



# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



## SUMMIT GROVE

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# FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Summit Grove,

Even in a year of uncertainty and chaos across our nation, God has once again shown His faithfulness at Summit Grove! We thank each one of you for your part in His Story at this beautiful, unique, and historic place. In this annual report, we look forward to sharing with you what God has done in 2020 at Summit Grove!

One year ago, we launched our “Something New” campaign. Our board, staff, and stakeholders all had a sense that God was truly up to something new. But what was this “Something New” going to look like? As the board and staff have been busy listening, learning, and aligning ourselves with His leadings, we feel that He has highlighted a few priorities for the season to come:

1. Set the Vision
2. Focus on Foundations
3. Intentional Partnerships

In the next few months, we will unpack exactly what this means and what it will look like in 2021 and beyond. Recently, the board has updated our mission statement to reflect the core values we hold at Summit Grove:

*“We create space for people to encounter God, connect with others, and enjoy life through quality hospitality, intentional partnerships, and biblical discipleship.”*

In 2020, while we experienced nearly 80% cancellations from retreat groups, rentals, and summer camp participation due to COVID, we also experienced the most generous group of donors, volunteers, and churches than we have experienced in years.

- While most camps closed for the summer, we stayed open and operated at a limited capacity.
- Our open-air Tabernacle received more activity than ever, even with appropriate social distancing.
- While our budgeted income decreased dramatically, we worked hard to lower our expenses as much as possible.

On a personal note--as a new Executive Director who moved his family from Colorado Springs to Southern York County in the middle of COVID, I knew that what I was getting into was a God-sized opportunity, which is always accompanied with faith-filled risk. I would not have made this life change if I was not confident that God was truly wanting to move Summit Grove from a season of “survival” to a season of “revival”. I look forward to the years ahead, partnering with each of you in His Story of rest, revival, and rejuvenation at Summit Grove.

Blessings,

Dustin Kunkle





# FINANCIALS

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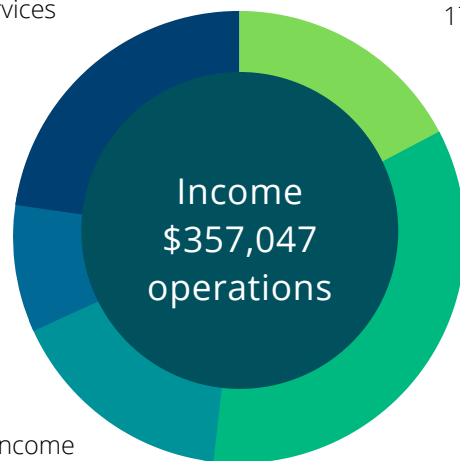
UNIQUE  
DONORS

Rentals & Guest Services  
22.7%

All Other Income  
17.3%

Grant Income  
9.1%

Program Income  
16.4%

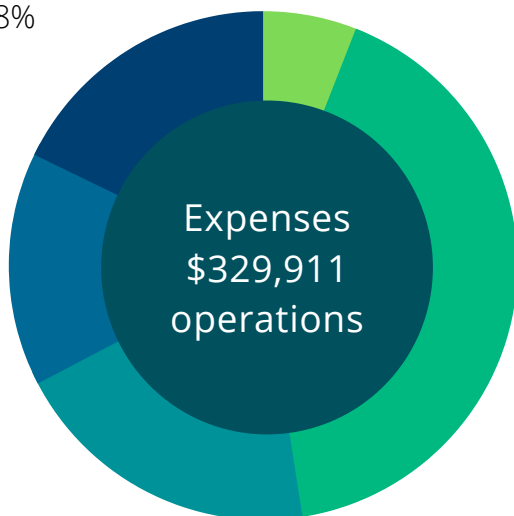


Program Expenses  
5.9%

Administrative  
17.8%

Mortgage  
14.9%

Payroll  
41.6%



Utilities  
19.8%

\$100k

IN DONATIONS  
RECEIVED





# RETREAT GROUPS

Year-round, Summit Grove offers lodging, meeting space & meals to ministries, church groups and organizations looking to host retreats. In 2020, we had **17 retreat groups cancel or postpone** to another year due to the pandemic.

