



# Stony Glen News

DECEMBER 2016

## ATTENTION-END OF YEAR GIVING

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[www.stonyglencamp.org/donate-serve](http://www.stonyglencamp.org/donate-serve) or 5300 West Loveland Road, Madison, OH 44057

Did you know...

Our staff families are full-time missionaries and are supported by the generous donations of people like you.

## Dining Hall: Ultimate Makeover Final Phase



Kitchen before



Removing the tile countertop



Jim working hard



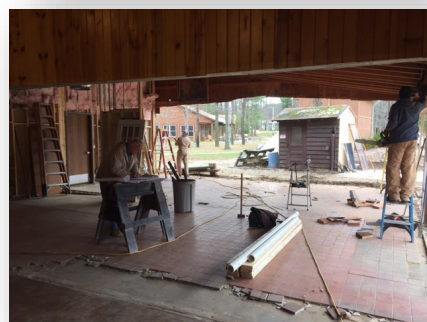
Camp kids helping with demo.



Removing the walls and ceiling



Serving window gone



The kitchen is gone

Phase 3, the third and final stage of our Dining Hall renovation, is under way which totally updates our kitchen facilities.

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## Out With the Old and in With the New

### Update:

Due to liability and upkeep issues we have retired the Giant Swing.

However, we have installed the next new craze: A Disc Golf Course! Thanks to Kevin Abrams for sharing his vision and then helping to make it happen by doing all the leg work and installing the course. Come check it out!



Old Boathouse



New Boathouse



Our new and improved waste treatment system is up and running on both sides of camp.

Thank you Jesus!



## Our Beautiful New Philippians Building



Includes a meeting room, restrooms, and camp store.



Located in the field next to the horse barn and corral.

### Welcome Center Update:

Once we finish the Dining Hall Kitchen, we still intend to replace the Rec Hall with a new Welcome Center.



## From Jim's Desk

Well, it's that time of year again. With the holiday season in full swing and 2016 coming to an end, it's always valuable to take time to remember, to reflect, and to be thankful.

We have had a huge year at the Camp, and between packed weekend retreat bookings, hundreds of summer campers, and several major projects, we have stayed very busy. We finished the Philippians Building, several groups have already utilized the new facility.

We completed installing two new septic systems that met all EPA guidelines and brought the Camp fully up to code. Currently we are in the midst of Stage 3 of our Dining Hall renovation that will bring the kitchen part of the building up to code early next year.

As I think back on everything that has been accomplished over the year, I am grateful for all the churches and school groups that have held their retreats at Stony Glen. I am grateful for the volunteers and financial

supporters that multiply the impact of our efforts each week. I am grateful for Dave and Tiffany, as their diligence and servants' hearts make working here as a team a joy and privilege. Most of all, I am grateful for God's sustaining presence that continues to be the defining mark of Stony Glen. We covet your prayers as we continue to seek and follow God's direction for the coming year.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a bright New Year, Jim Lapis

## First Snowfall of the Season



Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

## Phipps Family Update

This past year has been one of great joy with a family getaway, family reunion, and family wedding celebration and yet great sadness as we experienced the unexpected loss of our beloved pets: our dog, Bentley, and our cat, Stang. For many this may seem trivial but for our kids that haven't experienced loss quite like this, it has been a very challenging but growing season for our family. We have had some great family talks about trusting in God and that we may not always know why He allows things to happen, but we can trust that He cares about every detail of what is happening in our lives. *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*

The activities of the kids and the busyness of life in general keep our days full, but we wouldn't change anything as we know God has given us these days, and as the old saying goes, "this too shall pass."

Coleton, who will be 13 in a couple weeks, (WOW, we will have a teenager in our midst!) is in 7th grade. He excels in academics and tested out of his 7th grade math and is taking an algebra class. He is also involved with the AHLI (Arthur Holden Leadership Institute) program at his school, and he keeps himself busy playing on two soccer teams.

Hallie, age 11, is in 6th grade and although she was very nervous about entering middle school, she has settled in well. She is in band, playing the flute, and we are amazed at how well she is doing in just a short time of learning. Hallie is our writer and has a couple children's books that are published. One was through school and the other was through an online program (not for sale though, maybe one day). Hallie continues to enjoy taking horse riding lessons at a local barn.

