

CAMP MANATAWNY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER SESSIONS CANCELED, CORONAVIRUS IMPACT, CAMP CALENDAR, CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE, 2019 ANNUAL REPORT, PROJECTS AROUND CAMP, OTHER NEWS

2020 Summer Sessions Canceled



It is with great sadness that we announce the decision to cancel our Camp Summer Sessions in 2020. This is a pause in our summer program and, Lord willing, Summer Sessions will resume in 2021. Reaching this decision was very difficult but it was necessary after consulting a broad range of public resources, our Summer Session directors, and our Camp medical advisors. The ultimate safety

of our campers and staff is our number one priority and, with everything we know at this time, it has become clear that we could not hold our Summer Sessions while assuring the safety of all who would attend and serve.

Additional information about this decision and answers to other important questions can be found on the following pages of this newsletter:

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If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email info@manatawny.org and we will reply to you as soon as possible. Please keep your eyes on additional announcements on the Camp website and via our social media channels that will be coming in the weeks ahead.

We should all remember that God remains supreme in this difficult situation and our lives and future are in his hands. We continue to pray that the Lord will look after Camp, protect our community, and continue to empower us in our mission – to transform lives for Christ. We also pray for each of you and for your families – that the impact of the Coronavirus is minimized in your lives. We are deeply grateful to you for your commitment to Camp and for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

With love and in His service,

The Camp Board and Executive Management

UPCOMING EVENTS



August 28-30 Work & Worship Weekend

All ages & abilities needed.
manatawny.org/workandworship

Family Camp

September 11-13
manatawny.org/familycamp



Strengthening
our
Sisterhood

Hebrews 10:23-25

Sep 25-26 - Ladies Retreat

\$35 covers food, program, activities, and 1 night seasonal lodging,
Girls 12 and under only \$10.
manatawny.org/ladiesretreat

Emboldened Philippians 2-4

Sep 25-26 - Men's Retreat

\$35 covers food, program, activities, and 1 night seasonal lodging,
Boys 12 and under only \$10.
manatawny.org/mensretreat

Junior and Senior High Retreat

October 23-24
Junior/ Senior High Retreat
(7th to 12th graders)

Only \$35. Register at
manatawny.org/jrshighretreat



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Reasons for Canceling Summer Sessions

On April 25th, at the time the decision to cancel summer sessions was made, there were 7 main reasons for canceling summer sessions:

1. Medical / Nursing professionals advise us to cancel for safety reasons
2. Health authorities have not yet issued guidelines on safe operation of summer camp (delayed by several weeks)
3. Adhering to the CDC 3-Phase Plan will make summer camp possible only in mid-July, under the most optimistic estimates.
4. Other groups hosting their summer camps at Manatawny have already canceled
5. We will have a shortage of critical staff (several nurses and a cook have indicated they cannot volunteer this summer)
6. Due to social distancing and other restrictions, many of our summer camp activities will need to be canceled or adapted significantly
7. Camper and staff safety cannot be guaranteed at a level that we are willing to accept

As of May 30, the PA government and health authorities have issued guidance that continues to block us from having summer sessions:

- Berks County will be moving into “Yellow” status on Friday, June 5th. This will permit day camp programs to open in Berks under specific health guidelines on that day. However, it will still not permit overnight camps to open on that day.
- Assuming Berks County is allowed to move into “Green” status a few weeks after going “Yellow”, overnight camp programs could start sometime in late June or early July.
- However, being in “Green” status will still require limiting congregating groups at Camp to 25 persons (unless the limit changes in the coming weeks). A congregating group is any event or activity which requires a group of people to be in the “same space” (like in Garrett Hall for worship, etc.), while still maintaining 6 foot social distancing, etc..

In addition to the guidelines and dates announced by PA Governor Wolf, we are also directed to follow the CDC guidelines for Camp operation, which provide procedures for cleaning/disinfecting, camper activities, staffing, sleeping, and food service, plus many others. We could accommodate the cleaning/disinfecting and camper activity requirements. However, there would be 3 requirements we could not easily accommodate:

- **STAFFING:** Staffing constraints require that we avoid having staffers in high risk categories or with comorbidities. Some of our summer session weeks have critical staffers who would be at high risk and some have a large percentage in at-risk categories.
- **LODGING:** Sleeping constraints limit our ability to house all campers. For example, we could only house 3 to 5 persons (kids + counselors) per greenie. That might be possible for a low attendance week, but certainly not for our higher attendance weeks.
- **MEALS:** Food service constraints limit the number of persons we could feed at one time in our dining hall. Based on our dining hall layout, in order to have social distancing respected during meals, we could feed between 54 and 72 persons inside the dining hall (plus a few on the porch) at each seating. So we would definitely need two meal sittings for breakfast, lunch and dinner in order to feed everyone.

Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Camp Finances and Operations

The cancellation of camp events, summer sessions and group rentals is having a large financial impact on Camp. Just the cancellation of two of our Spring events and several group rentals in the Spring and Summer represents a loss in revenue approaching \$100,000.

Two years ago, the Board made a strong commitment to fiscal discipline. This included commitments to:

- retire Camp debt (which happened at the end of 2018);
- not start any project / construction until cash is in hand (i.e. no future borrowing); and,
- build up a financial reserve when times are good in anticipation of when times might be bad or when a sudden need for funds might be required.

We will **tap into our financial reserves** to cover some of our shortfall this year. We will be **actively looking for rental groups** during the summer that can be hosted at Camp while respecting all health department requirements. And we also **appeal to you, our Camp community**, to help Camp, in so much as you are financially able during this challenging time, through donations which we can use to cover our shortfall.

We trust that the Lord will provide, and we remain confident that Camp will continue to operate for many years to come.

What To Do If You Are Already Registered for Summer Camp This Summer

I PAID ALL OR PART OF MY REGISTRATION FEES

Everyone who has already registered for one or more summer sessions will have their registration automatically moved to the same summer session week next summer. Over the next few weeks, we will also make adjustments to the registrations so that every camper will end up in a grade-appropriate week for which they are eligible. If you have not yet paid in full, you will have until the 2021 deadlines to do that – including any early-bird registration deadlines that will be announced.

If you do not wish to keep your registration in 2021, you have the following options:

- You can request to have your registration canceled and agree to donate all or part of what you have paid to Camp – and we would refund the balance; or,
- You can request to have your registration canceled and to receive a full refund.

To contact us with your decision, please email info@manatawny.org.

ALL OR PART OF MY REGISTRATION FEES WERE PAID VIA A CAMPSHIP (FINANCIAL AID FROM CAMP)

You don't need to do anything. Your child's 2020 registration will be automatically moved to 2021 and you will not need to file another financial aid application next year.

ALL OR PART OF MY REGISTRATION FEES WERE PAID VIA A CHURCH SPONSORSHIP

You will need to contact the congregation which sponsored you and ask them if they will allow you to remain registered for next year and remain sponsored by them.

In some cases, a congregation may decide to cancel their sponsorships for 2020 and donate their money to Camp directly (or to receive a refund). In such a case, your registration will be canceled, and you will be able to seek sponsorship from the congregation again next year.

If the congregation decides not to cancel their sponsorships for 2020, your child's 2020 registration will be automatically moved to 2021.

Virtual Camp and Other Possibilities

We realize that the decision to cancel Summer Sessions this year will have a large emotional impact on our campers. In order to provide some opportunities for our campers during the time when our Summer Sessions will be canceled, we are working closely with the Summer Session Directors and other creative members of our Camp community to develop some alternatives for us to still "get together".

Some of these alternatives may be virtual (e.g. making smores at home and eating them during a virtual campfire, having online contests, etc.). Others, although unlikely at this time, may be physical (e.g. one-day events at Camp late in the summer for a small number of campers that might include a worship, a picnic barbecue, etc.) – but ONLY if the situation permits WHILE respecting all necessary safety guidelines mandated by health authorities.

More information on virtual (and maybe physical) alternatives will be announced on the Camp website in the next few weeks.

Some News For Our Graduating Seniors

We know that canceling **Senior High 2 Week** this summer impacts our graduating seniors in a big way. To make sure our seniors don't miss a last chance to attend SH2, Camp will extend the opportunity for them to register and attend SH2 week next summer, if they wish. If you come next year, you will be able to participate in the Senior banquet and all the other events during that week.

We also invite all graduating seniors to register for and attend the **Junior / Senior High Retreat** this Fall, full of fun activities and great opportunities to be with friends, and the **LiftU Winter Retreat** in January, open to all high school seniors and college-age young adults—a new dynamic event with great speakers and sessions covering today's subjects in a frank and open way.

