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When the Mother/  
Daughter Banquet is held  
on May 2 at Westminster  
Parish the guests will be  
greeted by a familiar  
clown...Thanks to Anita  
Theis from State College.

## GO WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE

By Joy Kaufmann,  
General Presbyter



Five people from our presbytery recently went to a New Church Development/Church Transformation conference jointly sponsored by Beaver-Butler Presbytery and Pittsburgh Presbytery. You may think of Pittsburgh Presbytery as the strongest in our nation numerically. Think again.

That presbytery has lost over one hundred congregations and fully half its membership to church closings in the past two decades. Beaver Butler is in a situation more like our own; slow but steady growth in some parts of the presbytery, along with declining population in other areas.

Led by The Rev. Charles "Chuck" Dennison, former new church development pastor and current general assembly staff, our group heard some fascinating information, met new friends in Christ and came home eager to share what we learned. Here are some of the highlights.

Music: it's the "soulfood" of any worshipping congregation. Many older congregations have a rich worship tradition that meets the spiritual needs of current members. Yet younger persons often do not access their faith through more traditional musical forms. This can be a real challenge for *continued on page 2*

## Judgment:

*by Lynn Illingworth,  
Pastoral Care Consultant*

The mute is a marvelous gadget on the remote for watching TV. It's handy to use, especially when one gets sick and tired of all the prescription drug ads that flood the tube. A touch on the mute and off goes the long list of side effects that may happen. One may be better off not taking them.

My mother-in-law, who spent years as a public health nurse on the north side of Pittsburgh, had a better remedy. She would say when you feel low, go and do a good deed for some unfortunate person."

It's the best spiritual medicine you could use. Our Lord didn't mince words when it comes to helping others. It's the standard to the dramatic Last Judgment when the sheep are separated from the goats. (See Matthew 25:31-46). Jesus is saying that the test for living is how well we act out our love for others and ourselves.

The tests are: did we feed the hungry? give drink? welcome the stranger? clothe the naked? visit the sick? and the one in prison? And to cap it all, do it to the least?... and thus respond to Christ.

It touches on the Reformation theme of the priesthood of all believers; for our ministry always involves human relations. It is in this arena that holiness and righteousness are satisfied. This is healing both spiritual and physical. This is salvation. This is the Grace of God.

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## WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE

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congregations. But if lay and clergy leaders discuss this openly and honestly, if the musician(s) are willing to talk about areas in which they are gifted and not, and if younger members or even non-members are then included in conversations, some congregations come up with plans that work for them across generations.

The world around us: there are lots of believers who are not believers. Census data and other surveys show that about 94% of the population in our country are people of faith. By this I mean that they believe in God. The vast majority of that 94% are of some kind of Christian background, so if asked, "Is Jesus the Son of God?", they would say, "Yes." Further, when asked, they would affirm that the Bible is the word of God. But of the total population, only 40% are actually members of congregations. This leaves 54% of the general population unchurched, but believing in basic Christian beliefs. Looks like a mission field, sounds like a mission field, must be a mission field!

Church plantings: where are they? In the mid-1960s our denomination intentionally stopped putting lots of time, effort and dollars into church plantings and put those resources into other areas. Interestingly enough, the year of the resource shift was the year our denominational membership began to decline.

This decline has occurred every year but one since we stopped planting churches where new populations of people were moving. At the same time, those denominations that consistently planted churches in large numbers continued to grow. In 1973 our Board of National Missions actually voted itself out of

## Krislund Korner

### The "May Flowers" Edition

#### ***WorkDay is Fun Day (May 1)***

The annual spring WorkDay is approaching. Beginning at 9:00 and ending by 4:00, this is a great time to transform the Camp from winter use to summer excitement. Painters, cleaners, canvas tent putter-uppers, tree cutters, and everyone interested in the fun is invited to attend. Krislund provides lunch, all you need to provide is the time. Please call the camp (814.422.8878) if bringing a group so we can prepare. We hope you can join us.

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#### **Special Campers Requesting Scholarships**

Habitat for Humanity and Angel Tree (a ministry of Prison Fellowship for children with an incarcerated parent) are eager to send children to summer camp. Krislund Camp is partnering with representatives of these organizations to find scholarship sources in order that these special children may attend Krislund camp this summer. Interested individuals and/or church groups are invited to send support to "Krislund Camp" and designated for "Special Needs Scholarships." All donations will be used exclusively for children and youth affiliated with Habitat or Angel Tree ministries. Join in this opportunity to transform the world by God's grace in Christ, one life at a time.

