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Coming Events:

Heritage Days, Shaver's Creek, Manor Hill Meeting House, August 16 and 17

Presbytery Office Open House, Wednesday, August 20, 2-4 PM

Special Presbytery Meeting, 12:30 PM, Tyrone Church

Presbyterian Home Golf Tournament

*By Vicki Thompson, CFRE, Director of Development
 Presbyterian Homes in the Presbytery of Huntingdon*

How would you like to spend a beautiful autumn day strolling through a gorgeous, rolling meadow? The Presbyterian Homes will be holding their Second Annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 22, 2003, at Scotch Valley Country Club in Hollidaysburg. The event will benefit the Presbyterian Homes in Blair, Huntingdon and Centre Counties.

Registration begins at 10:45 am, with an outdoor barbeque lunch at 11:15, sponsored by McKesson Medical-Surgical. Play begins with a shotgun start at noon. The event is open to men and women golfers of all skill levels. Entries with less than a foursome will be paired with other golfers.

Prizes will be awarded for Hole-in-One, closest to the pin, longest drive (men and women), straightest drive, and longest putt. All participants will receive a door prize as well.

The cost is \$100 per golfer or \$400 per foursome. Businesses may display their names on one of the tee or green signs that day for \$250 and



Golfers enjoyed a beautiful day at Presbyterian Homes' First Annual Golf Outing last year.

other sponsorships are available. The outing will conclude with a dinner at 5:00 at the Allegro at Scotch Valley.

We have sent a supply of brochures to each of the churches in the Presbytery. For more information, to register, to volunteer, or to receive a brochure, please contact Elia Ofiesh or Steve Dale at 695-6371 or efiesh@presbyhome.com or sdale@presbyhome.com.

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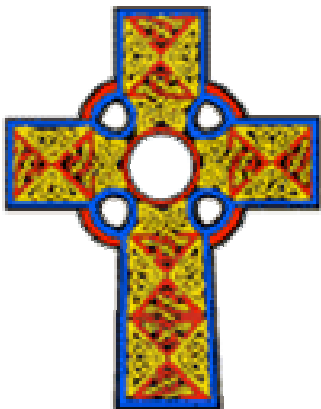
Please send or deliver labels to: Mrs. Anne Ferguson, Administrator, Windy Hill Village, PO Box 551, 100 Dogwood Drive, Philipsburg, PA 16866. Thanks for your help!

Submission deadlines
for
Agape Herald:

September issue:
September 6th

October issue:
October 5th

Celtic Spirituality Retreat



A one day retreat on Celtic Spirituality, led by Prue Yelincik from Oasis Ministries in Harrisburg will be held at the Hartman Center outside Milroy on October 18th. Celtic Spirituality is not to be confused with New Age theology. The Irish Church, founded by St. Patrick, flourished in the early churches when Ireland was the center of learning. It grew side by side with the Roman Catholic Church until the Celtic Church's influence was diminished.

Recently, interest in the early Celtic Church has grown as many have found spiritual sustenance and revitalization in its writings and traditions. The Celtic Church seemed particularly open to the winds of the Holy Spirit and inclusive of diverse strands of faith, building the many differences into a community "refreshingly free of prejudice" and effective in ministry and mission to all people. The life of the church was characterized by simplicity, holiness, authenticity, and a deep concern for the poor and children. Someone described the community as being made up of "People prepared to swim against the tide."

The Bible was the foundation of their faith. The beauty of the famous book of Kells provides tangible evidence of the depths of the devo-

tion. As a people, they were intuitive and visionary seeing evidence of God's Spirit in the life around them. Living close to nature, they wrote to God speaking through his creation to those with the eyes to see and the ears to hear. A creative people, their music and prayers speak to us today.

Join us for a day of introspection and growth in the Spirit as we meet the saints of the Celtic Church on October 18 from 9:30 to 3:30. Watch for further news at our September Presbytery meeting.