Camp Manatawny Upcoming Events and Retreats



Aug 28-30 *Work & Worship Weekend*

Sep 11-13 *Family Camp*



Sep 12 *Open House*



Sep 25-26 *Ladies' Retreat*



Sep 25-26 *Men's Retreat*



Oct 23-24 *Junior / Senior
High Retreat*



Oct 24 *Manatawny 5K
and Fun Run*



Nov 1 *Area-Wide Worship and Potluck*

Nov 12-14 *Camp Leadership Conference*



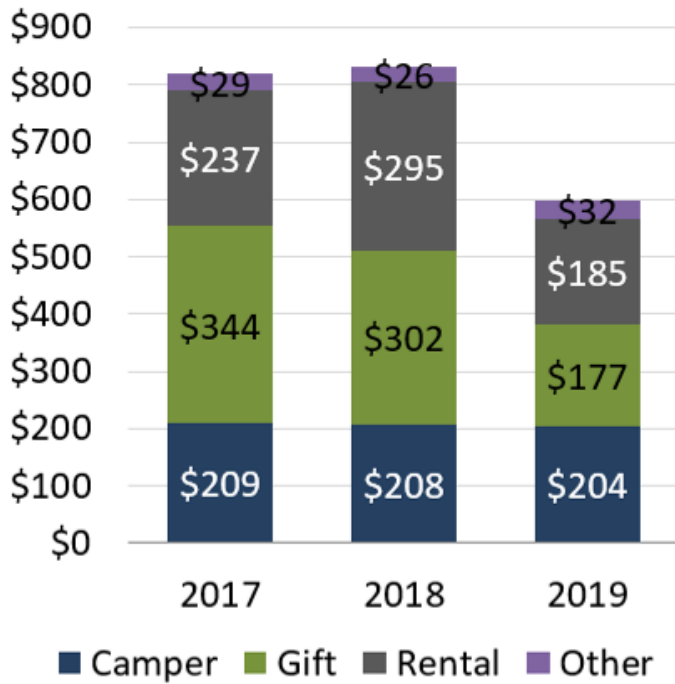
Jan 2-5 *LiftU Winter Retreat*
2021 *(From HS Seniors to College Age)*

Transforming Lives for Christ!

2019 Annual Report - Financials

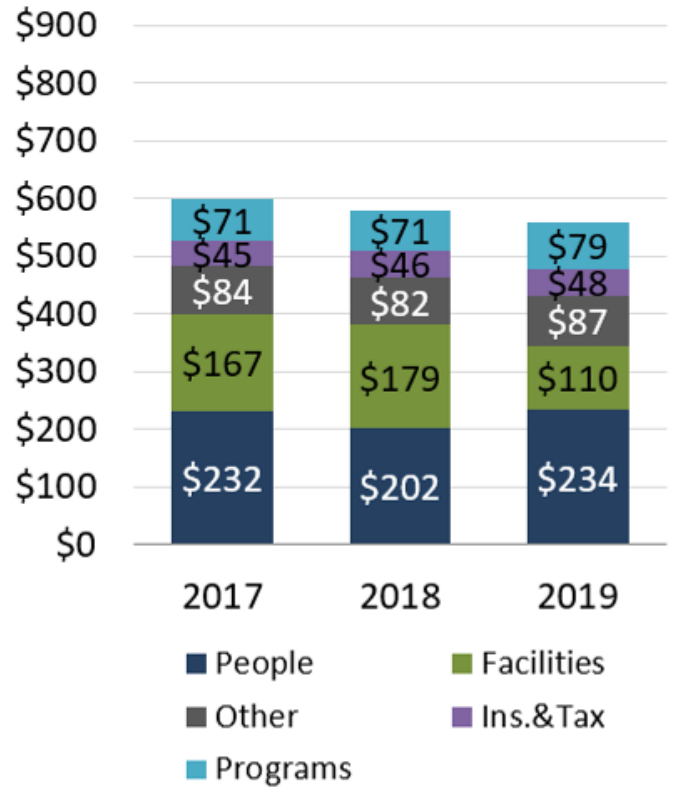
By Brian Roberts

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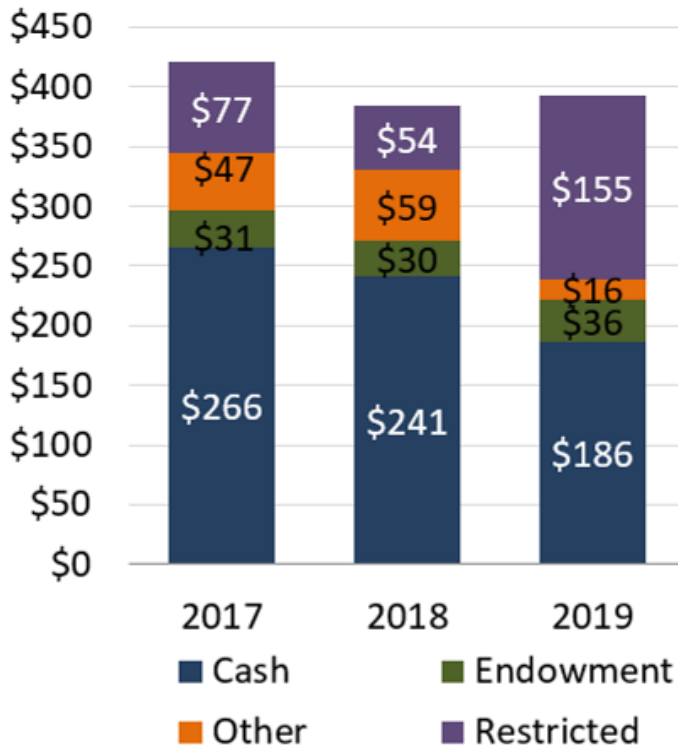


