

Youth News - Feb/March 2020 by Chandra Hillman, Youth Director

Looking back at January: The youth group took pizza orders after church a couple of Sundays to raise some money for the youth gathering this summer, upcoming youth activities and continued improvements to the YOP house.

Nine youth served a pulled pork meal after the annual meeting with a little over seventy-five meals being served. A huge thanks to Tyler and Alisha Fangmeyer for providing all the delicious meat for our fund-raiser, your generosity is very much appreciated! Thanks to the congregation for their support in helping us earn money for the youth gathering and youth activities. We are also grateful to the parents who continue to show their support.

Four youth came to our movie night where we watched a Pureflix movie along with a devotion afterwards. The Pistol: is a biographical sports film about the 1959 basketball season of Pete Maravich. The Pistol was one of the greatest basketball players of all time, but he also was probably one of the world's greatest soul-winners. He spent the last few years of his life pointing people not to sports, but to Christ. With all his success and money, after retirement, he still felt he hadn't found his life's purpose. Maravich opened his own basketball camps where he taught three disciplines: faith, basketball and nutrition. He gave his testimony to the campers and to other groups. Pete stated that the Lord had changed him and that nothing satisfied him like Jesus Christ had. Pete said he was giving his time to the Lord, because that's what he was called to do. I ended our devotion with the youth with this; we too are called to give our time to the Lord, no matter our age, our job, our financial status, and that no matter what they are doing, to always do their best, to do it in the name of Jesus Christ and to give it all to the Lord. Commit your work unto the Lord, Proverbs 16:3

Moving onto February: Monetary donations were collected by the youth for the two food pantries in Thayer and Nuckolls county. A total of \$248 was collected.

Twelve youth were busy making seventy-nine pizzas as another fund-raiser. Again, I personally want to thank everyone for the kindness shown, for being there to support us, for your prayers and for simply showing us that you care.

For our "Random Acts of Kindness", the youth passed out a Valentine to everyone in the congregation on Sunday, Feb. 9. Then we held our planning meeting while enjoying pancakes. After our meeting we helped Pastor Dennis move some personal items out of the parsonage.

I want to give an enormous shout out and thanks to Pastor Dennis for his time, dedication and support he has shown while the youth and myself while serving Peace. His support has been phenomenal! I appreciate his open door to always listen and to lend a hand when needed. What a blessing he has been to me, to the youth and to our congregation. I pray God's blessings be returned to him, as he has blessed us all.

The youth and I also want to give a warm welcome to Pastor Joe and Amy, we are thankful for your calling to serve us. We look forward to getting to know you and serving Christ together here at Peace.

An invitation to go see Sidewalk Prophets perform in Grand Island was offered to the youth. Two youth kids are interested in going to the concert.

While we aren't perfect, God's love is! God wants us to seek Him and grow in His amazing and perfect love. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This verse summarizes God's relationship with humanity and the way of salvation. It tells us of the love God has for us and the extent of that love - it's so great that He sacrificed His only Son for us. John 3:16 teaches us that anyone who believes in Jesus Christ, will be saved. This verse gives us the glorious hope of eternal life in heaven through the love of God and death of Jesus Christ. The Bible is overflowing with references of God's great and awesome love, May we all remember the depth of God's love and His commandment to love others.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." ~ 1 John 4:7

March youth calendar-

Wednesday, March 4th - Lenten Soup supper

Sunday, March 8th - Youth planning meeting

Wednesday, March 18th - Lenten Soup supper

Love in Christ, Chandra