Brenna, age 9, is in 3rd grade, and although school is tough for her she continues to work hard and is doing great. Brenna has recently entered a sewing 4-H club and loves it. She has a great imagination and still loves to play make believe with her Barbies and Shopkins. Brenna has a very nurturing nature and is always taking care of us.

We continue to thank the Lord for the faithful prayers and financial support of so many.

As the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us let's remember the real reason for the season...Jesus!

Blessings, David, Tiffany, Coleton, Hallie, and Brenna Phipps



## 2016 Lapish Family News...The Year in Review



For those who ask every year what our family has been up to recently, here are some highlights for each of our family members from youngest to oldest...

Gianna (age 14) is a freshman homeschooler and on the leadership team in her youth group, participating earlier this year with a student drama team at the Ohio Fine Arts Festival.

Angelee (age 16) is a junior homeschooler who enjoys being a worship leader at youth group, running her first half-marathon through Ashtabula Harbor, and singing her way in a vocal duet to the National Fine Arts Festival in Louisville, KY.

Caroline (age 18) graduated from high school and lives in Cleveland as a freshman at Tri-C on a cross county/track and field scholarship, running all the way in Kansas City, placing as an All-American runner.

Elisabeth (age 19) is a sophomore at Lakeland Community College as a radiology technology student, gaining national academic and English honors as she begins clinicals at UHHS Geauga Regional Hospital.

Caleb (age 21) is a cabinetmaker with Hartville Cabinet and Design, and spends his free time fly-fishing, camping, and traveling.

Phil (age 22) works in construction at Digioia Suburban Excavating, while enjoying bow-hunting in his free time and running 5Ks in Chardon and his first half-marathon in Ashtabula Harbor.

Sam (age 23) married Emma, is a KSU stu-

dent majoring in Public Health Education/Promotion and works as an airport valet while Emma works at several hospitals as a Physical Therapy Assistant, ministering through worship with the young adults at their church.

Olivia (age 26) is a medical assistant who has recently been promoted to Practice Manager for Great Lakes Care Internal Medicine while her husband, Jake, works for Home Finishers Guild as a residential painter, growing in management responsibilities.

Alyse (age 27) gave birth to Oliver Lee in June who was welcomed by "superhero" older brothers, Giovanni (3), Lincoln (2), and Elijah (10) while juggling her non-profit consultant business, motherhood, and ministry with her newly ordained husband, Ryan, youth pastor at Gateway Church in Ashtabula.

Brittany (age 29) is an elementary art and computer teacher at Cornerstone Christian Academy where Elia (7) and Zeke (4) are excited-to-learn students, while her husband, Charles, began nursing school at KSU and continues to work as an ER paramedic at Hillcrest Hospital.

We are enjoying this season of family life with children growing into adulthood, into their vocations and ministries, and into multiplying grandchildren that bring joy to our hearts! It's a beautiful thing to see the next generation growing up with special memories of Stony Glen Camp! The biggest blessing for all of us has been simply our time spent together...heart-to-heart discussions...sibling dates...travels...and family feasts including our most recent New England Seafood Boil this fall at camp complete with hayride.

May the presence of Jesus, the Light of the world, bring brightness to your Christmas celebration that draws many out of darkness! (Isaiah 9:2)

Celebrating the King, Jim and Marisa  
and family

**SAVE THE DATES:  
2017 SUMMER CAMPS**

**Cedarbrook Camp of Ohio at  
Stony Glen:**

**Girls' Camp:**

- Week 1: July 9-15
- Week 2: July 16-22
- Week 3: July 23-29

**Boys' Camp:**

- Week 4: July 30 - August 5

*Spring into Cedarbrook will also be  
back in 2017!*

*For more detail go to  
[www.cedarbrookcampoh.com](http://www.cedarbrookcampoh.com)*

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE AT  
STONY GLEN:**

**For Grades 3-6 (Stockade)**

- June 18-24 - Full Week Camp
- June 18-24 - Soccer Camp
- June 25-27 - Half Week Camp

**For Grades 7-12 (Battalion)**

- June 11-17 - Adventure Camp - Pick 2 activities
- June 11-17 - Battalion Extreme Camp
- June 11-17 - Outdoor Challenge Camp
- June 11-17 - SCUBA Camp
- June 11-17 - Top Marksman Camp