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#### ***Summer Staff Positions Available***

High school seniors are needed for male Assistant Counselors. A Service Coordinator position and Male Staff Facilitator role are open for persons of post-college age. The Service Coordinator manages camper service projects, including local nursing home visits. Male Staff Facilitator encourages, trains, and supervises all male counselors and support staff. And a Child Care position is open for someone 18 years or older to care for our Program Director's two year old. All positions require living at the camp and include salary, room, and board. Please contact Jacki if interested (jerkrislund@juno.com) . (Also, R.N. is needed for 6/27-7/3.)

existence, declaring that the United States of America was no longer a mission field. We might well ask ourselves in light of the gospel mandate to make believers of all nations, "What's wrong with this picture?"

These learnings, taken together and considered prayerfully, may help our presbytery begin to discern God's "what next" for us. Please join in praying that God's Holy Spirit will guide us in the

days ahead as the five persons who attended the conference share their findings with members of Council.

I am convinced God wants to do great things through our congregations and members. We just need to let God use us for God's own good purposes. I look forward to conversations on these topics in the days and months ahead.

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## CLERGY PROFILES

By Lee McCardle

Rev. William Harold Moore was born in 1935 at Pittsburgh to parents Charles Moore, a milkman, and Elinor Shafer Moore, a homemaker. Bill and wife Carol solemnized their marriage vows in 1959. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

Bill was age 5 when he first attended Sunday school. He felt drawn to the church. He was active in youth group, he taught a Sunday school class, and he was a church camp counselor. Out of those experiences, Bill felt a certain call to enter the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

He received his BA degree from Waynesburg College and his MDiv degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Bill says, "I felt called to serve small churches with a family atmosphere. I served two years in my first church. I later served 21 years as pastor of 2 small churches in a yoked parish. I was then called to the First Presbyterian Church of Philipsburg where I served 13 years."

Bill was honorably retired from the Philipsburg church on June 30, 2000. He served at the presbytery level as follows: Stated Clerk of Northumberland Presbytery for 5 years, Moderator of Huntingdon Presbytery, member of the Administrative Umbrella Team, and member of the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Homes.

He presently sings in the Philipsburg church choir when not preaching elsewhere. Bill enjoys cartooning, photography, and camping. He is reading "In Search Of Stones" by M. Scott Peck.

It's an inspiration to see intelligent winsome pastors such as Bill Moore enjoy their retirement and still serve the Lord.

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## Relationships by Bill Moore

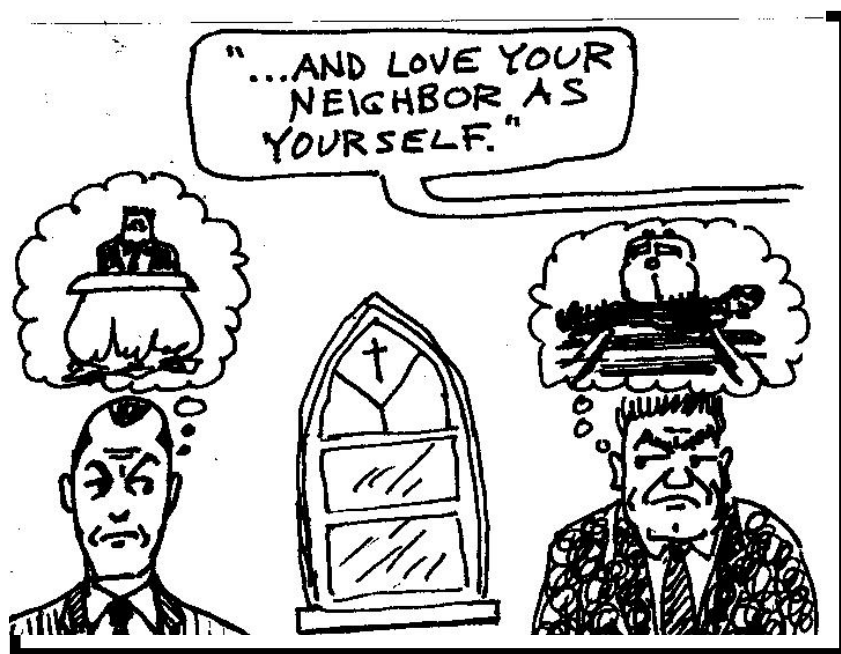


It's all about loving relationships. Relationships with God. Relationships with Jesus. Relationships with people, including ourselves.

