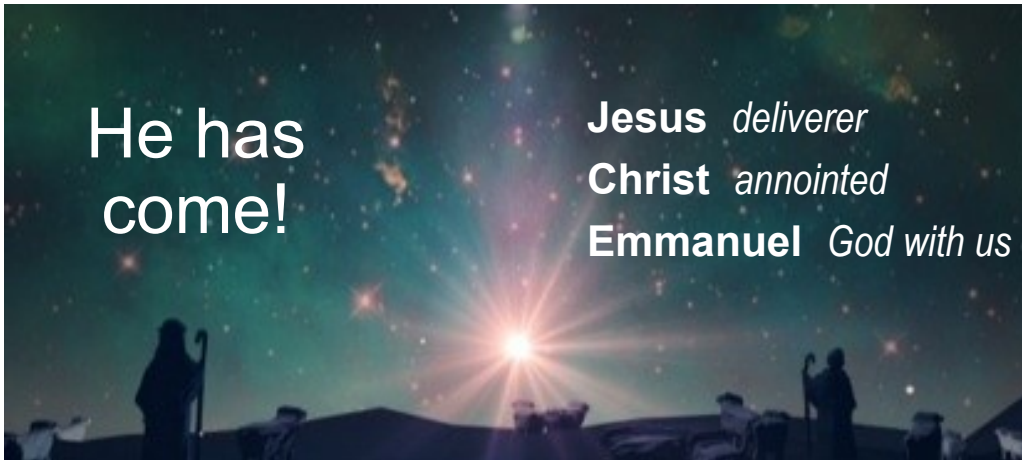


CAMP MANATAWNY NEWSLETTER

END-OF-YEAR CAMPAIGN DRIVE, NEW PHONE NUMBER, BOARD & STAFF CHANGES, CAMPAIGN PHASE 2, CALENDAR 2020, A VOLUNTEER REFLECTS, RETREAT CENTER, WINTER PROMOTION, WORK CREWS

Thank You for Your Prayers and Support in 2019



He has
come!

Jesus *deliverer*
Christ *annointed*
Emmanuel *God with us*

Camp Infrastructure Work – End-of-Year Matching Challenge!

In preparation for the construction of new cabins [see article on Page 3], we will be completing some significant infrastructure work this winter, including updating the Camp electrical system (capacity and safety features), removing trees, and digging trenches for water, sewer and electrical services. The work must be done during the off-season because it will require power outages. The plan is to begin the work in early 2020. This work will cost \$75,000. Some funds have already been donated to support this. One donor has stepped forward and agreed to give \$25,000 as a matching challenge. For every dollar donated, they will match it ONE for ONE.

If we collect
\$25,000
in donations by
Dec 31,
2019...

Maximize your impact



with a matching gift!

We will get
\$25,000
from the
matching
gift.

Prayerfully consider how you can donate toward this Infrastructure Work (as part of the Capital Campaign) through the end of the year! Because of this matching gift, by giving NOW, your donation will have an EXTRA impact. Through your year-end donations PLUS the matching \$25,000 we will receive, we will be able to take significant steps toward securing the \$75,000 needed to perform the Infrastructure work in early 2020! Any donations in excess of \$75,000 will go toward additional infrastructure and funding the construction of New Cabins.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**January 19
Registration Sunday**

Online Registration for Summer Sessions will open! A free t-shirt will be given to all who register on or before February 29!



Manatawny Mission Month

Opportunities to register as a camper, invite friends, volunteer or give financially will be promoted by Manatawny Ambassadors at congregations and partner organizations throughout March

HELP WANTED



Facilities Manager

For more info, go to:
www.manatawny.org/employment-opportunities



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New Board Members and Staff Changes

At the Board Retreat held from November 1 to 2, 2019, the Board confirmed several important changes to Camp leadership:

- The Board approved the addition of three board members: Kathy Ashton, Jonathan Gerst, and Dave Smith. These three new board members will be up for confirmation by a vote of the Camp membership at our upcoming Corporation Annual Meeting on April 26, 2020.
- Dave Garrett will be stepping down from his current role of Executive Director in 2020. This is part of Dave's plan to retire from full time work in 2020.

With Dave's transition, Andy Mychajlowycz, Assistant Executive Director will succeed Dave as Executive Director. Dave and Andy will continue to work closely together along with the Board and Staff during this exciting transition phase.