**Father-Son Camp**

- June 11-13 - Battalion (Grades 7-12)
- June 25-27 - Stockade (Grades 3-6)
- June 25-27 - Tree Climber (Grades 1-2)
- June 30-July 2 - Weekend Getaway (Grades 1-6)

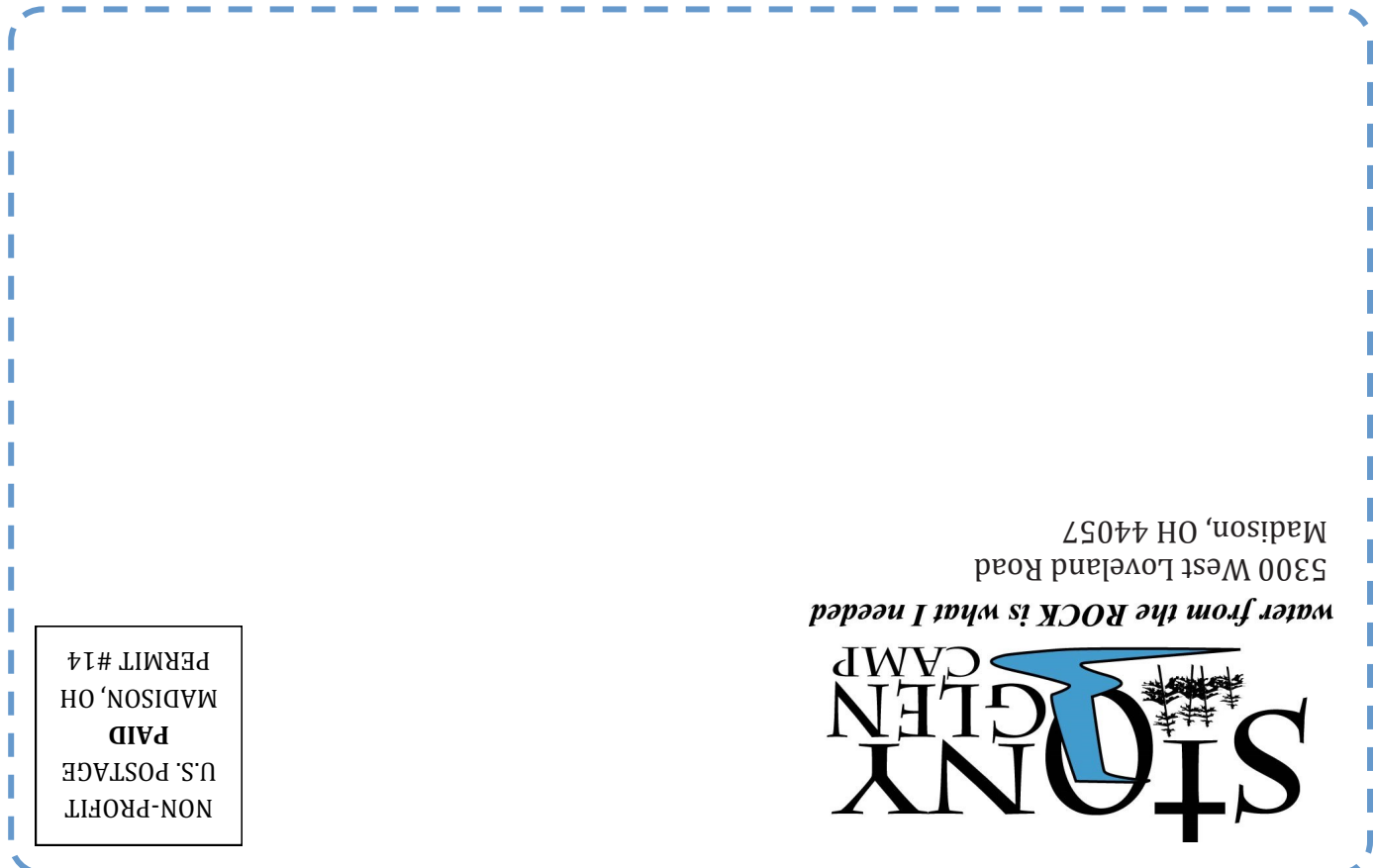
**Father-Daughter Camp**

- June 28-30 (Grades 2-8)

**Junior Counselor Leadership Program**

- June 11-17 (JC Training)

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