

TRUE VINE TIMES

BEAVER CAMP DID YOU KNOW?

In 1914 a Dorothy Jackson and her husband bought the property where Beaver Camp is located from a Mary Fisher. The Jacksons hired a person to build the main lodge. They were the original owners of the dinning room table, bookshelves, and other furniture still in use today.

In 1946, Rev. O.T. Anderson purchased the property and started **Beaver Camp for Boys**. James and Lois Shapland bought and operated the camp until 1969.

In 1964 Mennonite families and churches formed a committee to investigate the property. This committee was called the **Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association (AMCA)**. In the **winter of 1969**, the real estate agent for the Beaver Camp for Boys took the AMCA committee members on a tour of a very snow covered Beaver Camp. It was quite an impressive journey as they had to cross a washed out creek with planks, and the pictures show a person carrying an infant along the tour. **Jerry Boshart** notes that they also had to trudge over a number of high snowbanks.

Another interesting side note is that **Cal Beachy** discovered prefabricated motel units in Batavia NY around 1975 (24 units) -purchased for \$1500 and transported to Beaver Camp.

This and many other interesting stories can be found in the Beaver Camp hardcover book, published in 2019.

Many thanks to Jerry and Verna Mae for letting me borrow this book. (Jerry is a great person to share more stories about the history of Beaver Camp).

I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. Psalms 59:16

The following is a poem that **Arlene Snyder** wrote at some point when we first started The True Vine Times. As I read the above verse today, I thought it would be an appropriate time to reprint it.

My Super Hero

~ by Arlene Snyder

The Lord is my Super Hero
I talk with Him each day.
He takes my hand and walks with me,
Along the narrow way.
An artist at His very best, as all of us can see,
The winter snow so pure and white, it's all a mystery.
The birds that sing and build their nest,
and flowers bloom their very best.
The fragrance of a rose so sweet,
My hero gives me the nicest treats.
He puts a rainbow in the sky,
and paints a sunset when the day will die.
And when my days on earth are done,
My Super Hero will say " It's time to come"
As he gently takes my hand, I'll be forevermore in eternity!
With My Super Hero, the Lord.



The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown" Matthew 8:25

Although the disciples had witnessed many miracles, they panicked in this storm. As experienced sailors they knew its danger, what they did not know was that Christ could control the forces of nature.

There is often a stormy area of our human nature where we feel God can't or won't work. When we truly understand who God is, however, we will realize that he controls both the storms of nature and the storms of a troubled heart. Jesus' power that calmed this storm can also help us deal with the problems we face. Jesus is willing to help if we only ask him. We should never discount his power even in terrible trials.

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I was reminded recently by Jamison, after commenting on a sad looking plant, that **"Everything is beautiful in its own way."** Thank you Jamison for your words of wisdom!

~ Pam Keough

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Libby Wideman and Emma Albrecht are traveling to Beaver Camp this weekend to serve. They provided the following update:

"Beaver camp has always been a special place to us, where we have grown in our faith and cultivated lifelong friendships. The extraordinary thing about those friendships is that we can go months or years without seeing one another and when we get together it's as if no time has passed. This summer we will be serving at camp for two weeks. We are not certain what those two weeks will entail, but are confident God will use us and our gifts to bless the staff and campers."

A BIT OF HUMOR:

Q: Why don't mummies go on camping?

A: They're afraid to relax and unwind!

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A gummy bear.



The above picture is the construction of the Pavilion started in October 1970 and fully enclosed by 1973



CCAM Annual Beaver Camp Retreat, Labor Day weekend, is now open for registration for CCAM attenders. Registration is open to guests of attenders on Sunday, August 8th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to a committee member (Jack & Pam Keough, Cindy Miller, Ann & Julia Meyers). You can check out the following link for information on Beaver Camp and our congregational retreat: <http://www.ccamchurch.org/beaver-camp.html>