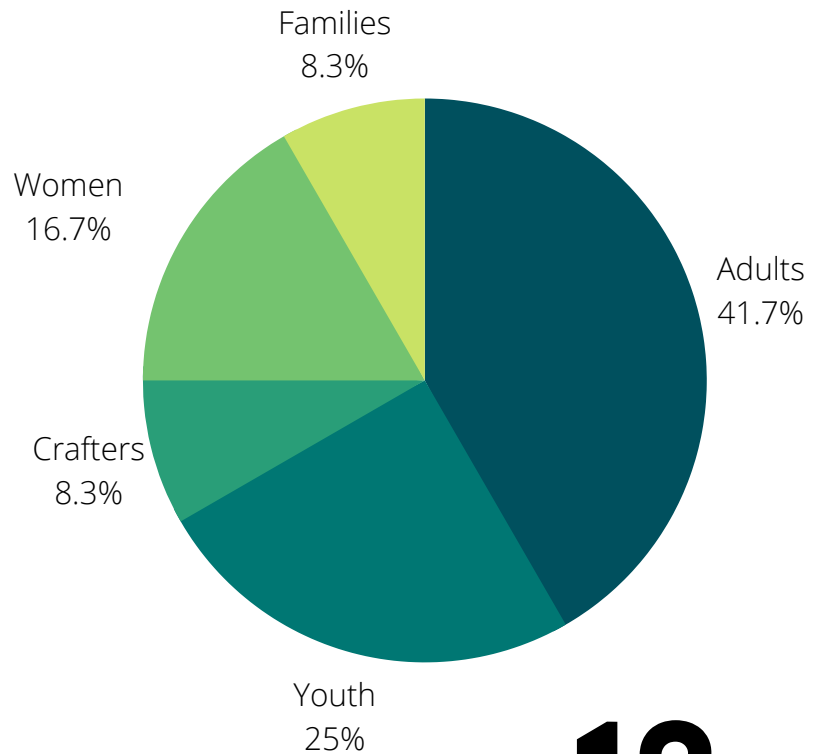
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"The staff here are so friendly, very accommodating, very professional, and really care about the comfort of the individuals."

"The retreat attendees were extremely complementary of the food quality -- delicious and well-presented. The beds were very comfortable. These are details that matter!"

"The ladies noticed and commented on all of the positive changes around the camp. Thank you for a great weekend!"

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RETREAT GROUPS



Our farthest group traveled from Washington, DC





# TABERNACLE

## UPDATES

This year, as a gift from many volunteers & donors, the Tabernacle received some much needed updates & renovations!

- The support beams were reinforced & painted.
- The stage floor, backdrop & skirting were sanded and painted.
- The roof was repaired in some of its most damaged areas.
- The storage room was organized.
- Professional lighting was installed.
- A professional sound system was donated.

## EVENTS

We had so many unique events happen in the Tabernacle this year!

- EIGHT Sunday church services
- THREE youth group meetings
- TWO ceremonies of graduation or accomplishment
- TWO music/dance performances
- TWO prayer/worship nights
- MULTIPLE private rentals
- DAY CAMP used the Tabernacle daily for Chapel Service
- FAMILY CAMP used the Tabernacle daily
- TABERNACLE 2020 held 50-hours of praise & worship



**"We were so blessed to find a place like Summit Grove to host the presence of the Lord. The power and the presence of the Holy Spirit was so tangible as we worshipped day and night. I pray that seeking and hosting the presence of the Lord becomes the main event once again at Summit Grove." - NEPA Aglow & Tabernacle 2020 Team**





# SUMMER CAMPS

## A NOTE FROM OUR SUMMER CAMP STAFF

"It was so meaningful to watch the kids grow each week in their interest and attentiveness during chapel services. Most kids started the week very quiet, but by the end of the week, they were dancing, singing, and participating in each day's worship and lesson."

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SUMMER DAY  
CAMPER

This number decreased by 41% from 2019 to 2020, due to the limitations created by COVID.

109

SPECIALTY  
CAMPER

We offered 7 specialty camps this year and they were a big hit! We will be offering more in 2021.

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## SUMMER STAFF

We're so grateful we had the opportunity to employ 29 incredible staff who worked in some capacity with our summer camp.



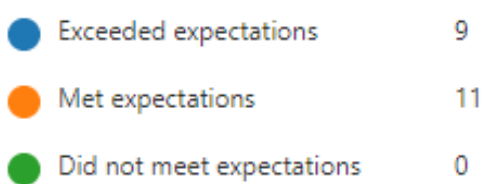


# FAMILY CAMP

While we decided to not have formal programming for Family Camp because of COVID, we still had the opportunity to have many guests on the premises. Our guests had time to rest & relax, but they also dedicated much time to volunteering.



## APPEARANCE OF GROUNDS FEEDBACK



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. John Stumbo & Terry Smith both delivered great messages with several hundred in attendance.



