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Bethel Mennonite Camp is owned by God and entrusted to the Bethel Camp Board. Bethel Camp is a Christ centered ministry with an emphasis on Bible study and a personal commitment to Christ. We seek to be good stewards of God's 300 + beautiful acres of mountains, trees, streams, and springs -- using the natural setting to call people into a deeper relationship with God.

Bethel Camp is a non-profit organization which operates on donations from churches and caring individuals. All donations and fees go toward the operation and improvement of the camp ministry.



New Facility Invisioned

As some of you know, the Bethel Camp board of directors has been considering the next phase of expansion here at camp since we completed the renovation of Krestan Hall in 2006. Prayers have been lifted up for wisdom and grace in this time of uncertainty.

Our 50th anniversary here at camp fortified the vision by letting us look back at how

God has led us in the past. It also challenged us to forge a clearer vision of what we sense to be God's leading for the future.



During the past year, through discussions with a camp consultant, and lots of conversations between staff and board members we've arrived at a common vision and plan. Lord willing, we are starting on the "journey" of building a new dining hall and chapel on the site of the present chapel and recreation hall. The condition of the present building warrants the need for replacing it and building a new chapel. Our current dining hall is small enough that it limits our ability to expand the ministry. We already have a hard time squeezing everyone in for a meal during a full week of camp. The proposed building will address each of those needs. It will include expanded dining and chapel space for up to 200 people as well as a spacious covered porch area for recreation and relaxation even in inclement weather.

In one sense we feel overwhelmed by the size of the challenge placed before us. On the other hand we feel confident that the God who has led us this far and introduced this vision will be the same one who can give us the capacity to overcome that challenge and press forward in faith on the other side of it.

Our confidence has already been built up by a donation hat was given to help cover the cost of drawing up plans, construction documents, and the images we will need to view this vision in greater detail. Because of that gift, we are in the process of selecting an architect as well as planning a fundraising campaign to provide the resources needed to see this vision to completion. We look forward to sharing with you as we progress through the many steps in this "journey."

Camp Pastor's Corner



I really enjoy Facebook. It's a great way to network with people. But like anything there are some points that are less than appealing. For example if you are one of my friends you may notice that I don't get into applications and causes. Why? Well, they just seem like a waste of time to me. It irritates me how you can't just join something and be done with it. Oh no, in order to read a survey or see an answer to a question you have to join by allowing the application to have access to your personal information. Then you have to enlist others to join. By the time you do all that you're just sitting there frustrated waiting for the whole process to end so you can finally get the little bit of information you wanted in the first place. I mean you start off just wanting to find out on a quick list how terribly popular you are or what your name means etc. and the next thing you know you are in deeper than you ever planned to go. I feel like screaming Ahhh! All I wanted was to know what planet best reflects my personality!

It kind of makes me think of sin. The enemy of your soul puts the bait on the home page of your heart. He appeals to your vanity or your fears and tempts