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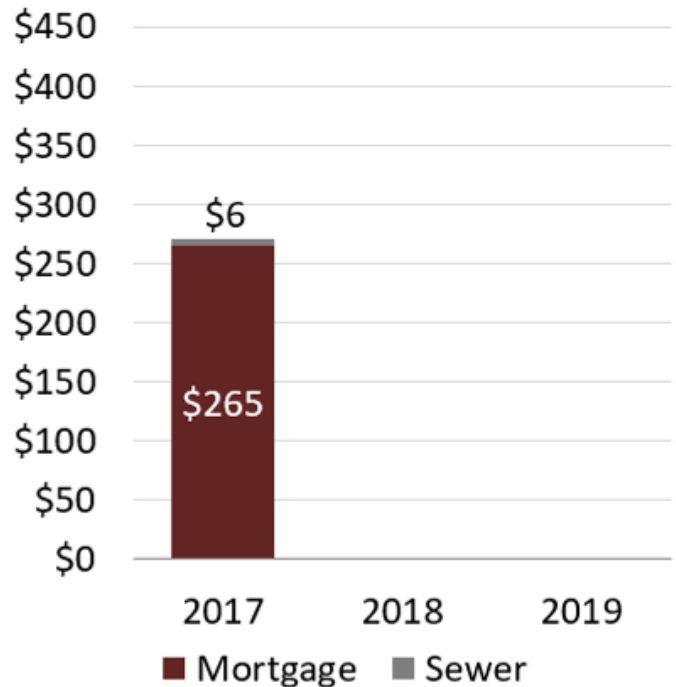
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Chairman's Update

By Andrew Cooper



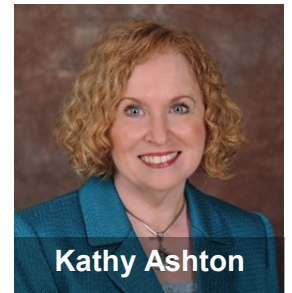
As I write, I'm reminded that change is constant and can happen very quickly. 2019 was a year of reflection, growth, and preparation for Camp Manatawny. 2020 is a year of unknowns, flexibility, and change. I'll spend a few paragraphs reflecting on each year.

2019:

A succession planning exercise in late 2018 prompted Manatawny's Board of Directors to begin the process of hiring an Assistant Executive Director. In 2019 we hired Andy Mychajlowycz as Assistant Executive Director. Looking back at that decision it was clear that Andy's hiring was a blessing. Below I'll have a few more words about Dave and Andy, but they have worked seamlessly to prepare for Dave's transition to retirement and Andy's transition to Executive Director.

In 2019, our Board was blessed with the addition of three new board members: **Kathy Ashton, Jonathan Gerst, and David Smith**. Kathy, Jonathan, and Dave bring unique perspectives and have already added important contributions to our thinking.

In 2019 the **Manatawny Board Award** was presented to **Lissa Bohne, Thomas Burke, and Willie Wilson**. Each of these three have made significant contributions to the Camp family. The **Bill and Donna Garrett Reflecting Jesus Award** was presented to **Mark & Beverly Niehls**. Lissa, Thomas, Willie, Mark, and Beverly are excellent examples of longstanding service to God as well as the Camp Manatawny community.



Kathy Ashton



Jonathan Gerst



David Smith

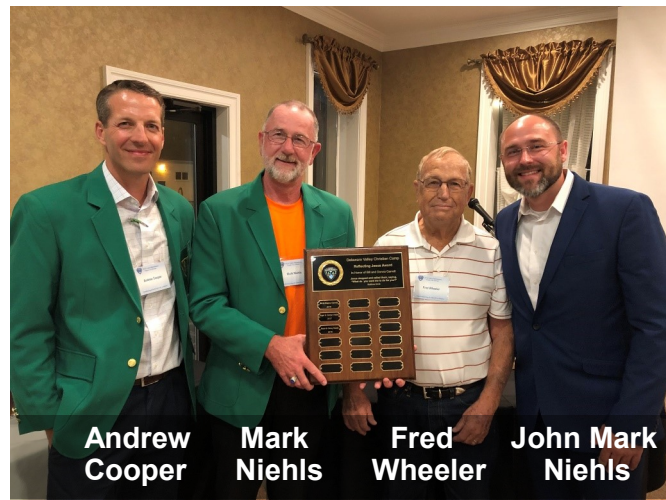


Steve Coscia

Tom Shuff

Willie Wilson

Lissa Bohne



Andrew Cooper

Mark Niehls

Fred Wheeler

John Mark Niehls

2020:

As announced previously and noted above, Dave Garrett has transitioned from his Executive Director role. Effective May 1, 2020, Andy Mychajlowycz is Camp Manatawny's Executive Director. Dave holds the title of Executive Director Emeritus. Dave will continue working with Camp in a full-time capacity until the 4th Quarter of 2020 and his focus will be on Development and Facilities. And we hope that Dave will work with Manatawny on a part time basis in 2021 and beyond!