When asked what the most important command in God's law is, Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it. Love others as well as you love yourself."

*(Matthew 22:37-39, Peterson's THE MESSAGE)*

At Christmas the Board of Deacons of First Presbyterian Church in Philipsburg sponsors a Giving Tree. The Deacons collect names of residents of the two Presbyterian Homes in



Philipsburg and the senior low-rent apartments who are alone in the world and likely to receive few, if any, Christmas presents. (Through a code system we never know for whom we are buying gifts, except that it is a man or a woman.) A resident of the nursing home knew I was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church and he would thank me profusely each time he saw me for over a year. He had received a sweater. More than that, he had received a gift of love.

Because someone had a loving relationship with Jesus and his Father, and thought well of his neighbor and self, a lonely man found love and joy at Christmas. It's all about loving relationships.

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## Dubois Women Netting Rewards

*Submitted by Joyce Smith,  
Moderator, Dubois PW*

Although there are few flies and mosquitoes in Dubois during the winter, that has not stopped the



Women at Dubois Church are working putting together mosquito nets. Seated (from left) are Ruth Sullivan and Samantha Smith. Standing (from left) are Nancy McNaughton, Dolores Gruda, Bubbles Paterson, Mary Louise McFall and Joyce Smith.

women in the Dubois Presbyterian Women's groups from being wrapped up in mosquito netting. They have been busy making nets for the networker project in Africa.

The project was developed by the International Health Ministries of the Presbyterian Church USA. The women in Dubois heard about the project at church-wide gathering of Presbyterian Women last July.

It is a project to make mosquito nets for pregnant women and children in Asia and Africa, to help prevent the spread of malaria. Women in the USA have completed 7000 nets. Fifty of those nets came from Dubois.

It takes from three to three and a half hours to complete one net. The women were frustrated at first but as time progressed, it became easier and the women reported having a great time of fellowship as they worked.

Their prayer is that many children will be saved from the dreaded disease of malaria.

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Plan ahead for the **13th Annual Synod PW Gathering** at Waynesburg College. It will be June 17, 18 and 19 during which several workshops and discussions are planned. More about Spring Gathering next month, but make a note in your calendar now and contact Holly Kithcart if you know someone who could use a scholarship for this event.

## JUNE PRESBYTERY ENRICHMENT EVENT: JUNE 22, 3:30-5:00

*Submitted by Alice Meloy,  
Chair, Leadership Umbrella Team*

Mark your calendars! If you are struggling to find appropriate curriculum for your Sunday School, help is on the way. Deannine Shipman, Director of Christian Education at the State College Presbyterian Church, will introduce the new and usable Presbyterian curriculum that was written with small churches in mind. It is user friendly and adaptable. Bring your questions and experience a hands-on event.

Deannine has expressed an interest in receiving your questions before the event. Her E-mail address is [d9shipman@aol.com](mailto:d9shipman@aol.com). If you choose the regular mail, address your question to Deannine Shipman, State College Presbyterian Church, 132 W. Beaver Ave. State College, Pa. 16801.

As a further enticement, the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church will offer a light supper for those attending. The Leadership Umbrella Team is excited about presenting this opportunity.

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or 717-349-2685*

## Expect to See Red in May

With Pentecost coming on May 30th, many churches celebrated the day with the color red—representing the flame of the Holy Spirit burning within our midst. Many wear red, fly red banners, and pass out red flowers. Upper Spruce Creek church gets festive with red balloons in all the windows, inviting children of all ages to “take one” and carry the flame to the community.

And another exciting thing that will occur on Pentecost at the Bellefonte Church is that 6 young people who completed confirmation classes will join the church.

## New Things at the Resource Center

*Submitted by Marie Carlson  
Acting Resource Center Coordinator*

First:

This month we have 5 BRAND NEW adult resources ready for borrowing. (Please see attached newsletter.) Two of these brand new resources are in keeping with Joy Kaufmann's (General Presbyter) talk at the 608th Stated Meeting and with her article in last month's Agape Herald.-- which was church growth and gaining new members. I hope that these new resources will be used often, and help all of your churches to reach it's goals of growth and new membership!