# CAMPGROUND

Summit Grove offers 6 RV sites & 10 tent sites. Next year, we have decided to **prioritize the renovation of our lower campground** for several reasons:

- This summer, a storm took down the telephone poles feeding electricity into our lower campground. We will run **new electrical lines** underground.
- Somewhere in our campground is an **active leak** that we have been unable to locate. We have a chance of stopping that leak with this upgrade.
- Our current camping spots are not well defined. We will be laying stone to **create clarity and continuity across each site**.



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## NIGHTS

We served 53 nights of camping this year, and hope to serve even more next year!



We've learned that because of our location (halfway point on the NCR/YCH trail), we've been attracting many bikers! We are working on making our camp more biker-friendly and well-known within that community.

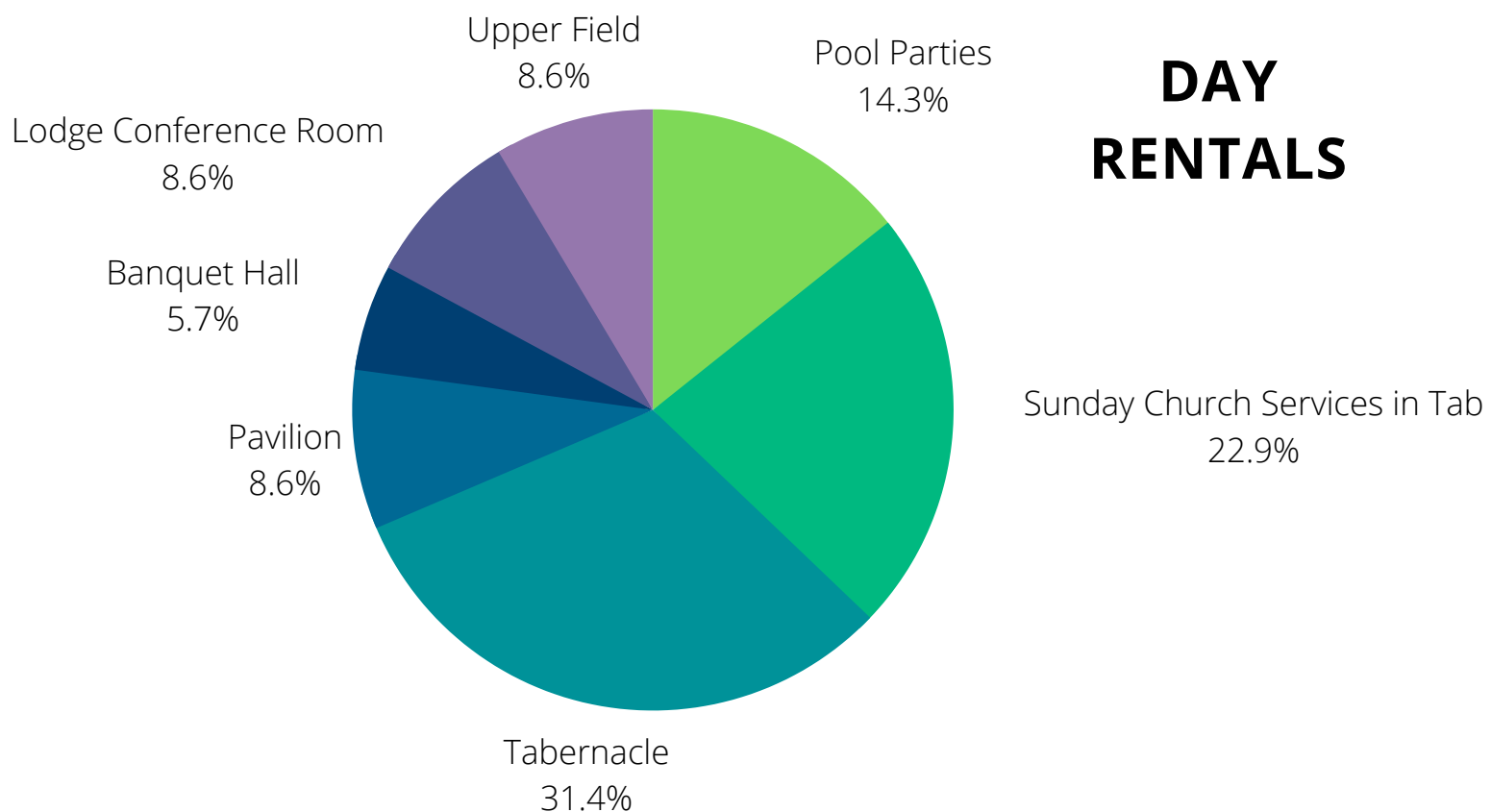


# DAY RENTALS

Our grounds & meeting spaces are available for rent throughout the year. When a group rents a space for just the day, we call this a Day Rental.