Dave and Brenda Garrett have had a deep and lasting impact at Manatawny over the almost 40 years that they have served. For most of the 40 years, Dave and Brenda served in a voluntary capacity. Dave served as director of Junior High 2 for 25 years. Dave also served on the Manatawny Board of Directors for 17 years and was Chairman or Vice-Chairman many of those years. In the four years that Dave has served as Executive Director, our mission, facilities, finances, and people have all flourished. Manatawny is better, our Board and staff are better, and on a personal level, I'm better because of Dave's leadership and Service.

Just like Dave was the right Executive Director at the right time, the Manatawny Board believes that Andy is the right Executive Director for the next phase of Manatawny's journey. Like Dave, Andy has a deep love for God and a passion for Manatawny. Andy and his wife Donna have two (now adult) daughters who attended Camp Manatawny Summer Sessions. Andy brings significant corporate, consulting and management experience. Andy loves our Summer Session programs and currently works with Rebekah and Elizabeth Lazar at the Junior High I week each year. Andy has already been a blessing in modernizing our website, our registration process, marketing materials, and in reaching out to churches and schools in the Berks County area.

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Chairman's Update [Continued]

Like the rest of the world, Manatawny's 2020 plans were upended by the Coronavirus pandemic. Our Executive staff (Dave and Andy) along with our Treasurer Brian Roberts have done a terrific job monitoring and adjusting our 2020 financial forecast. Because of God's blessings, tight expense controls, and our cash reserves, we are confident that we will weather the Coronavirus storm from a financial perspective.

Camp Manatawny's Summer Sessions program is unique in so many ways. We play hard, we worship/fellowship a lot, and we probably don't get enough sleep. All of this happens in close quarters with many sessions averaging around 200 campers and staff on site at the same time. After weeks of consultation with our Executive Staff, Summer Sessions Directors, and a group of medical professionals, the Coronavirus led us to a gut-wrenching decision: The Manatawny Board of Directors decided to cancel 2020 Summer Sessions. Simply put, the Board believes that the risk to our campers and volunteer staff was too great to attempt to operate our normal programs. Our Summer Sessions Directors agreed that they could not recruit staff and effectively run Summer Sessions in this environment.

We continue to shuffle our event schedule to ensure that we are using Manatawny to enrich the lives of families, churches, and other groups as appropriate during the Coronavirus scare. As we consider events sponsored by Manatawny as well as other groups who use our facilities, we will prioritize health and safety as we adhere to recommended guidelines from state and federal officials. Our hope is that Manatawny will continue to be used in 2020 and lives will continue to be transformed through our staff, programs, and facilities.

Church and individual donors have continued to give "restricted" funds to our vision of holding year-round mission related activities at Manatawny. We continue to work on required infrastructure projects and hope to break ground on our first cabin in late 2020. We will use restricted funds for this project, so we do not jeopardize our operational budget. As we have said previously, we will only build a cabin when we have cash in hand, and we will not go into debt for cabins!

Close:

We are just a few years removed from Manatawny's 50th anniversary. This complete pause in our Summer Sessions programs and canceling of our many other events is unprecedented in Manatawny's history. It reminds me of the Old Testament practice of Jubilee. Every 50 years, God commanded the Israelites to pause their normal activities. Each 50th year, the Israelites were commanded not to plant or harvest. In the 50th year, property would be returned to the original owners and slaves would be freed. God commanded Israelite leaders to remind the people that God would provide blessings: Blessings of abundance leading up to Jubilee and that He would resume blessings of harvests after Jubilee. Certainly, that was a faith building exercise. For the Israelites, it was not comfortable living through those faith-building exercises. That's where we are right now as a Camp family. The pause in our Summer Sessions will impact our mission and our finances. But I believe God will use this Jubilee-like time as a faith building exercise and as a reminder that He is in control and He will continue to bless our efforts in the years to come.