Second:

A new page was added to the web site! The new page is entitled "Tell Us What Resources You Would Like". This is a form to fill out telling us what kinds on things you would like to be considered for purchase and why. I hope that by compiling a "wish list" it will give us a place to start in knowing what kinds of things you need "in the field" when it is time to order new items. For more details, please visit the Resource Center web site at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~resourcemedi/>

## SACRED MUSIC LIBRARY

Located in the Hollidaysburg Church  
Penn and Walnut Streets, Hollidaysburg

*Submitted by Nancy Kraybill*

Our former organist, Elizabeth "Diddie" Good retired from her full time position as Head Librarian at PSU Altoona Campus. Upon her retirement, she planned to start a rental music library for the benefit of local churches. After ordering a great amount of music, it was determined that she was not allowed to rent this music, so she simply changed the name to, Lending Library. Upon her death, she provided an income to the library through her will so that work would be continued. While the Hollidaysburg Church is not involved with the operation of the Library, the library is located at the church and makes a contribution in lieu of rent. Everyone connected with the Library is a volunteer. While most are from the Hollidaysburg Church, we do have other denominations, and they come from Bellwood, Woodbury and Bedford.

The library provides a ministry open to all. All of the music has been computerized, and has been sorted by Composer, or Title of the music. One set of each anthem has been sorted into different binders such as SATB, SAB, Christmas, Easter, Communion, Weddings, etc.

There is no charge for this service. You are asked to simply borrow and return in a reasonable amount of time. Historically, if the library did not have the music desired, it could be ordered. Unfortunately, interest on the library's invested money has been reduced due to the economy and ordering music is now somewhat limited. Priority goes to music that can be sung by a regular church choir. In addition to choir anthems, there is music for cantatas, bell choir music, loads of sheet music for organ, piano, instrumental, etc.

A recent review of their borrowers shows that only eight Presbytery churches use music from this Library. The staff encourage all to use the library, especially smaller churches. With anthems now costing as much as \$1.60 each, the library can help to relieve the stress on church budgets.

The library is open on Monday, 1 to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. except on holiday weekends. If you cannot get there during operating hours, just call 814-695-5495 and leave a message about your interests and someone will get back to you.

What a wonderful legacy from a Christian music lover.

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### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPERIENCE A GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING?**

This year General Assembly will meet in Richmond, VA, a reasonable drive from our presbytery. We would like to organize vans to take those of us who wish to be present for the opening of GA on Saturday, June 26, the election of the moderator that evening, and the opening worship on Sunday, June 27. Our vehicles would then head back to the Huntingdon Presbytery in time for people to be home by the evening of the 27th.

You would need to be prepared to pay for one night in a local hotel, with arrangements to be made by the presbytery staff, and to cover all meals while we travel. But transportation would be free and the company will be great!

If you would like to take part in the "Huntingdon Presbytery GA Caravan", please contact the presbytery office at 814-742-2200.

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## Resource Center Web Page

*Submitted by Marie Carlson  
Acting Resource Center Coordinator*

Please visit the Resource Center's new web page. It's the first place to look for the resources you need. In addition, you will find the Resource Center newsletters for all of this year, a page with a form to fill out if you have any ideas or suggestions for new items that you would like the Resource Center to consider purchasing, the Resource Center mission statement, and other helpful information.

**<http://home.earthlink.net/~resourcemedia/>**

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Email: [resourcemedia@earthlink.net](mailto:resourcemedia@earthlink.net)  
to reserve items.*

Check out this new and helpful website for all campers in Huntingdon Presbytery...

**[www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org)**



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## Presbytery Calendar

- May 3 Leadership Umbrella Team Mtg.  
@ Huntingdon Church
- May 4 Presbyterian Women Gathering
- May 4 1:30 p.m. Administrative Umbrella Team  
@ Presbytery Office
- May 5-7 Board of Pensions Training @ Philadelphia
- May 10-11 Board of Pensions Pre-Retirement Seminar  
@ Altoona Broad Ave. Church
- May 12 Board of Pensions Fiscal Fitness Seminar  
@ Altoona Broad Ave. Church
- May 13-14 Executive Presbyter's Forum @ Bedford
- May 18 9:00 a.m. Personnel Committee Mtg.  
@ Presbytery Office
- May 19 4:00 p.m. Discipleship Umbrella Team Mtg.  
@ Pine Grove Mills Church
- May 25 1:30 p.m. Administrative Umbrella Team Mtg.  
@ Presbytery Office
- May 31 Memorial Day Holiday, Presbytery Office  
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## Petersburg Men Host Banquet

*Submitted by Jim Davis*

The men of the Petersburg Bethel Church will prepare and serve the Mother/Daughter/Friend banquet this year to an expected 175. It is a great day for the gentlemen and even greater day for the ladies. This is another opportunity for the church to go beyond its membership and expand the mission of the church. The "Irrepressible Reeds" will provide the entertainment, along with door prizes, conversation, and new acquaintances.

