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FMH Grows

The summer of 2017 was filled with hard work as some students, teachers, and other volunteers invested their time to improve the gym facilities here at FMH.

Michael Stoltzfus was the project coordinator and the board representative of the property committee. His favorite part of the project was seeing Mr. Fox and Melvin Glick work together with the students. He also enjoyed adding the logo above the stage. Dan King, the general contractor, was responsible for the engineer drawing and permit inspection. He appreciated how so many different people worked together to make the project possible. Mr. Fox gave his advice in the design work to make sure the facility was meeting the needs of FMH. He especially enjoyed working with the electrical aspects of the project since he had previously been an electrician. Melvin Glick carried out the plans as project manager and carpenter. He enjoyed setting the steel and watching the students learn how to do carpentry work.

Austin Ressler, Mike King, David King, and Elmer Stoltzfus, all students at FMH, helped with the construction of the project. A few of the highlights for the students were working together with a wide variety of ages, learning new things, getting to know other people, seeing the other side of Mr. Fox, getting donuts on Tuesdays, taking lunch break, and working with other classmates. The

student workers all decided that the worst part was putting up insulation.

The main purpose of the gym expansion project was to make it more convenient for games and tournaments. There were some features added to the gym that weren't originally in the plans such as: replacing light fixtures, painting, renovating the stage flooring, redoing the ceiling, adding new bleachers, and re-carpeting the walls.



Students showed their support in this project by helping to raise funds and contributing time to help with the construction of the project. The project encountered a few challenges such as the soil being unsuitable. Therefore, the workers

had to dig about two feet deeper than originally planned. Another challenge was that the summer was rainy. Despite the weather, the scheduling was maintained.

With the expansion, we will now be able to offer more rental options, and fans will have a larger space to cheer for the games. Having a bigger gym encourages opposing teams to visit us instead of us needing to travel for games. Upgrading school facilities shows prospective students that good things are happening here at FMH. It can also increase team spirit for the school. Thank you to all who have shown their support with the project. It is greatly appreciated.

*Kerri Kauffman
Brooklyn Horst*

Students attend Muslim Impact Seminar

When we think about reaching out to Muslims in our world today, we tend to shy away. To us they seem unreachable, too set in their beliefs. When I heard the message "Why Muslims" by Allen Roth, I was challenged to change this way of thinking. He gave thirteen reasons why we should be reaching out to Muslims as much as any other person. One particular reason that challenged me was that we should be evangelizing Muslims because of God's character. Because God desires salvation of everyone, we should be doing everything we can to reach out to every single person who doesn't have the freedom in Christ that we have. Whether they be Muslim, atheist, etc., with what Jesus did on the cross we have the power in Him to bring anyone to His love.

Kelsey Smoker

Being flexible to serve

After a former teacher, Mr. Raymond Harnish, experienced the loss of a pig barn fire, the junior and senior guys left school early to help them clean up.

The barn burned completely to the ground, leaving two thousand pigs lifeless and charred to the bone. Before we arrived, the tin and metal was cleared away and all that was left was a barn full of dead pigs. The sight and smell of the place was enough to make you lose the food that you ate twenty-four hours ago. Our job was to drag the two-hundred pound pigs to the edge of the barn where they would be loaded onto tractor-trailer trucks with a track hoe. We were able to accomplish the job with a lot of blood, sweat, and tears, and pork has never tasted the same again.

Ryan Lapp

Seniors learn about Sattler College

On Thursday, October 12th, the seniors of FMH-headed to Ephrata to hear Dr. Finny Kuruvilla speak about his passion for youth today. He is the founder of the new Sattler College. Many Christians today have lost a broad knowledge of the Bible and education in general. To make matters worse, many colleges are "hostile" towards Christians. He founded Sattler College to educate students and disciple them in the Bible. Their mission statement is: "Sattler College seeks to prepare students to serve Christ, the church and the world. Our mission is to provide classical education that instructs the mind, discipleship that shapes the soul, and inspiration that inflames the heart. Our goal is to enable graduates to heartily say, 'For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power, love, and a sound mind' (2 Timothy 1:7)."

I was challenged to learn as much as I can and to not waste my time in high school. This is a pivotal



time for us as students to know God, the Bible, and how to properly evangelize. We have the most important message in the world, and I believe it is so important to portray it accurately in what we say and do. Let's not waste our time.

