

Mt. Olive Senior Youth's New Year started off with a Christ Centered meeting at the church. We continue to discuss what it means to be a winner according to God and what it means according to the world. We talked about life being *All About Me and the 7 deadly sins vs Following Christ and the fruits of the Spirit*. Then we released balloons to symbolize getting rid of what ever it was that was keeping us from following Christ. Youth also attempted to cross an imaginary swamp to obtain a prize, only to learn that you needed a bridge to cross the final stretch. The prize actually was the bible and the bridge symbolized the only way to God is through faith in Christ and God's grace. We had a good meal provided by the Vecere's and munchies from Tom Rodenbeck. Pastor Weldon stopped by for a visit, some of our youth, and hopes to join us again soon. Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, February, 13 following the second service** in the youth room or fellowship hall. We will continue our discussion on what it means to be a winner according to God. If anyone wants to provide a meal for the meeting it would be greatly appreciated (contact: Joanne Snair at 724-843-6438).

On January 21st the Senior Youth met to begin our painting of the youth room which we hope to have completed by the end of May. It is a work in progress! Randy Householder primed the room for us on January 17, which was greatly appreciated by all. We will have another painting party on Sunday, **February 6th following second service in the youth room (bring old paint clothes)**. As always, we welcome all and any food donations. These kids love to eat!

We have our Senior Youth Winter Retreat planned for **February 25th to the 27th at Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA**. Retreat packets are available on the sign up table in the greeting area and from Joanne Snair. Parent permission, health form, and cost are due by February 13, 2010. Please contact Joanne Snair if you have any questions or concerns: 724-843-6438.

We would like to thank the congregation for supporting our Senior Youth Luncheon held in January and we hope everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Last, but definitely not least, please pray for our youth. Our kids are involved in many extra-curricular activities, academics, jobs, peer pressure, family obligations, decisions about their future, etc. and they would welcome our prayers as they manage their way through life's many decisions, challenges, and obstacles.