Northeast Wee Kirk Conference

Planned to supplement the ministries of small churches (fewer than 201 members), this conference will include keynote presentations by

Eugene Peterson on "A Scripture Shaped Identity: Pastor and Congregation"

Jan McGilliard on "Guinea Pigs for God: Squealing for Joy from Cradle to Grave"

And

George Goodman on "Conflict: Venture to Speak Truth with Love"

Plus a host of workshops!

Dates: October 13 - 15, 2003 at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mount Pleasant, PA.

Contact the Presbytery office for registration information.



Krislund Korner

40th Staff Reunion Success

Former counselors, staff and their families numbered more than 105 for the July 5th Staff Reunion. Wall climbing, swimming, singing, eating, and lots of reminiscing occurred during the full day. Rev. Tor Edvar and wife, Linda, attended for this wonderful celebration of Krislund past, present, and future. Plans are being made for future events. Please call the Camp office (814.422.8878) if you have names & addresses for former staff wishing to receive the alumni newsletter.

Tax Refund & Donate an Acre

Parents of Krislund campers are designating their federal tax refund for an acre of new land in honor of their children. They have asked us to share their idea as an encouragement to others interested in making a long-term investment in Christian education and conservation at Krislund. Your donated acre contribution is tax deductible and can be designated, if you wish, "in honor of" or "in memory

of" special people in your life. We invite you to become a Donate an Acre partner for \$800 an acre.

Wanted: Eagle Projects & Work Groups

Krislund has been the beneficiary of wonderful work groups and BSA Eagle scouts. There is still much to be done, with many opportunities for weekend or extended work projects. For more information regarding needs and ideas, contact Kent Rishel, maintenance director, at 814.422.8820 or kenttheboss@juno.com.

Marriage Retreat, Oct. 18, '03

Autumn at Krislund is superb and so will be the 9-6:00pm marriage vitalization event planned for this Saturday in October. Enjoy the scenery, good food, hot fireplace, and each other in the calm of the Camp's Retreat Center. Under the experienced leadership of Duff and Jay Rearick, marriage seminar leaders for more than 6 years, couples will experience a wonderful mix of scriptural exploration and a fun, laid-back style for tackling a variety of marriage topics. Call the Camp for more information or write Jacki at jerkrislund@juno.com.

Schedule a Day or Overnight Retreat NOW

More than three dozen groups have reserved the Camp for a fall, winter retreat in 2003. Krislund offers many winterized housing and adventure program opportunities during the off season. Sharon can help you sched-

ule an event by writing to her at krislndsec@juno.com. Allow us to serve you for an unforgettable time of fun and renewal.

Presbyterian Foundation Looking for Staff

The Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation is recruiting Regional Vice Presidents for Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia, as well as Development Officers for Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Louisville, Tampa and Washington, DC. Candidates must be deacons, elders or clergy in the Presbyterian Church (USA), have a four-year college degree, have or be capable of attaining and holding appropriate professional registrations and licenses including Series 6 and 63, have demonstrated success in managing major gifts and/or planned giving programs, solid human relations and mentoring abilities. For positions in Atlanta, Contact Ryan Zweifler, Principal, Kittleman & Associates, 300 South Wacker Dr, Suite 1710, Chicago, IL 60606, 312-986-1166, rzweifler@kittleman.net. For other areas, contact Ed Rivera, same address and phone, erivera@kittleman.net.

God in Our Midst: A Conference for Those In- volved in the Educational Ministry of the Church

Sponsored by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, this event will be at the Marriott Waterside Hotel and Convention Center in Norfolk/Williamsburg, VA
January 28 - 31, 2004

It is a time of inspiration, reflection, fellowship, learning and sharing for all interested Christian education volunteers, clergy and Christian educators.

