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## Pancakes and Fellowship

It was Saturday, November 11, 2017 when 670 people were served at the annual Pancake Breakfast at Faith Mennonite High School. Students worked together to make the student council fundraiser a success.

The Student Council does so much for the school and student body. They pay for a portion of the year-books, all of the school field trips, such as caroling in Baltimore, and other random costs throughout the year that the budget allows. The pancake breakfast is their way to receive funds to supply money for these activities with

the help of the students. Thursday, October 26, StuCo kicked off the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser with pancakes in chapel! They gave us all the details and told us to sell tickets and prepare



Friday night, November 10, was spent getting ready and setting up for the big event. Tables and chairs were set up. The gym was completely transformed as many people helped to decorate for the occasion. Pancake batter was mixed and eggs were beaten. Attractive theme

baskets were set out on display, ready for the silent auction. Excitement was running high.

Saturday morning started out really early. At 6:00, the gym at FMH was alive with action. Students were flipping pancakes, scrambling eggs, frying sausages, setting out fruit and donuts, pouring drinks, and making coffee. By 6:30, hungry people started walking through the school doors anticipating a restaurant quality breakfast. They were not disappointed.

Throughout the breakfast, students, faculty, and parents were kept busy preparing food, keeping the buffet supplied, clearing tables, and emptying trash cans. The silent auction was also in action for the theme baskets. Thank you to everybody for making the Pancake Breakfast a big success.

*Alyssa Groff*



## E.T. in NYC

Evangelism Team Missions Training weekend was such a fun and growing experience. When we arrived in NYC on Friday, we had a session on prayer walking. Afterwards, we paired up, went out on the streets, and prayed. Prayer walking was not something I was used to doing. While walking the streets and praying for specific people that walked past us, my eyes were opened to the many needs, hurts, and the darkness in the city. Another session we had on the power of prayer-blew my mind, and made me realize that prayer is the biggest weapon we have against Satan. Praying to our Heavenly Father for help in every area of life, and having enough faith that He will answer our prayers is something we as Christians need to grasp.



New York is absolutely beautiful at night. All the lights just leave you in awe. While singing in one of the train stations, I was amazed how so many people stopped, listened, and took pictures and videos. It was cool to see people respond to the words we were singing. I loved New York and if you ever get the opportunity to go there to evangelize, take it!

*Becca Stoltzfus*

## Freshmen & Sophomore Fall Socials

The freshmen social took place on November 9th. It was exciting for all of us, despite the evening drizzle. We were eager to get to know each other better and to just have fun. We started off our social with a few activities in the gym, and then headed to Daniel's house for supper. We had a blast playing quite a few games of broom sock. We then played an unorganized game of indoor soccer and hung out. The social was so much fun and I'm looking forward to the next one. We would like to thank Daniel's parents, Mr & Mrs. Lapp, for having all of us rowdy freshmen over, and Mr. Paul for supervising us.

*Kaitlyn Reiff*

Maybe it was the way the wind hit your face. Maybe it was the way the hay itched you mercilessly. Maybe it was all the people around you looking so pathetically cold, that you couldn't help but laugh. Maybe those were the things that gave you the sense of living forever young.

The squeals of the sophomores soon filled the barn. You would assume the barn was toasty, the lights were twinkling, and the music was softly playing. But, lets be real. Barn heaters are a joke, and twinkling lights are so extra, and who is going to check Spotify all night to shuffle playlists, I mean, come-on. However, it was the relationships. It was the moment. It was the people that no matter how hard you tried, you just couldn't get away from them. Those were the people that mean the world to you.

*Karen Smucker*

## Alumni Invitation

A committee has begun to plan for a Chorale alumni choir tour in late July or early August of 2018. The tour will be to the New England states and eastern Canada and will be about 8 days in length. Anyone who has sung on the Faith Chorale is invited to apply. More information about specific dates and how to apply will be announced by email and social media in the next month. If the school does not have your email address and you are interested in receiving emails about this event, please contact the school office. Email: [Office@FaithHighSchool.org](mailto:Office@FaithHighSchool.org) or call (717) 442-8818.

*Mr. Nolan Martin, Choir Director*

# Editorial

Many people in our world today say that they have prayed for something and instead of the prayer being answered they were met with God's silence. In fact, for many people this is a deal breaker. If God doesn't answer their prayers then why would they sacrifice so much to follow God? These people view a relationship with God as a one way street; only wanting the benefits for themselves. They view God's silence as a negative aspect.

Let me suggest viewing God's silence as a good thing. One of the first signs of intimacy with God is silence and often God's silences are His biggest answers. His silence is a sign that He is giving you a greater understanding of Himself. When He answers us in silence it is often a call to listen to Him and to focus solely on Him. We often mourn and complain to God because we haven't received an answer to our prayer. When we complain we are so wrapped up in ourselves that we forget to listen to God. We forget to simply trust in the God who gave us breath. When God trusts you with His absolute silence it means He has a greater purpose for your life in the future. You may not be ready for His greater purpose, but through His silence He wants you to grow in Him and become stronger in Him so you will be ready for His greater purpose. Are you allowing yourself to grow in His absolute silence, or are you still looking for a visible answer?

*Kerri Kauffman*

# Students Speak Out

What do you like the most about hunting?



**Sophomore - Mike King**

I enjoy shooting things and being outdoors.

**Freshman - Ashley Zook**

I like shooting deer and tasting the meat afterwards. I also like the adrenaline rush when I know it is a dead deer. You've got to be tough to be out in the cold.



**Sophomore - Austin Ressler**

I like being in nature, seeing animals, and shooting animals.

**Senior - Jalisa Yoder**

The people I hunt with are what makes hunting fun. I like the adrenaline and excitement when the deer actually comes and I can hit my target. The trees are also really pretty colors.



# Calendar

Nov	22-27	Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec	5	Jr/Sr Basketball Game
	14	Christmas Concert 7:30p.m.
	15	Jr/Sr Basketball Game
	22	Christmas Caroling in Baltimore
	24-Jan 2	Christmas Vacation
Jan	4	Jr/Sr Basketball Game
	8	Jr/Sr Ladies Basketball Tournament
	9	PTF 7:00p.m.

# Alumni Feature

"Two of the most valuable skills I learned while attending Faith Mennonite High School would definitely be note-taking and studying skills. Good note-taking is something that I use all the time. Being able to listen to a college lecture and pick out the important things and write them down in a clear, concise manner is an invaluable skill that was taught at Faith. Another skill I learned was how to really dig into the Bible in preparation for class or school chapels. Being forced to prepare and present a topic to my peers has pushed me to really study God's Word. Today if there is a passage that does not quite make sense to me, I dig into that passage and create a "chapel"

for it. This is a skill that has helped me to begin opening up God's Word and all of its hidden secrets and messages."



Zachary Zook was salutatorian in the FMH graduating class of 2017. He is currently enrolled as a student at PA College of Health Sciences in the Pre-Med program.

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