

## Vacation Bible School 2010

A great vehicle for religious education, evangelization and ecumenism

The Annville Cleona Community Vacation Bible School held at St. Paul's Church in June was a great success with 90 children ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade participating. Those 90 children had 43 teen and adult teachers who volunteered to help them! That's a great ratio of 2 students for each teacher! Who says no one volunteers! Ten of the children who attended have no church home. Every day the children studied a different Bible story. On Monday and Tuesday, the stories were from the Old Testament about Abraham and Joseph and his brothers; on Wednesday from the Gospel of Luke Chapter 5, Jesus calls the Disciples, on Thursday, another Gospel story, the Good Samaritan, and on Friday from the New Testament, Acts, Philip shares the good news. Then the teachers had planned and carried out corresponding games, snacks, crafts, and activities to reinforce the Bible stories to complete the Bible school day. Also music was a big part of each day as the children learned new songs about God and used American Sign Language as they sang.

Bible School opened daily with a prayer by a different pastor from our community: on Monday, Pastor Paul Fullmer, on Tuesday Pastor James Beckwith, on Wednesday, Pastor John Lynch, on Thursday Pastor John Douglas, and on Friday Pastor Don Mason. On Friday at the end of the day, we had a closing program for the parents when Father John Peck led all in prayer and gave a blessing. The closing program agenda given to all the parents had the names, addresses, and times of worship of the four lead churches and an invitation to come to any.



Helene Gaydos (St. P) keeping little hands busy so Jackie Weaber (St.P) can tell the Bible story.



Dottie Murphy (St. Paul's) leading the second grade out of church after music. The child in the center and the teen helper have no church home.



Kayla Pvasco (United Methodist) third grade teen helper with her STAFF badge on.



Barbara Likes (St.M) sitting surrounded by her 4<sup>th</sup> graders.



Annette Leiby (St.P) determined to teach as she battles the annoying symptoms of chemotherapy.



Vickie Saltzer helping a kindergartener with attendance.

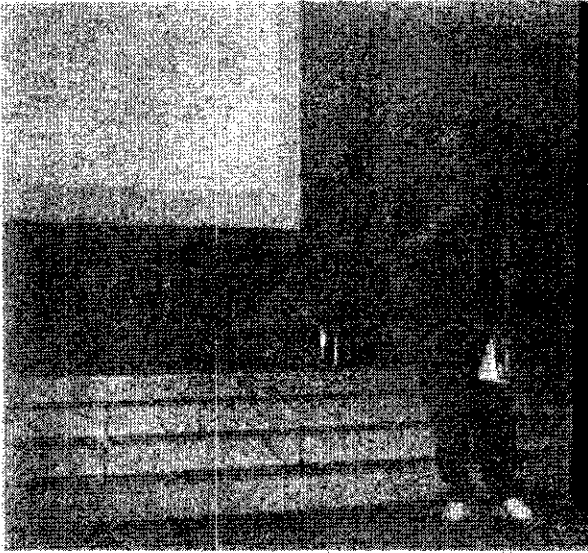


A mother/son team teaching kindergarten.  
Tammy Sema (St.P) and Carter (ST.P)



Eileen Heeter (St.M) and Joyce Felty (St.M) are as tall as the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

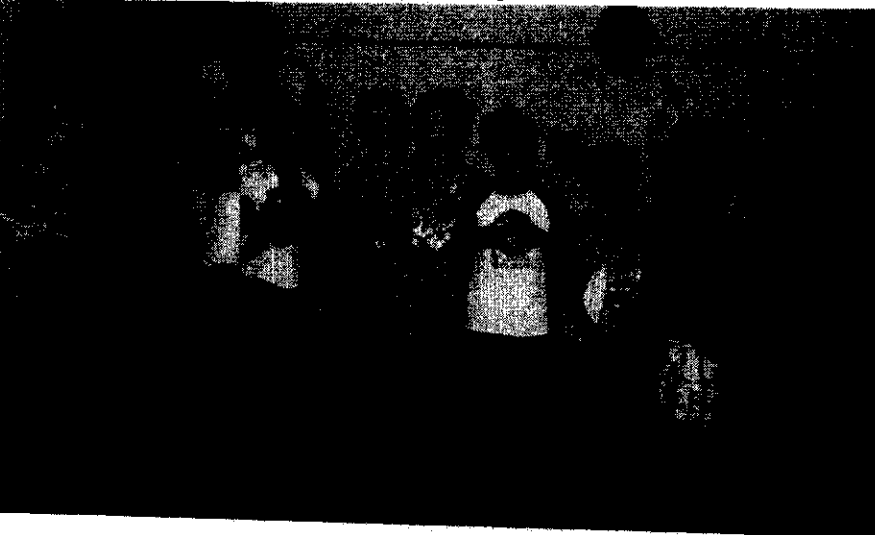
Pastor John Douglas (St. Mark) leading prayer before the music begins as all the children gather in the church.



Three male helpers in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class – great role models: Alex Hoffsmith (Hershey Free), Elliott Fackler (St. Mark), and Willie Stump (St.P)



One of the two preschool classes had 15 boys! Jeni Coffroth (St.P) lining them up!



Joyce Zimmerman (UM) and Gwen Pavasco (UM) had the heavenly classroom – the choir loft!



Not only the children like Play do, so do teen helpers! Preschool class and kindergarten class helpers: Amanda Prescott (St. P), Evan Frenz (Holy Spirit) and Elizabeth Cole Lucas Perez (St P), Kaitlyn Gardner (St.P)

Some thank you notes!

Mrs Hreniuk,

Thank you so much for all your time and consideration regarding VBS. The effort made by you and your incredible staff (Mrs Leiby, Miss Rachel + Miss Denae) to keep our food allergic kids safe was greatly appreciated. Please share our gratitude with them.

Thank you,

Kaitly, Jim, Makenna + Cade Kojack

Thank you all  
so much!!

Ann Bartz



Many thanks to these teachers and teen helpers from our parish who made this possible:

Mrs. Mary Beazley	Miss Emily Dishong
Mrs. Jackie Weaber	Mrs. Annette Leiby
Mrs. Helene Gaydos	Mr. Aldo Scicchitano
Mrs. Jeni Coffroth	Mrs. Dottie Murphy
Mrs. Vicki Saltzer	Mr. William Stump
Mrs. Casey You	Miss Amanda Prescott
Mrs. Tammy Sema	Mrs. Justine Kreifels

Lucas Perez	Kaitlyn Gardner
Carter Sema	Jake Leedy
Claire Leedy	Rachael Coffroth

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Mrs. Jane Deaven	Mrs. Pat Krall
Mrs. Alice and Mr. Charlie Rulapaugh	