Agape Herald is published monthly by the Presbytery of Huntingdon. Submissions are welcome and encouraged. You may submit articles and photos to the Editor, Lesley Gardiner, at Gardinerfnp@yahoo.com or on a 3.5 disc in either Macintosh or Windows format. All discs and photos with a return address will be returned to the owner. Please note the submission deadlines located in the newsletter. Late articles will appear in the next published edition of *Agape Herald*.

Services of Healing: Mind, Body, and Spirit Connected

By Lynn L. Illingworth
Pastoral Care Consultant

When our Lord sent out the twelve disciples, He told them, "...to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick" (Luke 9:2). For the Hebrew it wasn't only for physical ailments rather what is referred to as "Holistic" healing which includes body, mind, and spirit or soul. The ancient Jew believed all three were necessary. For our Lord it began with the spirit. About a third of the Gospels has our Lord performing such curing. Thus, from a faith approach, the integration of the three is vital and in essence is the message of salvation.

In the early apostolic church, it was central to worship as well as mission. The Reformers followed by insisting that spiritual healing or holistic health took place by God's grace in Jesus Christ. That continues to hold true and always will.

From early Christian times, yes even before, anointing with oil was a process used for wholeness. It was felt that the anointing would offer to the informed spiritual strength that would compliment the body's natural powers of healing. It would help one to move from the profane to a more sacred approach.

Recently, our presbytery held a "Service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness" at the Petersburg-Bethel Church, and experience that was gratifying

for those who attended. Likewise, Sam Strohm holds similar services at the West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church in Belleville; one which I recently attended and was spiritually rewarded. It is my desire to hold like services through our presbytery in the months to come. I'm asking for churches to help me.

I would be wonderful to have churches in the counties of our area contact me and make the church available for such services. Would pastors or clerks talk it over with the sessions and then get in touch with me? Working with the pastor or the clerk, I will make the necessary arrangements—i.e., order of service, sacred oil, etc. It is ultimately the love of God in Christ that starts the healing, drawing God and humanity together.

To say we love is to say we want God's will for healing for the person. It is the source of power that begins the process. Please contact me at:
2581 W. Whitehall Road
State College, PA 16801
Telephone—814-234-2415

An update on our list of those needing our prayers and greetings:

Peg McCardle had successful surgery at the Williamsport Hospital; is now home and doing well.

Jean Haynes, our Resource Center Coordinator, had open heart surgery at the Geisinger Hospital on July 28th. She is now home and each day getting stronger. Her address is:

301 S. Moshannon Ave.

Spirituality: Health and Well-being

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network Annual Conference

October 22-25, 2003

Fiesta Inn Resort
Tempe, Arizona
(A suburb of Phoenix)

Keynote Speaker
Martha Richards, MSW,
LICSW

Worship Leader
Dr. Dosia Carlson

For more information call
1-888-728-7228

Registration information and materials can be obtained by calling the number above.

Accommodations are made separately through Fiesta Inn Resort
1-800-528-6481
(Tell them you are attending the POAMN conference)

Scholarships available for first time participants!
Deadline for scholarships is August 31, 2003

Presbytery Office Open House

On Wednesday, August 20, there will be an open house at the new presbytery office from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The Bellwood Logan Valley Presbyterian Church is providing light refreshments, and staff will be available to give informal tours of the new office space. Come and see where many of our meetings will be held and where your staff can be found! All are welcome.

Proclaiming the Gospel in a Pluralistic Society

The 2003 forum on ecumenical relations is sponsored by both the Pennsylvania Council of Churches (the mechanism by which we Presbyterians in PA work together with other Protestants, Anabaptists, Friends, Anglicans and Orthodox Christians) and the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference.

This daylong event features three keynote speakers, Dr. S. Wesley Ariarajah, The Rev. Dr. Gary G. Nicolosi, and The Most Rev. Joseph Martino, all addressing how to share our faith with integrity in a culture where no one faith predominates and tolerance, even acceptance, is a cultural norm. October 27, 2003 from 10:00 am until 3:30 pm at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg, PA.

