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A TRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL LADY

The Altoona area lost one of its precious natives on July 23, 2006 (Altoona's high school class of 1934). Her name is Marjorie E. Bennett and it would be very difficult for us to find a person who knew her who wasn't blessed by her love, humor, wit, and especially her music. We at Third Presbyterian Church (along with her extended Christian family at Juniata Presbyterian Church) are still sad for our own loss of not having her physically with us. However, as Christians, we celebrate her long-anticipated-victory for on July 23, 2006, in a blink of an eye, she was absent in the body and immediately present with her Lord and Savior (paraphrasing Paul's words—2 Cor. 5:8). Her sure and certain hope, though now only partially realized, will ultimately be effected at that glorious day when King Jesus returns at His Second Advent and she is

united to her physically resurrected body--a body without pain, tears, and tiredness.

At the Third Presbyterian Church she served tirelessly as its organist and pianist for over 50 years. Plus, she directed the church voice and bell choir.

Marj was one of those extra special congenial persons. We know of no one who came into contact with her that she did not bless.

To say that she loved the Lord Jesus would be to say that Mount Everest is a large pile of earth. She played weekly for those in nursing homes and veterans hospitals for three-quarters of her life (she died at the age of 89). In this way she lived out the scriptural exhortation to be "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."



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A Tribute to a Special Lady (Cont. from Page 1)

(Eph. 5:19 NKJV). There was no one in our midst who could do this better than Marjorie. She had a song-filled heart. Have her seated at a piano and God's gift of musical talent flowed from that music-filled-mind through those practiced hands.

She was gifted as well as a teacher of music and that was her employment most of her adult life. It would be an under statement to say that hundreds of people (if not over a thousand) in Blair County were

taught music by her during her teaching career. In the OT (2 Chr. 5:12,14) the singing in the temple (when it was being dedicated) so honored the Lord that His glory came down. I believe there was a sense of that when the choir was under Marjorie's direction in her prime years. I can only imagine Marjorie's thrill to now be with the choirs of heaven singing "Glory, Glory to the Lamb of God!"



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Highland Park Presbyterian Church - 100 Years and Going Strong!

The congregation of Highland Park Presbyterian Church kicked off their centennial celebration on May 6, 2007. It was a beautiful day, and we were joined by many friends and visitors. For those of you who don't know our history, we are the youngest active congregation in the Presbytery of Huntingdon. The Highland Park Church was established on July 3, 1907, with nine charter members, and has provided spiritual strength as well as compassionate assistance for residents of the local community. We have been blessed through the years with a succession of pastors whose guidance and leadership has allowed us to grow and flourish, as well as with members and friends whose faithfulness and devotion to God have made it an inspiring presence in the community. Leading up to our celebration we were featured in both the Lewistown Sentinel and the County Observer. We even received a citation and blessing from the Senate of Pennsylvania,

sponsored by Senator Jake Corman's office.

Although, we shared stories from the past on the 6th, as a congregation, we look forward to what God has planned for us in the years to come.

Our celebration was marked with a special worship service. One of our former pastors, The Reverend Charles Carson came from Missouri to share the day's message. The Presbytery of Huntingdon was represented by The Reverend Joy Kaufmann and others. Special music was provided by Chris Ruble, a local Christian singer who has won several awards for his musical gift. We were blessed to have so many friends to share our special day with us. After an inspiring worship celebration, everyone gathered for a time of food and fellowship. During that time,

people had opportunities to look back through history, as we displayed pictures, bulletins, and newspaper clippings and shared stories. We even watched some home films that captured many years of the congregation's life, particularly those years in the 1960's when the original building was torn down to make room for the new, existing building.

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Submitted by The Rev. Christina L. Trimble, current pastor



The Highland Park Church was established on July 3, 1907

Mt. Union Presbyterian Church Celebrates Centennial!

The Mt. Union Presbyterian Church will observe the Centennial of its church building in 2008. On July 8, 2007, the laying of the cornerstone rededication will be observed. A special service, during the regular morning worship hour, will be conducted by Rev. Frank Moist. This will be followed immediately with the serving of cake and ice cream in the lounge area. All are invited to attend. Several other activities, including the publication

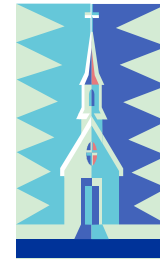
AN OLD-FASHIONED OUTDOOR SUMMER FEAST...