An article about Dave's service and legacy will appear in a future edition of the Camp newsletter later in 2020.

We wish Dave and Brenda the best as they look forward to a new phase in their lives.

In recent weeks, Valerie Gemmell has also announced her decision to resign at the end of December from her current position on the Camp staff, where she has served for the past three years. Val has filled a number of roles during her time on Camp staff, including food service coordination, canteen coordination, event management, summer session preparation, office administration and assistance with rentals. Val will continue to volunteer at various Camp activities as time permits. We wish her and her husband, Doug, success in their future endeavors.

In the coming weeks, we will open the search for a full-time Facilities Manager. This new person will oversee Camp facilities and vehicles and all maintenance work and projects at Camp. He/she will also assist with Program Management during the summer months.

About Andy:



Andy Mychajlowycz has been Camp Manatawny's Assistant Executive Director since March 2019. He brings significant corporate experience and operational expertise to the Camp staff. In the AED role, Andy has worked closely with Dave and the Board to create and execute the strategy for staffing, operations, marketing and rentals at Camp. He is a Bible teacher and worship leader during Junior High I and previously engaged as a Board member. He has served as a youth leader, a deacon, an elder, and a preacher and teacher at several congregations in the US and in Europe. He and his wife, Donna, currently worship at the Pitman Road Church of Christ and live in Williamstown, NJ. They love to travel. They have two daughters with a heart for Camp.

About our new Board Members:



Kathy Ashton resides in Hammonton, NJ. She has served as a Bible teacher at Camp for twenty-seven years and attends Pitman Road church of Christ. She and her husband John have three daughters and seven grandchildren. Currently retired, she is a Professor Emerita at Rutgers University Camden where she conducted research on women and heart disease and taught nursing. For over twenty years, she has served as an Advanced Practice Nurse on annual medical missions to Peru as well as to the Philippines and Panama. She enjoys traveling, snow skiing, playing Scrabble, and riding roller coasters.



Jonathan Gerst was a camper during Jr. & Sr. High weeks and has supported Sr. High II over the last 10 years as a counselor, chief counselor, athletic director and assistant director. Jonathan, his wife Stacy, and two children (Anna and Jack) actively worship and serve at the Tabernacle Church of Christ in South Jersey. After graduating from Harding University, Jonathan entered the field of pharmaceutical research, managing clinical trials for novel medications and devices. In his spare time, Jonathan enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing, and working on projects around the house. Jonathan is looking forward to working with all those involved with Camp and furthering the mission of transforming lives for Christ.



Dave Smith first attended Camp Manatawny back in the 70's and was a long time staff member for Senior High 2. He is a deacon at Camp Hill Church of Christ in Camp Hill, PA. Dave enjoys water skiing, biking and home improvements. He works for DXC Technology as a reporting lead. Dave and his wife Sue live in New Cumberland, PA and have three grown sons.



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2

Capital Campaign Update

After concluding Phase 1 of the Campaign (debt retired in December 2018!), we are moving enthusiastically into Phase 2, which will include the updating of Camp infra-structure and the construction of new cabins. We have already received some cash and financial pledges toward the construction of new cabins. But, as promised by the Board, construction of new cabins will not begin until funds to cover their full construction have been raised.

2019 has been a year of preparation. We are working with an architect to finalize cabin layouts. Approvals are being sought from the township. In winter 2019/2020, extensive infrastructure work will commence before the first cabins can be built: completely updating the Camp electrical system, removing trees, and digging trenches for water/sewer/electrical services. We are doing this upfront work for all cabins at once in order to save money overall.

If everything goes well with the prep-work and fundraising, it is our intent to construct the first new cabins after the conclusion of 2020 Summer Sessions.