The Irrepressible Reeds are three young men from Juniata Valley High School who have presented special music in many local churches. Will Nichols from the Sinking Valley Church is a member of the group.

## Presbytery Prayer Calendar

### May 2: Coalport Congregation

Rev. Glen Eason, Moderator

### Curwensville Congregation

Rev. Dan Ledford, Pastor

### May 9: DuBois Congregation

Rev. Beth Garrod-Logsdon

Assoc. Pastor—Moderator

### Glen Ritchey Congregation

Rev. Chuck Swenson,

Moderator

### May 16: Holidaysburg Congregation

Rev. Kathy Colebank,

Moderator

### Houtzdale Congregation

Rev. Richard Berggren,

Moderator

### May 23: Huntingdon Congregation

Rev. Richard Gardiner, Pastor

### Irvona Congregation

Rev. Glen Eason, Moderator

### May 30: Synod of the Trinity

Staff—Commissioners

### Lemont Spring Creek Congreg.

Rev. Geoffrey Huish,

Moderator

## Collaboration between PCUSA The International Ministries and Presbyterian Women

*Submitted by Holly Kithcart*

*Moderator, Huntingdon Presbytery PW*

- 2004 is the fifth anniversary of the collaboration of the International Health Ministries of the PCUSA and PW to protect families from malaria.
- In 2003 PW contributed over \$100,000 to the NetWorkers Malaria Prevention Program. PW is also involved in the hands-on activity of sewing nets from kits, 4000 in the last year alone.
- The NetWorkers Safe Motherhood Project provides these nets which are treated with insecticide along with malaria prevention education to expectant mothers in north and central Malawi, Africa. Only 5% of the women in the rural areas have access to nets and preventative medicines.
- There are 24 million pregnancies in Africa each year.
- Pregnant women are four times more likely to contract malaria than anyone else and twice as likely to die from the disease.
- Malaria is the number one cause of infant mortality in Africa.
- Besides anemia, decreased productivity and fatigue for sufferers in general, malaria causes abortion of the fetus, premature birth, and low birth weight.
- It creates loss of income and 30% of Malawi's national budget is spent on hospital care for malaria patients while the families spend an average of 20% of their household income seeking medical care for malaria. The average yearly income is \$150.
- The NetWorkers Safe Motherhood Project targets expectant mothers and children.
- The PCUSA is teamed with the Reformed Church in America and the Central Church of Africa to fight malaria.

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## Krislund Hiring Summer Staff

*Submitted by Steve Cort  
Camp Director*

Krislund Camp, located 23 miles east of State College, PA is a Christian Camp offering ministry opportunities to seniors in high school, college-age students and adults who desire to serve God and youth in a camp setting. Krislund Camp offers programs for children and youth in 3rd - 12th grade for a week long residential Christian camping experience. Krislund is open to all persons seeking grace in Jesus Christ.

### Available staff positions include:

- male and female counselors
- lifeguard
- adventure team staff\*
- child care worker (for 2 year old girl)
- male staff supervisor\*
- service project coordinator\*

Check out our website at [www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org) for a staff application or call Jacki at Krislund Camp at 814-422-8878 if you have any questions.

## Mentors Play Important Role for Communicants

*Submitted by Peggy Kendall*

Every youth who wishes to be confirmed in the State College Presbyterian Church has a sponsor who meets with them every Sunday beginning in mid-January. The meetings are in conjunction with the youth leaders and continue until the Retreat where the youth spend time studying and developing their statement of faith.

This year the retreat was held at Krislund from April 30-May 1. When the youth are confirmed, their sponsors stand with them in the front of the church as they make their public confessions of faith.

Often the sponsors give some sign of acceptance to the youth. For example, last year each sponsor had a cross which they wore when they met with their youth during the classes and then at the closing of the worship service when they made their commitment, the sponsors transferred their cross to the one they sponsored.

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