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Howell's Mill Herald

Fall 2012

Paint/Splat Work & Play

We are hosting a "Paint & Splat" service day and paintball play day at camp **Saturday October 13th** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are trying to get 4-6 youth groups to bring 10-15 students (ages 6th grade to college) to help paint some cabins at camp or stain the boat dock. Each group would work 3-4 hours and also get to play paintball against another youth group at a reduced price!

The camp will provide lunch for those coming to help, but paintball will be a reduced rate (\$20/person) for this day to break even with our fixed costs. All players will have to have an HMCA paintball waiver signed by parents in advance and brought with them to play. You can download the waiver from our paintball tab on the website under the Rental tab.

If you would like to rent the paintball course for your church on a separate day for an event, there are pictures, rental prices and more on our website.



the unmask-querade ball
Ladies' Retreat
September 21-22, 2012
Friday: Dinner and registration: 5:30-6:30p.m.
Saturday: Retreat concludes at 3:30pm



Speaker:
Kathy Girton

Price: \$30 (both days if postmarked by Sept. 12; \$40 after. One day rate: \$20. Price covers three delicious meals, fun and refreshing activities, and comfortable lodging. Please remember if you sign up 5 ladies together by Sept. 12th, the 6th person in your group comes FREE! Download registration forms online or pick them up at your church.

Ladies, use your creativity to take a little "talent" and make it a big gift to our church camp. Raise money before the retreat through a fun activity, event, sale, or party and bring your "talent offering" to the camp to share Friday night. Participate in this fun act of service with some of your church friends and help make a difference at your camp. Over the past several years ladies have donated \$2,000, on average, toward a special need.

FALL EVENTS

Check website for more info

Family Camp

Aug. 31-Sept. 3

People w/
Special Needs
Day Camp

October 20
(see page 8 for more details)

Fall Annual Meeting

Tuesday
October 23

COLLEGE RETREAT

Oct. 26-28

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Nov. 2-4
(see page 8 for more details)

2012 Summer Camp Review

By Tim Yankey

Like many of you this summer, we had several powerful storms, lost six big trees, and went several days without power. Thankfully God allowed us to continue on with camp and we never had to cancel a single day! We had a great summer as you can see by the numbers and decisions for Christ! We had 469 Bible campers this summer during our seven weeks of Bible Camps. We also had nine baptisms and 16 campers rededicate their life to Christ or commit to going to a Christian College. Including our four big rental groups, (Woodmen of the World, Kenosha FCC, St. Albans Band, and Hurricane Band), we had 790 total campers over our 11 weeks of camp.



I took a rental group through the rules, I had the opportunity to share a devotion with them. Using our "Construction Zone" theme, I told them that God has a plan for their lives and wants them to be "His Work in Progress". Judging by many of their expressions, I would guarantee several kids had never heard a devotion or scripture read before. Creating amazing and new opportunities for Christ to work at camp like this gets me excited! Our deans, faculty, staff, and guests helped create a fantastic atmosphere this summer. I really enjoyed this summer and feel like it flew by even

Even though we don't get to spend much time teaching our rental guests, I love that we get the opportunity to pray with them and plant seeds in their minds when we do. By adding paintball, when

faster than normal. Now our fall retreat season kicks off in a few weeks and we have a busier fall than ever before. Starting with Family Camp weekend, we have groups here 11 straight weekends! I hope to see you and your family this fall at camp. Thanks for supporting HMCA!

HMCA 2012 By The Numbers

Camp Week	Campers	Baptisms	Rededications/ Go into Ministry	Missions Offering
Middle School 1	58	5	10	\$294.75
High School 1	97	1		\$1,810.25
Day Camp 1	18			\$
Middle School 2	95	3		\$1,905.76
First Chance Camp	44			\$194.40
Woodmen of World	127			\$
High School 2	47		6	\$202.75
3 rd – 5 th Grade Camp	76			\$299.05
Day Camp 2	34			\$
Missions West Liberty	28			\$6,000.00
St. Albans Band Camp	63			N/A
FCC Kenosha Missions	47			N/A
Hurricane Band Camp	56			N/A
SUMMER TOTALS	790	9	16	\$10,706.96

Pack Our Pantry

Thank you to our churches who helped Pack our Pantry this spring. We had 25 churches send items to our Camp Kickoff or a special check to help with their item. Our food and kitchen supply budget for the year is normally \$30,000 and with this drive the past two years we spent \$7,000 less than we budgeted from the previous years!