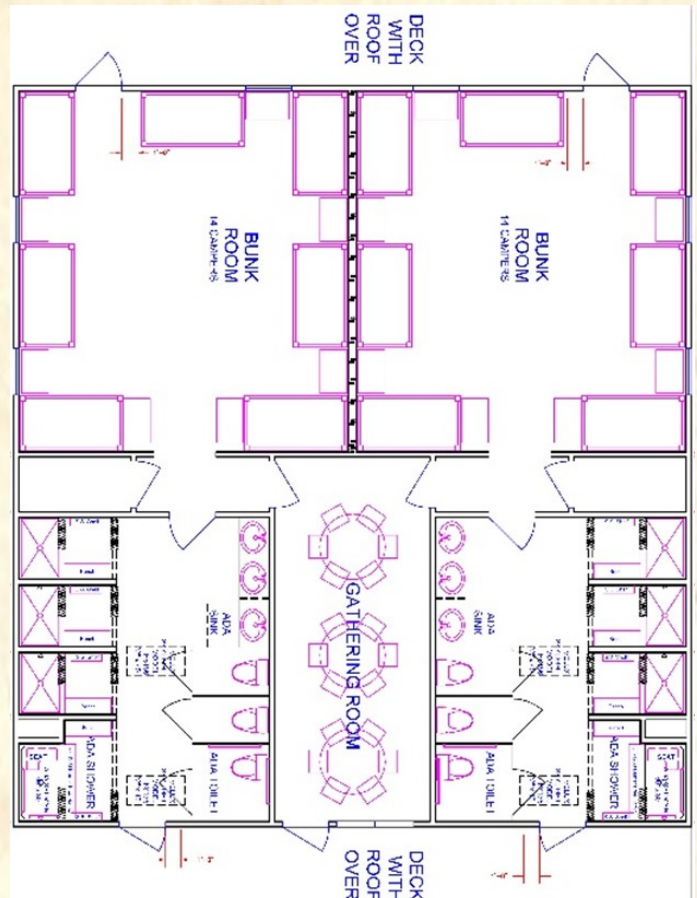
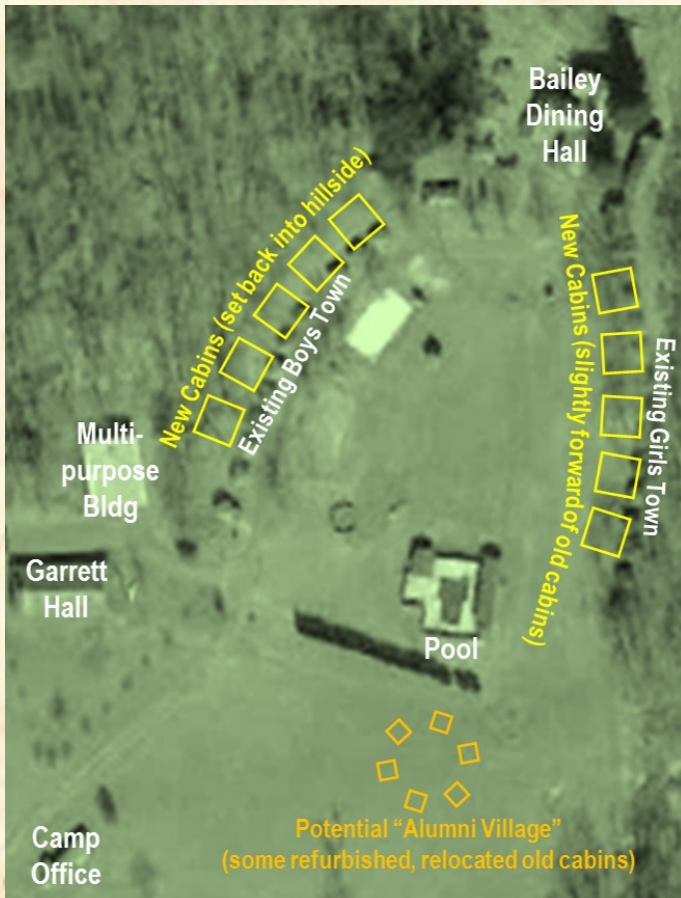
New Cabin Layout

The design of the new cabins will strive to preserve many of the positive elements of the existing cabins while incorporating innovations that will make the new cabins available for year-round activities.

The plan is for the new cabins to:

- co-exist and be used with the rustic cabins for some time;
- be situated in the same horseshoe layout;
- have a rustic look, low maintenance exterior, & durable interior;
- have two sides, each containing bunks for 10 to 12 campers + 2 counselors for Summer Sessions;
- have an interior layout similar to the old cabins (e.g. circle of bunks where everyone is visible and can easily interact);
- support handicap access (some will be ADA compliant);
- be climate-controlled;
- have bathroom facilities on both sides; and,
- have a meeting room and front and back porches as areas to gather.