You are invited to the Lewistown Presbyterian
“ALL CHURCH FAMILY
PICNIC”
Tuesday, July 10, 2007
Derry Park
Green Pavilion – next to the creek
Seating to eat at 6 p.m.
Bring some yummy goodies to
share for dinner.
Table service and drinks will be
provided.
Outdoor fun – Miniature Golf
Tournament – Games
- Arlene lewispres@comcast.net



AN OLD-FASHIONED
OUTDOOR
SUMMER FEAST...

of an historical booklet, are being planned for the remainder of the year in conjunction with the celebration, which will conclude in July of 2008. Submitted by Helen Westbrook, communicator fswgolf2@verizon.net



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News from Upper Spruce Creek

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On June 13 we will begin our second annual Summer Breakfast Club. We meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Pastor's home for breakfast which he cooks. At 9 a.m. we discuss a book which John has chosen. Last year it was Tony Campolo's *Speaking My Mind*. This year we are starting with C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. We generally meet until 10 a.m. It is a great time of fellowship and sharing of ideas and different opinions in a relaxed atmosphere. The cost is \$20.00 for

the book and breakfast. On July 8 we will have our annual outdoor service including the Lord's Supper. This year it will be hosted by the David Burns family in their lovely garden. In case of rain we will meet at the church. We are considering looking at theology in movies. The second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. the Graysville Community Card Club meets at the church. Card games from Pinochle to Hearts to Bridge to Phase 10 have been played so far. No chips allowed. Peggy Kendall
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Do We Have Your 911 Address?

Have you recently changed your email address? Did you finally get a 911 street address? The Presbytery Office wants to know! We are trying to save per capita dollars by sending more things electronically and you can help by keeping up us to date with your information. We currently have email addresses for most of our ministers. Our goal is to have email addresses for most of our churches, clerks and treasurers by the end of this year. Please consider letting us know if you have an email account.

Also, the Presbytery Directory is printed each spring. At every Presbytery meeting after publication, we include a Directory corrections sheet to keep everyone up with the changes. Please watch for these sheets. If you are listed in the directory, please let us know if there are changes.

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Presbytery Calendar

JUNE 2007

- May 31-June 2** Reforming Ministry Conference
- June 4** 7pm – Small Church Assessment Team at Philipsburg Church
- June 5** 1pm Council meeting at Presbytery Offices
- June 6** 3pm – Nominating Committee meeting at Presbytery Offices
- June 7** 3:30 – Steering Committee for the Funding the Future Campaign at Krislund
- June 9** 10:am – Funding the Future Advocate Training at Krislund
- June 10** General Assembly Moderator at Westminster Church in Mifflintown
- June 12** 1pm – COM sub-committee Ministry to Congregation meeting at Presby Offices
5pm - Joint Camp and Conference Committee (JCCC)
- June 13-15** Synod Summer Conference at Arcadia College
- June 15-16** Synod Disabilities Retreat
- June 20** 9:30 Quarterly Staff meeting
- June 21** 4pm – Steering Committee meeting for Funding the Future Campaign at State College Church
- June 24** 150th Anniversary of the Tyrone Church
- June 26** Events on this day take place at Windy Hill Presbyterian Home in Philipsburg:
3:30 Enrichment workshop “Environmental Stewardship”
4pm – Committee on Ministry (COM)
5pm - dinner
6pm – Presbytery Meeting

JULY 2007

- July 4** Presbytery Offices closed for Independence Day
- July 16** Agape Herald deadline for articles
- July 17-22** Youth Triennium at Purdue University in W. Lafayette, IN
- July 18** 9:30 Staff meeting at Presbytery Offices
- July 22** 150th Anniversary of Tyrone Church
- July 29-Aug. 4** Trinity Youth Conference

AUGUST 2007

- Aug 14** 5pm – Joint Camp and Conference Committee (JCCC) at Krislund
- Aug 15** 9:30am – Staff meeting at Presbytery Offices
- Aug 16** 9:30am – Discipleship Umbrella Team (DUT) at the Waffle Shop in State College
- Aug 21** 9:30am – Personnel Committee meeting at Presbytery Offices
1pm – Committee on Ministry (COM) meeting at Presbytery Offices
- Aug 28** 1:30pm – Administrative Umbrella Team (AUT) at Presbytery Offices

ENRICHMENT EVENT ON JUNE 26

Look for more training opportunities listed on Page 7 of this issue!

