



Hartman Center

Camp, Conference & Retreat Center

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To all the congregations of Penn Central Conference

Dear friends of Hartman Center,

Some great things have happened at Hartman Center in recent months. A new swimming pool, a new Infirmary/Administration Building, and just completed this month, a new roof for Michaux Lodge. But ALWAYS the most important happenings at camp are the campers and leaders who make each camping season possible. This year (2018) we hope to generate enough income to break even (or do better at breaking even) for the 2018 camping season.

Did you know that the cost for a full week registered camper is slightly over \$500. Why is that so? It's not just the expense for a single camper. We need to cover the expenses for the SSTs (Summer Service Team), directors, nurses, and volunteer counselors. Then there are other costs like curriculum, field trips (bus), supplies and more. Is it worth it? Is it a good investment? Those of us who spend time at Hartman Center will give a resounding YES! And we trust members of PCC congregations think so too....EVEN if some (certainly not all), may have few children or youth in the church to send to camp.

At the Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting in 2015, the Conference adopted a resolution that an **ANNUAL OFFERING** be taken in our congregations to support the program budget of Hartman Center. Last year while we didn't have an offering per se, we did have individuals, churches, and Associations give over \$70,000 of support for the new swimming pool.

In 2018, on Sunday, February 11 (near Valentine's Day) we will be having an All Church **LOVE OFFERING** for Hartman Center. This mailing will help you promote the offering.

In this packet of material, you will find:

- A **FLYER** to hang around the church. (An electronic version is available in the weekly Conference mailing)
- A **SAMPLE** offering envelope that you can create to use for the offering.
- **LABELS** that you can attach to small envelopes. (An electronic file with LABELS is also found on the weekly Conference mailing.
- **INFORMATION** about **THE BIG SPLASH #2** which will also take place on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

Like last year, we hope to have a **WAVE** of visitors going out to our PCC congregations on Feb. 11. These visitors will share their love of Hartman Center and their excitement about the upcoming camping season. **PLEASE** let us know ASAP if you would like a visitor to come to your church.

Jason Minnich
Chair, Hartman Center Advisory Committee