New Cabin Locations



2020 Camp Calendar

Event	Event Type	Dates	Description
New Year's Day	Holiday	Wed 1/1	Camp office closed
Registration Sunday	Camp Event NEW	Sun 1/19	Summer Session registrations open
Summer Session Early Bird Registration Deadline #1	Deadline NEW	Sat 2/29	Register by this date to get \$26 off plus free t-shirt
CoC Camp Leadership Gathering	Camp Event NEW	Fri 4/2 to Sat 4/4	Retreat of leaders from CoC camps
Easter Sunday	Holiday	Sun 4/12	
Work & Worship Weekend	Camp Event	Fri 4/17 to Sun 4/19	
Jr/Sr High Retreat (for grades 7 to 12)	Camp Event	Fri 4/24 to Sat 4/25	
Area-Wide Worship Service & Potluck	Camp Event	Sun 4/26 (4-7 pm)	
Annual Corporation Meeting	Camp Event	Sun 4/26 (6-7 pm)	
Summer Session Early Bird Registration Deadline #2	Deadline	Thu 4/30	Register by this date to get \$26 off (no free t-shirt)
Ladies Retreat	Camp Event	Fri 5/1 to Sat 5/2	
Family Camp	Camp Event	Fri 5/22 to Sun 5/24	Camper families can stay until Monday (by request only)
Camp Open House	Camp Event	Sat 5/23	Tours will be available
Memorial Day	Holiday	Mon 5/25	Camp office closed
Camp Sonshine (for special needs kids)	Camp Event	Fri 5/29 to Sun 5/31	
Golden Age Retreat (for age 55 or older)	Camp Event NEW	Fri 6/11 to Sat 6/13	
Senior High 2 (for grades 11 & 12)	Summer Session	Sat 6/27 to Sat 7/4	Overnight Camp
Independence Day	Holiday	Sat 7/4	Camp office closed on Mon 7/6
Senior High 1 (for grades 9 & 10)	Summer Session	Sat 7/4 to Sat 7/11	Overnight Camp Note: 8th Grade Dropped
Junior High 2 (for grades 7, 8 & 9)	Summer Session	Sat 7/11 to Sat 7/18	Overnight Camp
Intermediate (for grades 4, 5 & 6)	Summer Session	Sat 7/18 to Sat 7/25	Overnight Camp and Day Camp Note: 4th Grade Added
Junior High 1 (for grades 5, 6 & 7)	Summer Session	Sat 7/25 to Sat 8/1	Overnight Camp
Elementary 2 (for grades 3 & 4)	Summer Session	Sat 8/1 to Sat 8/8	Overnight Camp and Day Camp
Elementary 1 (for grades 1 & 2)	Summer Session	Sat 8/8 to Sat 8/15	Overnight Camp and Day Camp
Labor Day	Holiday	Mon 9/7	Camp office closed
Mens Retreat	Camp Event	Fri 9/25 to Sat 9/26	
Manatawny 5K	Camp Event	Sat 10/24	
Area-Wide Worship Service & Potluck	Camp Event	Sun 11/1 (4-7 pm)	
Thanksgiving + Friday	Holiday	Thu 11/26 to Fri 11/27	Camp office closed
Giving Tuesday	Camp Event	Tue 12/1	
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day	Holiday	Thu 12/24 to Fri 12/25	Camp office closed on 12/25
New Year's Eve	Holiday	Thu 12/31	

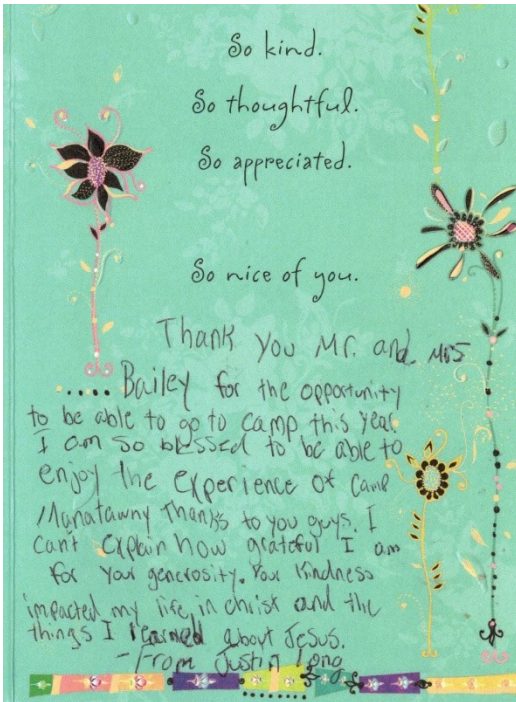
Notes of Thanks

Camp Manatawny recently received an email from Jim Bailey, a long-time Camp supporter and tireless worker. Here is what Jim wrote:

