ARC Lifeguard Certification
(2 weekends)
Arrive 5pm on Fridays, Commuting
\$210.00 Accommodation \$310.00
6/6 - 10
ARC Lifeguard Re-Certification
(5 Night) Arrival 5:00pm \$158.00
6/27 - 7/30
ARC Learn to Swim Program
(\$35/class 2wk session M-F)

July

7/3 - 7/8 Staff Training Arrival 3:00
7/11 - 15 Peniel Day Camp \$150.00
7/18 - 22 Peniel Day Camp \$150.00
7/25 - 29 Peniel Day Camp \$150.00
8:30 - 4:30 Daily Inc: Lunch
Extras: Swim Lessons \$35
Extras: Pop Shop \$?
7/10 - 7/15 Peniel Junior Camp \$300
Drop off & Pick up times are 3:00pm
Includes Out trip
7/17 - 7/22 Peniel Senior Camp \$300
Drop off & Pick up times are 3:00pm
Includes Out trip
7/25 - 7/29 Growth In Truth
Program: Adult ≥13 years: \$150.00
Lodge 1st floor: \$160/wk
Cabin: \$120/wk
Tent site: \$60/wk
Arrival 7/25 3:00pm
Departure 7/29 12:00 noon

August - Available for youth group rentals to run their own programs

September

9/24 Harvest Festival Arts & Crafts - horse drawn wagon rides cider social w/ pumpkin carving & a bake sale.
Lectures: Chainsaw Carving, Wood Working & more . . . TBA
Booths: Vendors \$60, Information \$25

Peniel Bible Conference & Camp
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