Church Visit from HMCA

If you would like a camp staff member to come speak at your church on a Sunday or Wednesday, please let us know. We'd love to update your church family on your camp.

Church Name	Summer Campers '12	Camper Scholarships Pd.	Helped with Pack the Pantry Drive
Allen Chapel Church of Christ	4	0	Yes
Antioch Christian Church	2	0	Yes
Beech Street Christian Church	3	\$455.00	Yes
Beverly Hill Church of Christ	0	0	
Bridges Christian Church	49	\$2,812.50	
Central Christian Church, Gallipolis	0	0	
Central Christian Church, Ironton	0	0	
Central Church of Christ, Portsmouth	16	\$2,156.00	Yes
Chesapeake Christian Church	4	\$500.00	Yes
Crooked Creek Church of Christ	10	\$745.00	Yes
Dry Run Church of Christ	0	0	
East Point Church of Christ	4	0	
Eskdale Church of Christ	0	0	
Farmdale Church of Christ	12	\$905.00	Yes
Fifth Avenue Church of Christ	0	0	
First Christian Church, Elkins	10	\$955.00	Yes
First Christian Church, Paintsville	0	0	
First Christian Church, Rio Grande	7	0	
First Church of Christ, Elkins	2	\$90.00	Yes
First Church of Christ, Grayson	6	0	Yes
Fourmile Christian Church	0	0	Yes
Gallipolis Christian Church	40	\$5,092.50	
Gateway Christian Church	114	\$7,015.00	Yes
Greenup Christian Church	2	\$180.00	Yes
Gregoryville Christian Church	6	0	
Guyandotte Church of Christ	17	\$1,237.00	Yes
Highlawn Ave. Church of Christ	0	0	
Hurricane Church of Christ	5	\$225.00	Yes
Jackson Church of Christ	0	0	Yes
Journey Christian Church	2	\$30.00	Yes
Kanawha City Church of Christ	0	0	
King's Way Christian Church	9	\$312.50	Yes
Lakeview Christian Church	1	0	
Norway Ave. Church of Christ	7	\$360.00	
Oak Grove Church of Christ	5	\$455.00	Yes
Ohio Ave. Church of Christ	3	\$210.00	
Oldtown Christian Church	0	0	
Princess Church of Christ	3	\$175.00	Yes
Quincy Church of Christ	0	0	
Raceland Christian Church	3	\$202.50	Yes
Ripley Church of Christ	0	0	
Sciotoville Christian Church	6	\$540.00	Yes
Sixth Avenue Church of Christ	0	0	
South Point Christian Church	0	0	
South Portsmouth Church of Christ	2	\$206.50	
South Shore Christian Church	0		
West Liberty Christian Church	10	*see below	
Westmoreland Church of Christ	3	0	Yes
Westwood Christian Church	21	\$623.00	Yes
Wheelerburg Church of Christ	2	\$260.00	Yes
Denominational Churches	49	0	
Other Christian Church	19	\$75.00	
No Home Church	11	0	
SUMMER CAMP TOTALS	469		
*\$1,000 Paid by Stacie Coomer Scholarship Fund			



Square Footage Campaign: Upgrading Staff Housing

by *Tim Yankey*

I have been extremely touched by the number of churches and families who have contributed so far toward our Square Footage Campaign.

In just five months we have received \$83,000 in cash donations for our staff housing projects and another \$100,000 through an interest free loan from Christian Restoration Foundation in Ohio. We still need to raise about \$67,000 to meet our campaign goal over the next year and help pay down our loan debt. If you would like to make a contribution or sponsor square feet of the project, please fill out the form on page five and send it to the camp.