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## DAY RENTALS







# VOLUNTEERS

**Each year, we rely on our volunteers for the following tasks:**

- Lawn care
- Machinery maintenance
- Trash collection
- Plumbing & HVAC maintenance
- Tree trimming
- Construction Projects

**Special projects this year included:**

- Organizing materials in each of the buildings
- Rekeying all the locks
- Decluttering the property
- Painting multiple buildings to a matching color scheme
- Installing Tabernacle lighting
- Updating 5 A-Frame Cabins to optimize our guests' experience
- Performing long-overdue maintenance work on every lawn mower and golf cart
- Updating the Personal Retreat Cottage
- SO much more!

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## VOLUNTEERS

We couldn't do what we do without our incredible volunteers! Almost every day of the year, it seems there is a faithful volunteer taking care of the grounds, or a generous donor giving towards our mission. We are so grateful!





# CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

All year, we've had many volunteers & donors to step up and help make improvements on camp. Some of these include:

- Tabernacle renovations
- Painting the exterior of many buildings
- Renovating the Chapel
- Installing & staining the maintenance fence
- Installing new garage doors on the maintenance shed



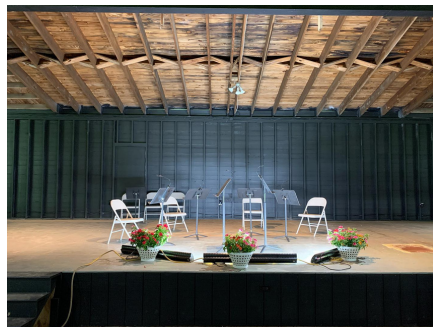


# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Because Summit Grove is located half a mile from the center of New Freedom, we take great pride in being a pillar of hope, fun & engagement in our community!



Fourth of July party and fireworks show



Chamber Music Invitational



Community Yard Sale with Koller Pointe Neighborhood



Be Your Best Athlete Athletic Training held a camp for teens on our grounds



Northern Central Railway collaboration

**Stay tuned for many more events that engage our local community next year!**





# 2021 VISION

## MISSION STATEMENT

After much prayer & conversation among the Board, we've updated our mission statement and core values! This will help us honor the Lord in all our decisions & offer excellent service to our guests.

**"We create space for people to encounter God, connect with others, and enjoy life through quality hospitality, intentional partnerships, and biblical discipleship."**

## CORE VALUES

1. Everything belongs to God
2. Every person is valuable
3. Serving with excellence
4. Honoring our history
5. Welcoming environment

## PARTNERSHIPS

We feel God is calling us into a new season of partnership programming in 2021. Our community and region is filled with incredible ministries & organizations doing amazing work. We want to partner with them in creative ways, furthering God's Kingdom & glorifying Him along the way.





# BOARD & STAFF

## BOARD

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Doug Conley     | Ralph Lashley  |
| Bill Klees      | Kevin Allison  |
| Doug Wahler     | Terry Amig     |
| Duane Stine     | Travis Lambert |
| James Connolly  | Dustin Kunkle  |
| Dave Williamson | Joe Burchill   |

Summit Grove Board members are vital to the health of our camp! Among many responsibilities, they have worked this year to prayerfully provide vision, support the staff and develop a mission-minded atmosphere at Summit Grove. Three board members have completed their 3-year term, and their positions will be replaced by **Travis Farmer** and **Paul Davis** in 2021.

Summit Grove's FT staff consists of Executive Director (Dustin) and Office & Guest Services Manager (Brandy). We are actively seeking to fill additional positions in 2021:

- Facilities Director
- Housekeeping
- Food Services
- Program Manager
- Ministry Development
- Seasonal Staff

## STAFF

2 Full Time  
2 Part-Time, As Needed  
29 Seasonal Summer Staff



# 2021 EVENTS



## MARK YOUR 2021 CALENDAR!

Dates are subject to change. Follow our social media pages & website for more information about each event!

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**Feb 19-21** - Youth Snow Tubing Retreat

**Apr 24** - Volunteer Work Day

**Apr 30 - May 2** - Be Still Women's Retreat

**May 22** - Community Yard Sale

**June - Aug** - Specialty Camps for Kids

**June 26** - Frisbee Golf Benefit Tournament

**July 3** - "Voices of America" Dramatic Performance

**July 17-24** - Family Camp Week

**Oct 8-10** - Cowboy Weekend & Dinner Theater

**Oct 30** - Fall Harvest Party & Pop-Up Market

**Nov 20** - Volunteer Work Day

### On the horizon for 2021

- Summit Grove Sundays
- Summer Family Series (Christian concerts, movie nights, community events)
- Family Days (in partnership with First Fruits Farms)
- Much more will be announced throughout the year!