Kirsten Good

Grandparents visit the school

The 2017 Grandparents banquet was the first ever banquet to be held in the newly renovated gym. Everyone appreciated the new ceiling, which greatly reduced the noise and provided a much quieter and more pleasant atmosphere. The senior girls invested nearly a whole afternoon making the gym appear attractive and inviting. The food was delicious, thanks to our hard-working moms and the Advanced Home Ec and Cabin Living classes. Chorale and Large chorus each sang a few songs, and a few of the teachers gave presentations from their classes. The freshmen English class performed a comedy skit, which for many was a highlight of the evening. The Accounting II class presented a prize to Mr. Harrison for being their most valued customer and to Minerva Kauffman for being the oldest grandparent in attendance, at eighty-seven years old. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making the 2017 Grandparents banquet a success!

Kristal Bange

Editorial

It's hard. You dream of 'someday' – that utopian place where you can finally work full-time, spread the gospel, or raise your own family – but you're stuck in 'today.' That place where you have to solve another equation or memorize the molecular formula. It's hard to put effort into Shakespeare's Macbeth when it seems so disconnected with your 'someday.' However, I'd like to propose the idea that 'someday' will never arrive. Now before you label me as a pessimist, let me explain. The 'someday' you're looking forward to will arrive; but, you'll realize that you're looking towards yet another 'someday'. That is one of the mysterious beauties of this earthly life – dreaming of the future while being caught in 'today.' The key is found in the balance. To cease to dream is to allow a part of you to die. To live in those dreams is to allow those dreams to steal your 'today.' The tedious activities of today provide both character-building opportunities and preparation for tomorrow. Through the mundane tasks of today, a person can learn responsibility, respect, perseverance, and patience along with other important traits. These characteristics will be imperative for most any 'tomorrow' worth pursuing. Most every dream requires skills – skills that you most likely are learning now. Even if the information you are studying right now seems irrelevant, put forth effort; God has an incredible way of using the things you've learned in ways you would have never imagined to build His kingdom. So dream about tomorrow, while finding purpose in today. May you be blessed as you find balance in the tension.

Mrs. Janessa Mercado, former English Teacher

Calendar

Nov	1-3	Missions Week
	3-4	Evangelism Team Wkend
	3-4	Fairview Tournament
	11	Stu-Co Pancake Breakfast
	13	2:00 Dismissal
	22-27	Thanksgiving Vacation
	30	Jr/Sr Basketball Game
Dec	5	Jr/Sr Basketball Game
	14	Christmas Concert
	15	Jr/Sr Basketball Game
	22	Christmas Caroling in Baltimore

staff Students Speak Out

Get To Know The New Staff at Faith



How did your years at FMH as a student impact the way you teach at FMH today?

"I had a History teacher that impacted how I believe today, and because of that, I want to pass on that passion through my History classes to my students."

Mr. John Lewis Lapp, History Teacher

What are your goals for this year?

"I want to see each student go through school and say that they enjoyed school. I want to be able to point them to Christ and show them that God is faithful and cares about the little things in life."

Mrs. Jewel Stoltzfus, Home-Ec Teacher



What was one of the highlights of your summer?

"Getting close to finishing remodeling our barn with my sons after working on it for the past three years"

Mr. Willie Stoltzfus, Small Engines & Woodshop Teacher

Why did you accept this teaching position here at FMH?

"I enjoy teaching and I felt like it was a good time in my life to teach a few classes."

Mrs. Cheryl Stoltzfus, Child Care & Cabin Living Teacher



Why did you choose to teach at FMH?

"God has given me a deep passion to see young men and ladies come to a deeper knowledge of Him, and I feel that through evangelism team we can ignite a passion to share the Gospel with the lost people in their lives."

Mr. Jesse Herschberger, Evangelism Team Teacher

What was one of the highlights of your summer?

"I went on a trip to Alaska with my family. We lived on a houseboat for 10 days--you could say that it was good bonding time. We saw incredible sights, including killer whales and humpback whales right beside our boat."

Miss. Kelsey Beiler, English Teacher



What are your goals for this year?

"My goal is to survive and for my students to learn what they are supposed to know."

Mr. Troy Stauffer, Pre Algebra, Geometry, General Science, Guys' PE, Advanced Word Teacher

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