You can see by the pictures that our foundations were finished early this spring and the framing for the new house is nearly complete.

The addition to the Hall's cottage is scheduled to begin any day. We are adding two bedrooms and a living room for their family to have more space. We hope to move in early this winter and plan to start working on the insides with volunteers from our churches this fall.

I also want to say a personal thank you to all the contractors in our churches who have signed up to take on a small part of these projects. Both of our families are extremely excited to have more room and healthier home conditions.



Hall & Yankey Families



"BEFORE"



Original Girls Dorm built in 1950, remodeled into Manager's House in 1981.



"DURING"



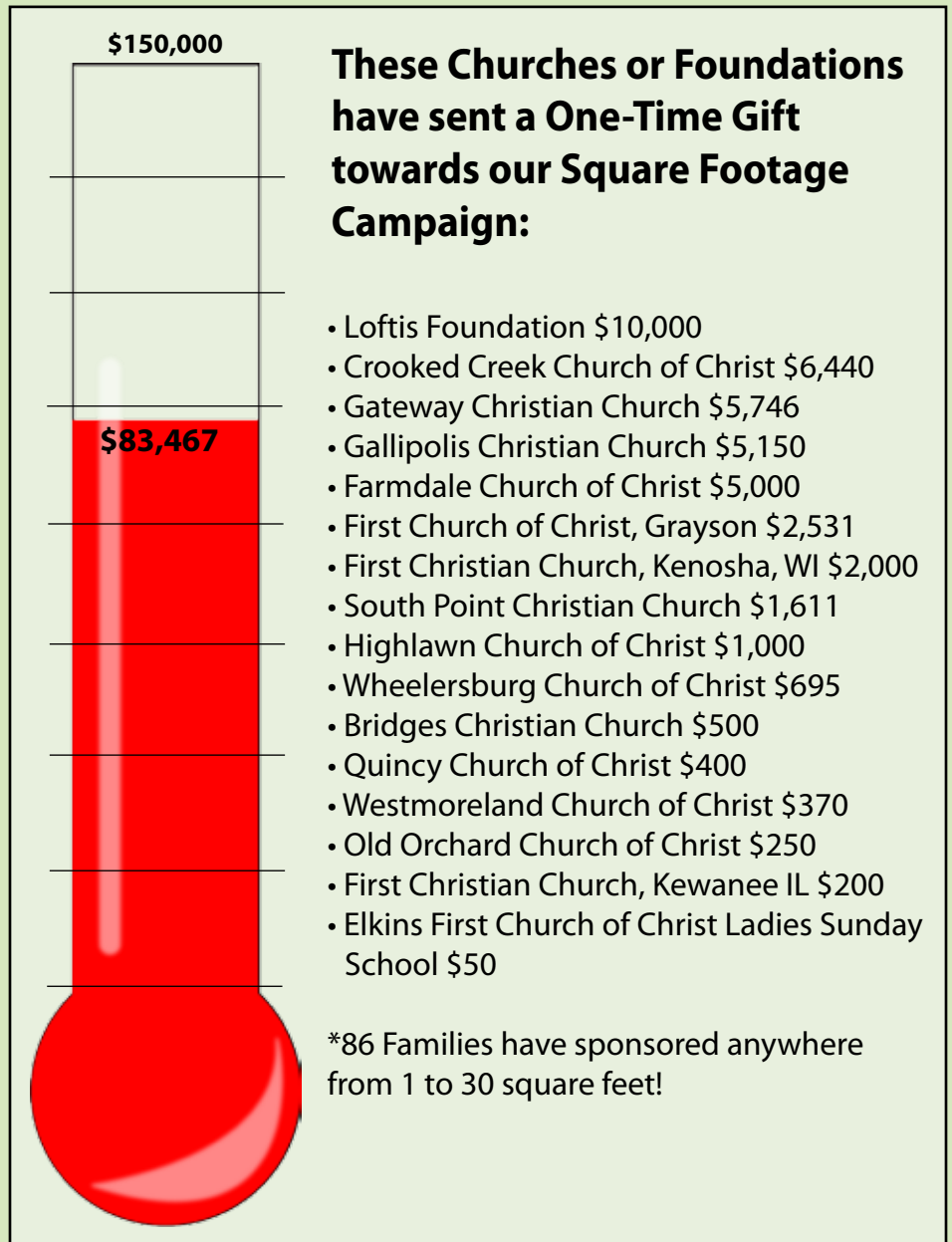


The Yankey children watch site preparation for their new house.