Thank you to our full-time staff and our board. Thank you to those who pray for Camp and donate money to Manatawny. And a huge thanks to our Summer Sessions directors, volunteer staff and the folks above who continue to help in our mission of *Transforming lives for Christ, for a lifetime...*

Executive Director's Update

By Dave Garrett



As I complete my 4th full year as Executive Director, I continue to be reminded just how much of an impact Camp Manatawny has in *Transforming Lives for Christ*. God has richly blessed us over the past 50+ years and I am truly humbled to be part of this great Camp Manatawny ministry.

As I write this article, we find ourselves in unprecedented times as we navigate the COVID-19 outbreak. We have had to cancel or postpone many of our activities and events this Spring and continue to closely monitor the situation as we move forward. We continue to pray for wisdom and seek God's guidance as we go through these challenging times, trusting that God will see us through.

The financial impact of canceled events and retreats has been and will be difficult. Your support at this time is crucial and we hope that you (if you are able) will continue your generous charitable gifts, but more importantly we hope you will plan to join us at upcoming events as they are resumed. Please join us in praying for our world, our nation, Camp Manatawny, and that the gospel of Jesus Christ would be a comfort to those suffering.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever!" - Psalm 118:1

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Executive Director's Update [Continued]

We couldn't possibly accomplish all that we do without your partnership, by giving of your time, talents, financial support and by offering up your continued prayers and encouragement. It is because of you, our Camp Manatawny family, that we are able to advance our mission of Transforming Lives for Christ. I encourage you to get (stay) involved and support God's work and the ministry of Camp Manatawny. Thank you for truly making a difference in the lives of the many campers and volunteer staff members who attend Camp.

2019 was a very busy and exciting year at Camp Manatawny and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you...

Summer Sessions:

Our summer session weeks are at the heart of Camp's mission. God continues to bless us and lives continue to be transformed at Camp because of the dedicated directors, volunteer staff, and office support staff. I am so grateful for all who give of themselves to make our sessions successful and for parents who entrust their children to us, so they can enjoy a life-changing camping experience. Camp Manatawny truly makes a difference!

2019 Summer Sessions at a Glance

• 696 campers	• 363 campers were from non-Church of Christ families (no church affiliation or other church)
• 2 weeks with over 100 campers (E2 and SH 1)	• 19 Baptisms
• 141 first time campers - many from the local community	• 223 campers were sponsored by 21 churches/organizations/individuals totaling \$47,851.00
• 35 day campers	• Total financial aid and discounts given totaled \$30,208.00
• 333 campers were from Church of Christ families	• 479 volunteer staff

Again this year, the Bill and Donna Garrett Reflecting Jesus Award Endowment provided the funds to allow 3 campers to attend camp: Dominic Damore (E1 week), Robert Kline (JH1 week), and Joel Kline (JH2 week). Thank you, Fred and Nancy Wheeler, for setting up this endowment several years ago. This endowment and the sponsorships provided by congregations, organizations, and individuals are an important way to allow children to attend summer camp who otherwise might not be able to afford to go on their own. And these campships and sponsorships help us meet our objective to allow any child who wants to attend to be able to do so.

We had a change in summer session directors this past summer. Matt Richard and Joe Lohr took over directing Senior High 1 week, that role vacated by John Mark and Kristen Niehls. Matt and Joe did a good job their first year and we look forward to them serving in this role for many years to come. We continue to be blessed to have faithful, dedicated directors who give of themselves to allow our campers to have a wonderful camping experience.

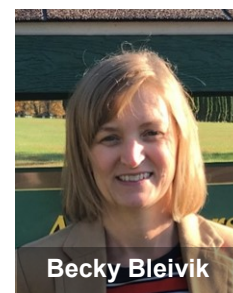
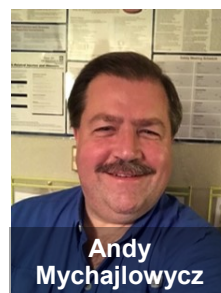
For the first time, camp hired two summer interns to work at each of the summer session weeks. Joseph Pauly and Kinley Cash were a huge blessing and we appreciate their willingness to spend the summer with us.

Staff Changes:

Resignations	New Hires
• Tracy Santee (Operations/Rentals)	• Patrick Damato (Food Service Director)
• Macy Santee (Bookkeeper)	• Andy Mychajlowycz (Assistant Executive Director)
• Dave Trievel (Maintenance)	• Becky Bleivik (Bookkeeper)
• Valerie Gemmell (Admin Assistant)	• Joseph Pauly and Kinley Cash (Summer Interns)

We have been blessed to have Dave Beideman working at Camp as a volunteer on a regular basis to help out with maintenance and other tasks as needed.