Lay Pastor Training

October 11:
Old Testament

October 26:
New Testament

To reserve your space and materials, contact the Presbytery Office at 814-742-2200

Retreat For Persons With Disabilities

"Walking with Jesus Through the Valley" is sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity. Date and place: September 12 - 14, 2003 at Camp Kenbrook just north of Lebanon, PA.

Churchwide Transformation Conference

For all leaders in congregations looking for transformation and revitalization, this event will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina January 22 - 25, 2004. It is sponsored by our denominational church transformation network.

August/September 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 AUT Meeting 1:30 PM Presbytery Office	20 9:30 AM Staff Mtg. @ Presbytery Office 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House @ Presbytery Office	21 1:00 p.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry Mtg. @ Presbytery Office	22	23
24	16 10:00 a.m. LUT Mtg. @ Huntingdon	26 9:00 a.m. Personnel Committee Mtg. @ Presbytery Office	27 4:00 p.m. DUT Mtg. @ Pine Grove Mills Church	28	29	30
31	1 Labor Day Holiday Presbytery Office and Resource Center Closed	2 10:30 a.m. Nominat- ing Committee Mtg. @ Tyrone Church Noon COM Mtg. @ Tyrone Church 12:30 p.m. Special Presbytery Mtg. @ Tyrone Church 1:00 p.m. Council Mtg. @ Tyrone Church	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Your Presbytery Office has moved!

As of Wednesday, July 30, 2003 the new address is:

The Presbytery of Huntingdon
323 Main Street
P.O. Box 99
Bellwood, PA 16617

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Fax: 814-742-2214

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admina@charterinternet.com

Bruce Brower, Treasurer
treasurer1@charterinternet.com

Joy Kaufmann, General Presbyter
gnrlpres@charterinternet.com

Ginny Rainey, Stated Clerk
statedclerk@charterinternet.com

If you need directions to the office, please either check the most recent edition of the "Agape Herald" or give us a call.

Directions to the new office: Take the Bellwood exit off of I99. Go straight through the light at old Rt. 220. Proceed into Bellwood. Turn right toward the business district at the "Y" in the road. (If you go over the overpass, you have missed turning onto Main Street.) At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Main Street. Proceed to #323, a red brick, two-story building on the left side of the street. Parking is available along the sidewalk and to the rear of the building.

See you at the open house!

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Pennsylvania State Pastor's Conference

"Praising Abraham's
God: Judaism,
Christianity,
Islam"

This three-day conference offers refreshing worship, meals for fellowship, dynamic keynote addresses, and a multitude of workshops.

Among the speakers will be Fahed Abu-Akel, immediate past moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (USA).

November 10 - 12, beginning at noon on the 10th with a luncheon and ending at 1:00 on the 12th, also with lunch.

Contact the Presbytery Office for registration

Worship Resources

Children in the Sanctuary: Involving Children Fully in the Worship Life of a Congregation. It includes six segments that can be easily adapted for an adult church school class about children in worship, plus worship resources, instructions about worship activity bags and guidelines for children's conversations.

Manor Hill Meeting House Schedule

Civil War Living History Encampment: Saturday, August 16, 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Manor Hill Presbyterian Meeting House

1862 Presbyterian Worship Service: Sunday, August 17, 10:30AM
Manor Hill Presbyterian Meeting House

Departure Rally for the Bible Company: Sunday
August 17, 2:00PM
Huntingdon Courthouse & Depot

In God We Trust: The Huntingdon Bible Company's Reenactment

Don't miss this chance to witness a truly historic occasion. Witness the reenactment of the commissioning of the Huntingdon Bible Company, Company C of the PA 125 army during the Civil War.

A host of Civil War Reenactors have been recruited to recreate the departure of the *Huntingdon Bible Company*. For directions or additional information, contact Rev. Richard Gardiner, Huntingdon Presbyterian Church, at 814-643-1302.



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