Will You Help?

As you saw in our winter newsletter and again in this issue, there is a great need for modified housing for our full-time staff.

With a variety of molds in the Yankey residence and the cramped quarters in the Hall cottage, changes needed to be made. We are grateful for the gifts pledged and received thus far, but as you can see from the thermometer, we still need more gifts to make our goal of \$150,000 a reality. If you have not participated in our Square Footage Campaign, why not fill out the form below and send it to us along with your tax-deductible gift.



SQUARE FOOTAGE CAMPAIGN RESPONSE FORM:

I would like to support our camp families by donating to this great cause.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

I would like to sponsor:

- 1 square foot for \$120, Just \$10/month for 1 year.
- 2 square feet for \$240, Just \$20/month for 1 year.
- 3 square feet for \$360, just \$30/month for 1 year.
- This amount per month _____
- I would like to donate a one time gift in the amount of: \$ _____

Mail to: Howell's Mill Christian Assembly • 99 Christian Camp Road • Ona WV 25545

HMCA Reaches Out to West Liberty Tornado Victims

by Tim Yankey

When I heard that the church building of one of our supporting churches had been wiped out by the March 2nd tornado, my heart wanted to help any way we could. We took several groups down this spring to help with cleanup, offered to cover the cost of camp for any West Liberty campers, and started a massive Facebook effort to get them some financial assistance. In my eight years at HMCA, I have never seen the area Christian Churches come together so well to help a community and church in need like I have during this tragedy.

It will be years before the town of West Liberty is back to normal, but the members of West Liberty Christian Church remain committed to serving the area, even without a physical building to call their own. A local Christian Community church has partnered with WLCC to allow them to share their facility until they have a new building.



Remains of the 100 year old West Liberty Christian Church building



carnival we gave out the backpacks, and handed out hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy, and prizes!

It was a very rewarding trip and so neat to see all the kids' faces as we gave out backpacks, prizes, and food! After all expenses

were paid, our group was able to help donate an additional \$6,000 to the church to help with their rebuilding efforts!

West Liberty Senior Minister, Paul Casteel stated, "It is our intention to start our building campaign as soon as possible, but our emphasis remains on our people first. Buildings can and will be replaced, but our people (inside and outside the church) must remain our focus. Our love for them, our concern for them will help them see Jesus in the storm. Continue to pray for us as we reach out with the love of Christ to our community and once again, thank you for all your help."

If you would like to help with West Liberty Christian Church's relief efforts or make a contribution to their building campaign, email casteel.paul@gmail.com for more information.



We took 28 people from three churches on this three-day missions trip. Gallipolis Christian Church, Farmdale Church of Christ, and Madison Christian Church partnered with us for this trip. During the first two days, we were able to unload five storage trailers full of clothes, food, water, and cleaning supplies from the church lot. We also had groups mow and clean up debris in two large lots, and we also cleaned up their church lot where their building stood before the tornado. On Tuesday morning a small crew worked on sealing brick foundations for two new homes.

Wednesday night we hosted a carnival for their kids as their last big event before they go back to school. We filled 500 backpacks full of school supplies and hygiene products. We had a line of 200 people nearly an hour before we even started that night! During the

Stacie Coomer Memorial Scholarship Fund

This year \$1,000 went towards helping West Liberty kids come to camp for FREE and camp paid for the rest. If you would like to make a contribution to this scholarship fund to help families who can't afford camp, mark the memo on your checks: Stacie Coomer Scholarship Fund.

