

Christian Loving Fund

Annual Report for 2024

The Christian Loving Fund met in person on June 23, 2023. Much business was conducted via email. Also, the annual letter for Christian Loving Fund Sunday set for the first Sunday in November, was sent out to the churches.

We continue to use the investment foundation of Stifel Nicholas to handle the investments of CLF.

Throughout the year, the CLF handed out grants to all of the nursing facilities: Grove Manor Nursing Home, The Caring Place, and Woodcrest Senior Living Community. The CLF also gave quarterly grants to each home for their activity funds.

The Directors consist of Pastor Jim Leichliter, President; Janet Hoffman, V. President; John Doyle, Financial Clerk; Priscilla Earhart, and Pastor Rick Gamble; Secretary. Joy Strain continues to serve as treasurer for the CLF (not a director).

The CLF continues to serve the people in our care facilities within the Conference hoping to enrich their lives in some way. The CLF would like to thank everyone for contributing through prayer and finances.

In Christ,

Pastor Rick Gamble

CLF Secretary

Camp Sonrise Mountain
2023 Annual Report

I'm excited to share with you all the amazing things that happened at camp in 2023 and to let you know how things are going for this year. I can pretty much sum it up in 3 words. GOD IS MOVING!

In January we created various social media accounts so we could connect better with the campers and their parents. Even though we don't allow cell phones and electronic devices at camp, we do recognize the need to meet these kids where they are in order to communicate with them about camp. They have really enjoyed the posts and videos that we've shared on these different platforms.

February brought 72 junior and senior high campers back for Arctic Blast. The junior high kids focused on making wise choices and recognizing the consequences of making poor decisions and the senior high kids learned that it's really all about Jesus and the importance of worship.

We also had a wonderful group of college students from the University of Findlay who volunteered to spend their spring break at Camp to work and worship. These 10 students, along with the group leader, spent over 20 hours doing various tasks including cleaning, painting, and cutting firewood.

The month of March brought with it some good weather. A group of volunteers from Mt. Pleasant Church of God were able to come back to camp and complete the repairs to the Good Old Number 7 campfire site. What a huge improvement!

The cottage at the top of the driveway was given a makeover with new carpeting and new-to-us furniture. It's really cute and cozy and is available to rent.

We had a wonderful time at our annual Friends and Family Fun Day in August. Over 90 people showed up – we ate some great food (we have some fabulous cooks out there!), went swimming, played games, and just fellowshiped. Please mark your calendars for this year's Camp Day on August 18th. Lots of fun for everyone and it's a great way to introduce camp to the little ones!

Our September golf outing was a huge success ... again! We had a total of 16 teams which was the maximum number permitted at this golf course. The weather was cold and rainy, but that didn't dampen our spirits! We had a good time, good food, and we raised over \$12,000! And a bonus was that two of the golfers were also Primary Week campers! The golf outing for this year will once again be held at King's Mountain Golf Course on September 14th.

Fall Retreat was held during the months of October and November with a total of 71 campers attending. The Junior High campers learned that church is not an airport that takes you away from your problems, but rather a way to help you through them. The Senior High group focused on the difference between salvation and sanctification. Two amazing weekends spent with God!

Throughout the year, Camp continued to be a gathering place for 21 different youth groups, church picnics, women's retreats, men's groups, and Bible Quizzers. This year we're on track for a few more as God brings more people to His beautiful camp and we're excited about that as well. Kids need camp. And so do adults.

I intentionally saved the best for last ... SUMMER CAMP! It's what we're all about! Beginning on June 11th and concluding on July 8th nearly 240 kids called Camp Sunrise Mountain home for a week. Twenty-one campers made a first-time commitment to be a follower of Christ, 31 campers rededicated their lives to Christ, and 29 of these precious kids expressed an interest in full-time ministry! I can't stress enough the importance of sending kids to camp. Surveys have shown that 87% of individuals become a Christian before the age of 18. Camp plays a crucial role in nurturing and encouraging the next generation of believers. D.L. Moody once said, "If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God." Moody understood the importance of the early years and the strategic investment they represent. If the early and teen years are so crucial to the faith development of a Christian, then we would be wise to focus on this time of life in our churches and homes. Parents, pastors, aunts, uncles, friends – please get these kids to camp. It's a week they won't forget ... and it could literally change their lives by steering them away from the negative influences and toxic relationships and into the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEW STUFF

