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OVERLOOK OVERVIEW



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Happy Trails!

The gateway to our new land acquisition of 45 acres is the result of Nathaniel Hemmers's Eagle Scout Project, completed this fall. Nathaniel organized scout teams to clean-up trails, build a foot bridge and establish an entrance for Wrenn's Wood. Additionally, the scouts rebuilt the campfire ring at the Swank Memorial Retreat Building.

Poised at the entrance for exploring the new property, Raymond Wrenn visited a work team cutting firewood for the camp buildings. There is a considerable amount of downed wood that remains to be blocked and split. Firewood for the camp woodstoves has been significant for reducing fuel costs for the five buildings equipped to burn wood.

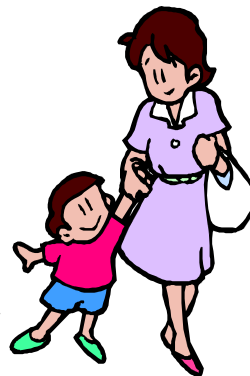
\$50,000 Gift

Camp Overlook begins the new year with a magnificent gift of \$50,000 by Rev. Wrenn to help with the loan for cabin renovations and the purchase of the new land. Rev. Wrenn sees this as an important investment in the future of our camp and church. We need to set aside today, the resources that our children's children will need for tomorrow.

Kamp for Kids May 8-9, 2009

Spending a week at summer camp can be a fun and spiritually meaningful experience for children. It can also be very intimidating and even a little scary for children who have never spent the night away from home before or who are coming to camp for the first time. Kamp for Kids is designed for 1st through 3rd grade children who would like to give camp a trial run with Mom or Dad by their side. We will live out a typical 20 hours of camp life (eating in the dining hall, sleeping in the cabins, Bible study, games, songs, etc.) with Mom or Dad there the entire time.

Our weekend begins with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with a closing program on Saturday afternoon. Mother's Day is on that Sunday so the camp could be a time for a working mom to enjoy a special experience with her son or daughter. Or, stay-at-home moms may appreciate a quiet evening while dad and the kids are at camp.



The cost for one parent/child duo is \$65 with an additional \$32 charge for an extra child (no more than two children per adult). If a parent is unable to bring their child the opportunity is open to an uncle, aunt, grandparent or older sibling. All "adult" registrants must be 18 or older and should be able to participate in games and other activities with the child.

Registration forms are available by contacting the camp office. 540-269-2267 / CampOverlook@gmail.com

Planning for the Future

Information from a sampling of church and community leaders across the districts is being gathered to help form a comprehensive master plan for Camp Overlook's future. Carl Manfield, a professional consultant, is conducting confidential interviews to determine the effectiveness of camp ministry and new directions for the future. This identifies resources that may be needed and potential sources for support. The Camp Board of Directors will receive Mr. Manfield's report this spring.

"Stretch Out Your Hand"

August 14-16, 2009

...is a weekend designed to help adults focus on their **spiritual journey in prayer**. There will be time for dynamic presentations on how to listen to God as you discern prayer, small group sharing time, creative worship experiences and quiet space for your own deeper reflection.

The theme of the retreat will be *JESUS REACHING HIS HAND OUT TO YOU* (Mark 3 1:6) We are all on journey toward healing and wholeness in mind, body, emotions and spirit. The discernment process experienced in the weekend is rooted in the belief that God seeks to be in a personal relationship with each one of us. Therefore, there will be ample time for discovering how prayer can change your life and those around you.

- Learn to discern the voice of God
- Discover and deepen your own call
- Experience what needs healing in you
- Praise God in music, scripture & prayer

Meet and talk with God on the Mountain in the beautiful Blessings Lodge.!

Let us send you a brochure!

Confirmation Camp

April 3-4, 2009

Each year churches all over our tri-district area begin confirmation classes to help the young people in their congregation better understand the church and the role they can play in their church home, their community, and the world as young Christians. Camp Overlook will hold a Confirmation Retreat (the Friday and Saturday before Palm Sunday) to help you bring an interactive and connectional element to the content already being shared with the youth. Six sections of the "Claim the Name" curriculum will be shared through a variety of experiences and from a number of special guests. Speakers include **Rev. Gary Zeigler, Rev. Gary Heaton, Rev. Keith Motley, and Dr. Susan Garrett.**

The cost of the retreat is \$44.50 for youth and adults (one or more adults with each group). Discounts apply for early registration.

Contact the camp office for registration info and details. 540-269-2267

Wish List

The AED's (*automated external defibrillators*) that were requested in a previous wish list are well on their way to becoming an improved safety feature at Camp Overlook. One unit has been donated by St. John's UMC and some funds toward the purchase of a second have been donated. An additional \$1250 is needed to secure the second unit and to have these lifesaving tools on both sides of camp.

If you have a gently used shop vac or drill press that is no longer of use to you, our maintenance crew would love to put it to work!

We are also looking for several more registered nurses to serve for one week during the summer in our summer camp program. Children of volunteer nurses attend camp for free!

Finally, we are still seeking college-age, mission-minded, young adults to serve as counseling staff for the summer and "young" people of all ages to volunteer as counselors for a week (18 or older). Applications can be requested through the camp office!

Summer Camp '09

Have you ever wondered what it must have been like for Cleopas and his friend on the road to Emmaus? What a glorious realization to finally recognize that they had been in the presence of the risen Christ! How meaningful and revealing to have Him share and explain the scriptures. Wouldn't it have been amazing to witness the tongues of fire above each disciple at Pentecost as they shared with those from many nations? And imagine the suspense and fear of worshipping in the catacombs behind the backs of patrolling Roman soldiers.



This summer at Camp Overlook we will experience this and more as we explore the birth of the Church, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the relationship of the Trinity.

11th Annual Tri-District UMM Golf Tournament

In Memory of Mac Fleming-To
Benefit Camp Overlook
Shenvalee Golf Resort
May 30, 2009.

The event will kick off at 2 PM and is open to teams of four for registration. Hole sponsorship is encouraged. All money raised will go directly to Camp Overlook. Dinner will be served at the end of the tournament.

Additional information will be included in the next Overlook Overview and will be sent to area UMM groups as it becomes available.

Calendar of Faith Events

Confirmation Camp	April
Emmaus	April
Kamp for Kids	May
Friends Together	June
Young at Heart	June
Summer Camp	June-July
Prayer Retreat	Aug.
All God's Children Camp	Sept.
Men's/Women's Emmaus	Oct.
Chrysalis Flight	Nov.

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