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Executive Director's Update [Continued]

Capital Campaign Update:

Phase 1 – Eliminate debt of \$312,000 (as of Dec. 31, 2018, we are DEBT FREE)

Phase 2 – Update Camp Infrastructure and Build New Cabins

As we started 2019, we moved into Phase 2 (a year of preparation - hiring an architect, finalizing cabin design, beginning electrical upgrades, removing trees in preparation of building cabins, and securing township approvals). As promised by the Board, updating Camp infrastructure and construction of the new cabins would not begin until we had the funds to cover the full cost.



Our goal was to raise \$75,000 by December 31 to allow us to move forward with the necessary infrastructure work (over the winter months) in preparation for the construction of new cabins. Because we had funds already donated and because a very generous donor agreed to give \$25,000 as a matching challenge, we were blessed to reach that goal! Many of you gave at year-end towards the matching challenge and we were able to raise \$30,138, allowing us to receive the full matching gift. We could not have reached this goal without your generous support. Thank you to all who had a part in making this a reality!

An Electrical Contractor has been hired for the electrical upgrades. Permits have been secured from the township. Equipment and necessary components were ordered. Coordination with the electrical utility was arranged. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus outbreak and shelter-in-place orders, work on the infrastructure upgrade needed to be paused. As Camp reopens, the work has restarted and should be completed in the coming weeks.

We are also in the process of finalizing the cabin design and getting quotes from several building contractors.

We continue to ask for your prayers and your financial support as we move forward to build new cabins.

Camp Projects completed in 2019 and early 2020:

<p>Recreation Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GaGa Pit – dug out and installed drainage pipe & stone and new screenings for final top coat • Additional sand added to sand volleyball court • New hayride wagon • New 20' x 30' tent to provide additional shade & meeting space • Pool – re-piped water & drain lines in pool pump house; installed new pool pump 	<p>Retreat Center: [See photos on back page]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installed new roof and soffits on main building • Installed new roof on lower part of garage & removed skylights • Boiler repaired • Interior demolition – ceiling removed in main area, new insulation and drywall installed • Interior updates in progress – new flooring, painting, cleaning • New bunks & mattresses • Interior updates will be completed in June and retreat center will be opened for use by groups in the summer and during fall events
<p>Trees and Trails: [See photos on back page]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Harvesting throughout camp property • Improved trails • Tree and stump removal behind boy's town in preparation for new cabins 	<p>Entrance Road Retaining Wall: [See photos on back page]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old railroad ties removed • Constructed new concrete block wall with drainage pipes
<p>Work and Worship Weekend (38 volunteers in April):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabins, kitchen and dining hall cleaned • Benches and bleachers stained • Buildings pressure washed • Logs cut and split • Leaf blowing and landscaping 	<p>Sojourners (19 volunteers at Camp from August 23 to September 6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure washed & stained cabins 101, 102, 107, and 108 • Stained shelter / pavilion for grill by Garrett Hall • Painted interior of Garrett Hall – upper & lower • Built an additional row of seating at the fire ring near the pool • Built 15 new dining hall benches & coated w/ polyurethane • Repaired a section of floor in kitchen • Installed new skirting around cook's cabin 
<p>Bailey Dining Hall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor sanded and refinished by Pitman Road church volunteers 	<p>Cabin Repairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced several shutters and doors • Repaired floors
<p>Miscellaneous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built wooden trashcan holders 	<p>Plumbing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repaired water leaks throughout Camp

Camp News

- **Camp Sonshine** was canceled this year. It will return in 2021.
- The new **Golden Age Retreat** will not take place this year. It will kick-off in 2021.
- On **May 1**, the transition from Dave Garrett to Andy Mychajlowycz officially took place. Andy took over the role of Executive Director and Dave assumed the role of Executive Director (Emeritus). Dave will look after facilities and development until his retirement this fall, when he will move into a part-time role overseeing fundraising and development.
- The **NCJC Reunion** originally planned to be hosted at Camp Manatawny on Labor Day Weekend, September 4 to 6, 2020, has been postponed until next year, to Labor Day Weekend, September 3 to 4, 2021. For additional information, go to manatawny.org/ncjc-reunion.
- The **LiftU Winter Retreat**, a new Camp-sponsored event for high school seniors and college-aged young adults will be held from January 2 to 5, 2021. It will feature dynamic speakers and sessions covering today's subjects in a frank and open way. More details coming soon.



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A Multi-Generational Blessing - The Garrett Family

In the Old Testament, there are times that the Lord blesses different individuals and times when He curses those who reject Him and turn their focus toward other gods. But there are also times when the Lord's blessing (and his curse) extends to multiple generations. The choices each generation makes can be a blessing or a curse to their descendants.

Genesis 2:4 teaches us that the Bible is summarized as a book of generations. God's plan unfolds for generations at a time.

In **Exodus 3:1-12**, God revealed Himself to Moses as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – the God of generations.