Each year, North Penn is blessed financially to send any of our children who need financial help to Camp. If needed, NP covers the full cost. Two grandchildren (Justin Long and Xavier Johnson) of one of our church members attended Camp last week. This morning they came to worship with a beautiful bouquet of roses and two very special thank-you notes. The flowers were given to Carol and the cards were addressed to Carol and myself. It was the congregation who sponsored and paid for the boys – however, in many ways, Carol continues to be the face of Camp to many at North Penn.

Attached are 3 files. One is a picture of Carol with the roses and the two boys. Also attached are scans of their sweet hand-written cards. Camp continues to make a difference and touch lives for Jesus. The grandmother said that both boys sang songs from Camp all week long.

I just wanted to share this good news with you. Please feel free to pass along to the rest of the Camp staff and leadership. May you have a blessed week - Jim B.



A Multi-Generational Blessing

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. 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.

"we will ... tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord. ... that they may arise and tell them to their children" (Ps. 78:4, 6)

"one generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts." (Ps. 145:4)

To the right we have a multi-generational picture of the Cerquoni family—Adam (camper since E1 in 2013 and recent staff member), Ed (summer staff member and assistant director of JH1) and Adam (maintenance man extraordinaire and long-time Camp supporter).



Reflections of a Long-Serving Horse-Wrangler

By Willie Wilson



My wife Deanna and I first learned of Camp Manatawny in the mid-1980's. We were visiting with Dwight and Barbie Smith (Tabernacle, NJ) in the auditorium of the College Church in Searcy, AR. Two college students from the Pennsylvania area came over to see the Smiths. In the course of the conversation Dwight asked, "How was your summer camp experience?" As they talked, tears and stories flowed from them. I found myself wondering: "What kind of camp is this?" What I would come to learn over 30 years of service is that this is a camp where all different kinds of people could come together to learn about God, grow in their faith, and build spiritual relationships that can help to sustain you for the rest of your life. It is a place where lives are changed.

Fast forward the story to the spring of 1987. My company, Rohm and Haas, relocated us to PA, so I could begin a lab job in our Ag. Chemical research labs. Early in the summer of 1989, I was talking to Lynn Evans, the long-time director of Elementary 1, about how his camp preparation was going. He said he needed some counselors, a Bible teacher or two and a horse wrangler. In hindsight, I asked a pretty dumb question, "What does a horse wrangler do?" Lynn said that he feeds and cares for the horses, cleans the corral, and provides a chance for each camper to get one or two horseback rides." I had a little experience giving horseback rides to my younger cousins back in the day, so I volunteered. Deanna volunteered to teach Bible classes. When that first week at Camp came to an end, we were exhausted, but we were also hooked. I just didn't yet realize the hook was so big and set so deep. This past summer was 30 years for me as horse-wrangler for Elementary 1 and 17 years for Junior High 1, as well as a few years at Intermediate 2, plus Family Camp, and 13 years with Camp Sunshine.



During all these years, I began to notice a pattern: so many of those young campers were now coming back as dishwashers, dining hall helpers, and horse wranglers just so they could spend more time at Camp. As time progressed, I watched them become junior counselors, and then counselors. Eventually they became college students like the ones who had first told us about the impact of this camp, coming back summer after summer to work at Camp.

In my job as horse wrangler, I worked closest with junior staff. These 12-15 year-olds led horses, cleaned corrals, and helped others to do their other jobs at Camp. I estimate that the number of helpers I worked with exceeds 60-70, even with those who worked multiple years. Working with horses in the summer heat is not always easy or pleasant work. It could often get pretty messy, but, year after year, I saw kids willing to do

anything (even cleaning those corrals) to spend just a little more time at Camp. They were becoming hooked on Camp just like I had been. It didn't matter what decade we were in or how many things had changed around us, year after year there were kids hungry for the life-changing impact of Camp.