Many of you may have heard about our most recent fundraiser – the Envelope Challenge. The Challenge was actually started by one of our campers when he realized the girls had new bunk beds while the boys were still using the old original bunk beds. So, he decided to do something about it! He started the challenge at his home church, Markleysburg Union. We thought it was such a great idea that we asked him if camp could take this challenge to all of our churches to help raise money. It's really quite simple. Churches who are willing to participate would get a stack of envelopes that are numbered from \$1 to whatever amount (the church can select the number of envelopes they want; 1-25, 1-50, 1-100, 1-150, 1-200). People can choose an envelope based on the number(s); whatever amount they select is what they donate. For example, you could have 50 envelopes numbered \$1 to \$50. A person can take however many envelopes they want – maybe a \$35 envelope and a \$20 envelope and they would donate \$55. When all envelopes are turned into the point person at your church, Camp would receive \$1,275! Or, your church could choose to have 200 envelopes, again numbered \$1 to \$200. When all envelopes are turned in, Camp would receive \$20,100! Isn't that fantastic?! As I'm sure you can imagine, making camp happen takes a lot of work and money. From permits and maintenance to providing meals and staffing, the costs can add up pretty quickly. The first \$35,000 from the envelopes will go to the bunk bed fund if Liam hasn't reached his goal by then; the remaining monies will go to the general fund to help as needed. A few churches have already committed to the challenge – we're praying for at least 75% participation.

We have stepped out in faith that all of the money will come in for the bunk beds and placed the order. Can you just imagine the impact this is going to make in the life of that 13 year old camper? The beds will arrive on May 9th, so we're going to have a bunk bed demolition party on Sunday, May 5th at 2 pm, followed by a bunk bed assembly party on a date that has yet to be determined. We'll keep you all updated!

Another exciting event we're having this year is a new and improved Counselor Retreat/Training. Behind every amazing summer camp experience is a dedicated and passionate group of staff and volunteers. These folks play a crucial role in shaping the lives of campers, creating a safe and supportive environment, and fostering a sense of community and belonging. Our focus going forward is to unite as a Christians, as people who love kids and want to make a positive difference in their future, as a team –

not simply WEEKS of camp, just CAMP. We will be connected, unified and grow stronger together ... as a camp family.

Last camping season we were so very blessed to have teams of volunteers in kitchen during each week of camp. It worked out so well and was so helpful to our kitchen staff that we're doing it again! We already have some volunteers from Kingwood and Mt. Pleasant, and would welcome more! It's a great way to see the campers and get to witness how God is working at Camp! We would also like some help with housekeeping on Saturdays after the campers leave so we can be fully prepared for the next group coming in. If you'd like to know more about that, please let me know. We'd love to have you! We love our volunteers – from those who have volunteered their time with the maintenance projects, to those who have helped us out in the kitchen with cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We absolutely could not operate as efficiently without these helping hands and serving hearts.

In closing, I would like to thank the Allegheny Region Churches of God and our wonderful donors for your kindness and generosity. Your unwavering support makes it possible for us to maintain our beautiful camp throughout the year and empowers us to continue sowing seeds of faith, hope, and joy in the hearts of our youth, ensuring that Camp Sunrise Mountain remains a beacon of light in an ever-changing world.

Grove Manor Corporation

Grove Manor Inc. is a non-profit facility affiliated with the Allegheny Region Conference of the CGGC and committed to the Christian vision of hope and healing.

We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of each unique person, that our residents are providentially entrusted into our care, and that we are called to share in Christ's compassion and ministry to them based on Luke 10:33, "and he saw him and he was moved with compassion."

Our mission at our homes is to offer quality and holistic care to our ill and aged residents, and to provide for them a loving and compassionate environment, attending carefully to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs.

Our aim is to ensure a comfortable and well maintained facility, a high-quality food service, an array of professional health and therapy services, a variety of social and recreational activities and a Biblically based, interdenominational spiritual ministry.

Our homes include:

Grove Manor in Grove City PA is a home with 59 skilled beds and The Pines a 40 bed Personal home.

The Caring Place in Franklin PA is a home with 100 skilled bed and The Purple Iris is a 40 bed Personal Care home.

Woodcrest in Scottdale PA is a home with 13 Independent living homes/bungalows and 54 personal care beds.

In 2023 Grove Manor Inc. partnered with Affinity Health Services for the management of our homes. This has proved to be a very helpful decision. They have a very similar mission and have been very helpful in recovering from all the effects of Covid. We have not completely recovered but are working in the right direction thanks to Affinity.

Our Board of Directors:

Pastor Beth Dunlap – President

Mr. Mike Peck – Vice President

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Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors please see one of the current members for information.

Respectively Submitted,

Pastor Beth Dunlap, President