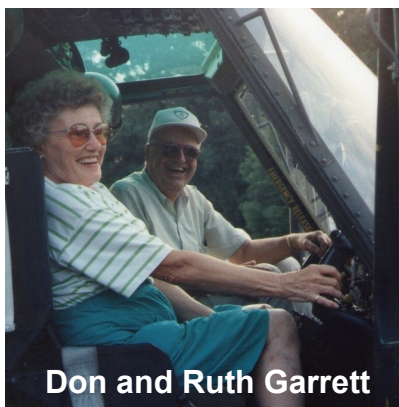
In **Deuteronomy 6:6-7**, God instructs His covenant people to diligently teach their children the ways of the Lord.

In **Psalms 119:90**, David reminds us that God's *"faithfulness flows from one generation to the next"*. When he looks at us, he sees us AND our children AND our children's children, and he promises to be faithful across generations.

In **Psalms 78:4,6**, we are instructed to *"tell the generation to come the praises of the Lord ... that they may arise and tell them to their children"*

Camp Manatawny is a place where we experience such multi-generational blessings. Everywhere we turn we see campers who are the children of parents, grandparents and, even, great grandparents who either attended Camp, worked at Camp, or were among the earliest visionaries who stepped out on faith to found Camp. If you and your extended family are the recipients of a multi-generational blessing through your Camp Manatawny experience, please email a photo of your Camp family members all together to info@manatawny.org and we will include it in a future issue of the Camp newsletter.

Below we have three multi-generational pictures of the Garrett family - descendants of the first generation founders of Camp Manatawny who stepped out on faith so that we, more than 50 years later, continue to experience the multigenerational blessings of a Camp experience as we remain faithful to the Lord.



Don and Ruth Garrett



A Multi-Generational Blessing - The Garrett Family (Continued)

5 Board Members (including Chairman, Vice-Chair)
 3 Summer Session Directors
 1 Family Camp Director
 1 Executive Director
 1 Office Admin

1 Food Service Mgr 2 Head Cooks Many Kitchen Workers
 8 Athletics Coordinators 4 Life Guards 3 Nurses
 4 Bible Teachers Several Crafts People
 1 Rental Coordinator
 Dishwashers



50+ years ago, Don Garrett had a vision to have a place where young people (and old as well) could come to draw closer to God.

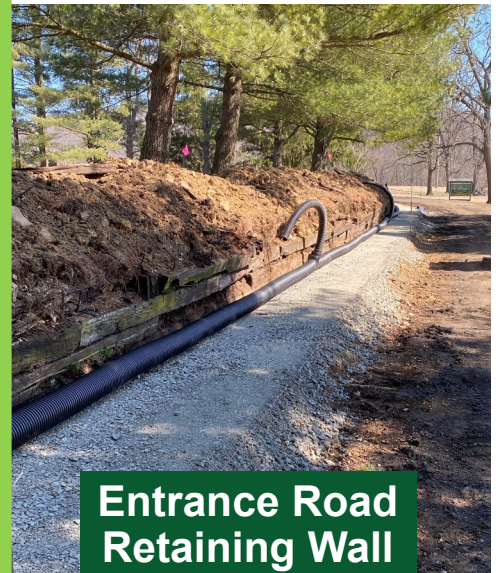


The Garrett family has been involved with Camp from the beginning and continues to be involved today, across four generations.

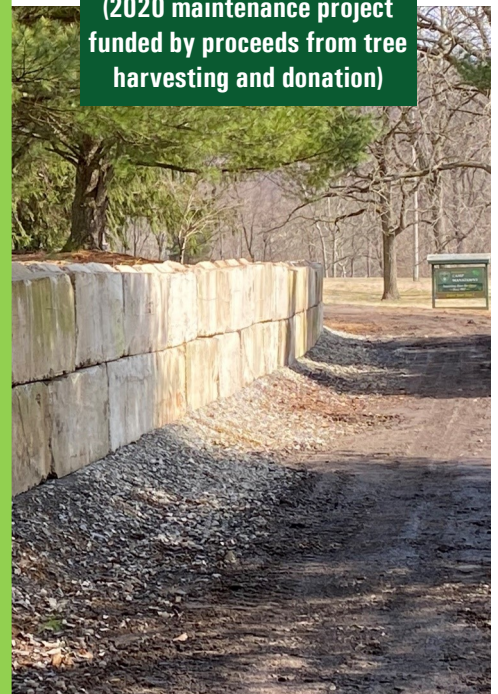
Major Camp Projects



Retreat Center Renovation
(funded by insurance payout, grant and donation)



Entrance Road Retaining Wall
(2020 maintenance project funded by proceeds from tree harvesting and donation)



Tree Harvesting & Preparation of New Cabin Building Site