The ways Camp has impacted me over all these years are too numerous to count, but one that deserves special attention is the spiritual relationships that I was blessed to form with many wonderful people. There were countless conversations with spiritual leaders of so many of our churches just sitting around together on the old rec hall porch or on the benches outside the canteen. We covered many diverse topics, unusual questions were asked, and thoughtful answers were given. Many of those answers would then lead to more discussions. We also shared our lives with one another, prayed together, and supported each other through both good and hard times. I realized that I relished these conversations and yearned for them year after year. They were spiritually sustaining for me.



After so many years at Camp Manatawny, I am left with immense feelings of gratitude, but the two words "Thank you" seem so inadequate. We all owe a great debt to all of the dreamers who stepped out in faith over 50 years ago to make this camp a reality. We owe thanks to everyone who has served on the board over the years, to all the staff that dedicate their time and hard work, and to all the generous supporters who provide funding for the good work done at Camp. But, most of all, we owe thanks to our God who has blessed us with a place that, no matter how many years go by, still brings together so many different people to learn about God, grow in faith, and build sustaining spiritual relationships—a place where our lives can be transformed.

Restoring the Beloved Retreat Center



Ever since a massive tree fell on the Retreat Center over two years ago, the building has been out-of-commission. The major exterior and interior repairs of the damage caused by this incident have now been completed. The only thing left is to rip out the carpet, replace it with low-maintenance flooring, paint walls, and complete a top-to-bottom cleaning. We also hope to replace the ancient mattresses and the bunks as part of this final push. We will have the new flooring installed professionally. But to do all the rest, we will need volunteers who are willing to devote some time to remove the old carpets, repaint the walls, and help with a thorough cleaning. And we need donations towards the replacement of the mattresses and the bunks.

NEEDED...



MONEY

TIME

- ♦ Do you miss the Retreat Center?
- ♦ Do you have time to rip out carpets, paint & clean?
- ♦ Are you willing to help finish the restoration?
- ♦ Can you donate funds toward new bunks and mattresses?

If you can help in any of these ways, please send an email to andy.mychajlowycz@manatawny.org or call the Camp office at (610) 707-DVCC [3822].



Some classic pictures of the Retreat Center back in the day...



Winter 2019-2020 Promotion

Men's Retreat

Youth Group Weekend

Ladies' Retreat

Winter Retreat

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Hold your church event at Camp from Nov 2019 to Feb 2020

Garrett Hall 50% off, Lodging 40% off, Food 10% off

Email rentals@manatawny.org or call (610) 707-DVCC [3822] to see if you qualify and for more information.

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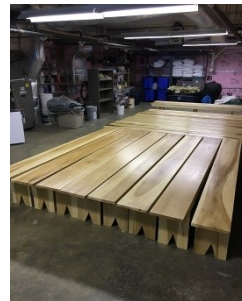
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The Sojourners were at Camp again this year from August 23rd to September 6th. The group was ably led by Robert and LaRue Bow and included a 19-member crew. While living at Camp in their RVs, they worked on several important projects including: staining the Cabins-in-the-Woods and the Pavilion, building and anchoring an additional row of seating at the fire ring near the pool, repairing a section of floor in the kitchen, building 15 new benches for the Bailey Dining Hall, replacing the skirting covering the Cook's Cabin crawl space & installing lattice around the deck, and painting Garrett Hall interior. And on every workday, Camp staff got to eat lunch (prepared by Patrick, our Food Service Manager) with the Sojourners in the dining Hall or Pavilion and listen to a wealth of stories about their experiences while traveling and working around the country. Thank you, Sojourners, for another incredible year of service, allowing us to complete necessary projects we couldn't do without you. We look forward to having you back next year!



THE PITMAN ROAD CREW

Have you ever seen Bailey Dining Hall with no tables or benches? A volunteer work crew from the Pitman Road Church of Christ took on a big floor refinishing project from October 6th to 8th. Led by Dan Cooper, the group not only sanded the floor (and all the nooks and crannies) with different grades of paper and spread 3 coats of polyurethane finish, they also donated the funds for the equipment and supplies required for the job! Thanks, Pitman Crew, for going above and beyond in serving Camp Manatawny with your time, bodies and finances!