On Tuesday, June 26 at 3:30 pm at the Windy Hill facility of Presbyterian Homes, our Leadership Umbrella Team will offer an enrichment event for all presbyters. Joy Bergey, a woman of faith who has worked on stewardship of the environment for many years, will share with us. If you want some tips about how better to care for God’s good creation, or just to better your knowledge of environmental stewardship, this event is for you. All are welcome. Please let presbytery staff know if you want to attend the light supper to follow the enrichment event. Phone – 814-742-2200 or e-mail admina@atlanticbbs.net

Prayer Request Calendar

3 June

Synod of the Trinity Synod Staff
Elder Deb Hetrick, Commissioner
Rev. Christina Trimble, Commissioner

10 June

Lemont Spring Creek Congregation

Rev. David Meyer, Stated Supply,
Moderator

Lewistown Highland Park Congregation

Rev. Christina L. Trimble, Pastor

17 June

Lewistown Congregation

Rev. Robert L. Zorn, Parish Associate

24 June

Lower Spruce Creek Congregation

Rev. John C. Dean, Moderator
Rev. Norman Huff, Stated Supply

1 July

Madera Congregation

Rev. C. Richard Berggren, Moderator

Mapleton Depot Congregation

Rev. Keith Kensinger, Moderator

8 July

McAlevy’s Fort Congregation

Daniel J. Morris, CLP

McVeytown Congregation

Rev. Jeanette Rapp Mater, Pastor

15 July

Milesburg Congregation

Rev. Alfred Wilson, Moderator
Barbara Mosch, Temporary Supply

Mount Union Congregation

Rev. Keith Kensinger, Moderator

22 July

Osceola Mills Congregation

Rev. Richard Berggren, Temporary
Supply

Rev. Duncan Nichol, Moderator

29 July

Orbisonia Congregation

Rev. Elaine Africa, Moderator

**PA Furnace Upper Spruce Creek
Congregation**

Rev. John Diller, Pastor

Krislund Korner

FAMILY CAMP AUG. 19-25

Come for a week or any portion thereof. Housing options include bringing your own tent or RV, or staying in one of the Camp's cabins, covered wagons, or DAKs. Singles are welcome too. Family talent night, climbing the new wall, hikes, volleyball tournament, arts & crafts, swimming, picnic, and

mountain top campout are just some of the fun activities. Worship each night around our bonfire, enjoy delicious camp meals, and relax watching the stars Camp '07; costs will be posted on the website (www.krislund.org). For more information call the office.



TOUCH A LIFE... BE A CAMP COUNSELOR

Want to make a change? Be God's ambassador to campers and watch lives transformed. Paid positions are available. E-mail info@krislund.org and request a staff application packet



MOM'S RETREAT MOVED TO NOV. 2-4

The extended forecast predicts unseasonably high temperatures, beautiful fall colors, and exceptional renewal at the '07 Mom's Retreat. Mark your calendars; more information on speaker and schedule is coming later.

Be a Camp Counselor

Phone: 814.422.8878

Email: info@krislund.org

18 SUMMER CAMPS

THERE'S ONE FOR YOU

Leave the I-pod, MP-3, X-box, and the internet. Replace them with cave boating, 300-foot zipline, 60-foot swing, pamper pole trapeze, water basketball, and the new 60 foot climbing and rappel tower. Excitement, new friends, and strong faith await you at Krislund. Get a summer brochure and register now. E-mail info@krislund.org for information.

SUMMER YOUTH INSTITUTE

JULY 7 – 21, 2007

PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL

This event is geared especially for those young persons who will graduate from high school in 2008 and who are beginning to discern whether or not they are called to be a pastor or engaged in other types of Christian service. Tuition, room and board are free, although family, home church and our presbytery must cover transportation to and from the seminary. For information go to www.summeryouthinstitute.org or call 1-800-451-4194.

**Krislund summer camps are open to all.
Help us touch one life at a time by registering now!**

First Financial Training Workshop

The first ever Presbytery of Huntingdon Financial Training Workshop was held on May 12. This training was for any member of the church that handles finances. That includes the treasurer, bookkeeper, etc.

Joann Kimmel, our mission treasurer, and I presented the information. We had fourteen of our fifty churches represented with several churches sending more than one person. We took two hours and briefly covered treasurer responsi-

bility, mission forms, reporting to session, taxes, annual audits, budgets and resources. Each attendee was given a notebook with a copy of the Treasurer's Manual, a Financial Review Guide, and lots of resources to help with their jobs. The Board of Pensions has some wonderful handouts that help you deal with taxes. The idea was to give churches resources to use and a place to start looking when a problem arises. If you missed this, look for upcoming

training in conjunction with the annual records reviews.



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Resource Center has Expanded!

The Multi-Media Resource Center, located in the Presbytery Offices in Bellwood, has just expanded by 653 books! The books were donated to the Resource Center by Rev. Charles McGaha upon his retirement from the Reedsville East Kish Church. The Presbytery thanks Rev. McGaha for his donation and wishes him well in his retirement. You can come to the Presbytery Offices to browse through our newly enlarged Resource Center, call the office at 814-742-2200 and let me help you or you can search the database online at www.huntingdonresources.org.