Facilities Director Update

By Tim Hall

What an incredible first year! My family and I are so happy and blessed to serve here at HMCA. We have enjoyed getting to know some of you and thank you for making us feel right at home. I always try to find the perfect scripture to describe what is current for me with the camp and I feel Galatians 6:10 is the right one for this newsletter. It says *"Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially to those in the family of faith"*.

So many people have helped the camp and given their best. I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has come by camp to "do some good" for us this year. This past year, HMCA has received opportunities to live out Galatians 6:10 as well.

Tim Yankey and I constantly strive for HMCA to be a camp that doesn't just receive missions support but is able to serve as a mission and give

back. One big example of service is how the camp is supporting our church in West Liberty after the tornado.

Another way camp is striving to meet a need is by creating opportunities for people with special needs to be at our camp.

Tim Merrill & Brian Sedera have been donating their time this past year helping to clean and work on maintenance tasks. On October 20 we are hosting our first People with Special Needs Day Event. Check the website this fall for more information.



- **HMCA board members** for continued support
- **Supporting Churches** who make so many things possible
- **First Christian Church of Kenosha Wisconsin** for painting the storage shed and inside the paintball cabin while serving in WV on a missions trip
- **Tim Merrill, Brian Sedera, and Chris Ward** for cleaning buildings
- **John Brooks** for donating tools and materials to repair and maintain our golf carts
- **Francelia Sylvester** for donating plumbing tools and materials
- **Ethel Rooper** for hand tools donation
- **Jim and Darlene Jiles** for shop tools and a canoe
- **Richard Plybon** for cutting grass
- **Dave Martin** for heavy machinery work all over the camp
- **WV Paving** for getting us 30 loads of regrind asphalt to finish the road behind snack shack

A Specific Thank You Goes To:



Eli Yankey "helps" Dave Martin dig foundation

- **Tim Black** for cutting up and hauling away large trees knocked over in the storm
- **Mark Tompkin** for helping with storm clean up on his day off
- **Woodmen of The World** for donating \$5,400 toward two new picnic shelters
- **Economy Tank** for water tank for truck to water baby trees
- **Jennifer Hollars** for safety eyewash stations
- **White Mills Christian Camp** for hydraulic pool lift
- **Bruce Payne** for connecting us to these electric vendors:
 - **Andy Lilly:** \$350
 - **Joe Lewis:** Breakers
 - **Larry Wagner:** GFI Outlets
 - **State Electric:** \$1,000
- **Hillcrest Landscaping** for installing the beautiful memory walk
- And finally, all 75 of the wonderful, hard working men, women, and children who volunteered at the Great Day of Service on April 14th!



Our Dining Hall got a much needed coat of paint compliments of Bridges Christian Church



Memory Walk installed by Hillcrest Landscaping



Woodmen of the World donated \$5,400 to build two new picnic shelters

- Any perennial flowers/ grasses, small flowering trees, shrubs
- (20) Plastic Pool Chairs (\$15 each)
- (10) Toddlers life jackets (\$40 ea)
- (2) Ring Buoys for Pool/Canoe Dock (\$45 each)
- (1-2) wheelchairs

Top 10 Needs List:

- (2) Soccer Net (\$200 ea)
- (1-2) Baby changing station (\$225 ea)
- (2) Pool basketball hoops (\$250)
- (1) Hydraulic wood splitter (\$900)
- (1) Powered security gate at entrance (\$3,000)

Note: See website for complete list



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SAVE THE DATE...

PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS DAY

**OCTOBER 20
10AM-3PM**

More info will be posted on the website soon. This is a FREE event sponsored by Jefferson Whitney.

COLLEGE RETREAT

October 26-28

Cost is only \$20.00 for first 35 students to register by October 19th & free paintball games! Late Cost \$40.

Fall Annual Meeting

Tuesday October 23 • 6:00-8:00pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

November 2-4

Cost: \$50 if postmarked by October 23rd.

I'll stand
My soul Lord to you
surrendered
All I am is yours