You can search for items online at www.huntingdonresources.org

You can search for items by title, author, category, subject (what the book is about), Dewey Decimal Number, ISBN number, or publisher, or a combination of these. After your search, you can request any item(s) that you have found by simply placing a check in the box next to the item that you want. Don't forget to fill in the form at the top with your name and email address, then click the button that says "Request to borrow checked item(s)". I will receive your request and email you back with a confirmation letting you know when you can expect it in the mail.

In addition to the data base you will find other useful information on the Resource Center web site such as: a calendar of Huntingdon Presbytery's events for the whole year, tips on searching the data base, archived newsletters and information on how to contact both

The books were donated to the Resource Center by Rev. Charles McGaha upon his retirement from the Reedsville East Kish Church.

The Presbytery thanks Rev. McGaha for his donation and wishes him well in his retirement.

the Huntingdon Resource Center and the Northumberland Resource Center.

The Multi Media Resource Center(s) serves all the churches, pastors, and congregations, so please let your congregations know that they may borrow items.

Submitted by Marie Carlson

**6TH ANNUAL PRESBYTERIAN HOMES GOLF OUTING
Monday, September 24
Iron Masters Country Club,
Roaring Springs
For more information, please contact Dawn Garrity or Jim Steiner at 814-695-6371.**

A BASKETFUL OF EDUCATIONAL AND NURTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

About this time, my desk begins to pile high with brochures and flyers about educational and nurture opportunities in which you might have an interest. Below please find a list from which you may wish to choose - there appears to be something for just about everyone. I'll certainly be attending some of these events, and hope to see some of you at one or another. If you decide to go to any one of these events, and it's one within driving distance, please do call and maybe we can carpool! In Christ, Joy K.



**EDUCATIONAL AND
NURTURE
OPPORTUNITIES**

SYNOD DISABILITY RETREAT

**June 15 – 17, 2007
Kenbrook Bible Camp**

Do you or a loved one live a joyful life of faith while also living with a disability? If so, this retreat is for you. Sponsored by The Adults with Disabilities Network of The Synod of the Trinity, this event will feature a dynamic keynote speaker and activities for all. For more information, please contact Mitzi Kennedy at 717-569-3031 or mck440@comcast.net

National Pastors' Sabbath

June 28—July 2, 2007

**“Lift Up Your Eyes on High
and See....”**

Isaiah 40:26

A time for rest, reflection and renewal with other pastors, this annual event will once again be held at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort just outside of Salt Lake City, UT. (We've been told it's not that hard to get to, honest!) The schedule has ample time for rest and recreation as well as time for worship and group reflection. For more information, 888-728-7228 X 2417 or www.pcusa.org/pastorsabbath/

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

**August 31 – September 3
Gaylord Opryland Resort &
Convention Center, Nashville, TN**
www.pcusa.org/evangelism

SYNOD SUMMER CONFERENCE

June 13 – 15, 2007

Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania

Rest for the Journey: Spirituality for Ministry and Mission is the theme of our annual synod summer conference. A host of workshops on spiritual disciplines and a more intentional life of faith will fill this three-day event. The keynote speaker will be The Rev. Joan S. Gray, Moderator of the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). For more information contact The Synod of the Trinity, 1-800-242-0534 or www.syntrinity.org for online registration.

39th ANNUAL INSTITUTE ON SACRED SCRIPTURE

July 29 – August 3, 2007 College Misericordia, Dallas, PA

A week of inspiring and thought-provoking Scripture study at a location of quiet beauty and seclusion for meditation and respite, this conference will feature presenters Fr. Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, The Rev. Mr. Edgar M. Krentz (ELCA) and Mary Margaret Pazdan, OP. Topics include “Corinthian Women and the Body of Christ”, “Modes of Mission: Evangelism in the NT World”, and “Images of Hope in the Psalms”. For more information please call 570-674-6161, e-mail tkahn@misericordia.edu or go to the website at

LOGOS Training August 3 – 5, 2007

Columbia, MD

Come experience a training event that demonstrates a weekly LOGOS program in action. You will receive a hands-on introduction to the key elements of the LOGOS program, classroom training on the foundations and operations of this program, and receive practical ministry tools and resources. For more information, please visit www.thelogosministry.org or call 877-937-2572.

SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 10 – 13, 2007 Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Keynoters Diana Butler Bass and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's President, William J. Carl, III will lead off this top-notch Presbyterian summer offering. Workshops include “Building Congregations on Holy Ground: Becoming Spiritually Healthy Leaders” (Graham Standish), “Experience as a Tool for Learning in Christian Education” (Leslie Thyberg), “Training Volunteers for Service in Your Congregation” (Sharon Dennard), “Leading the Transitioning Church: Experiences in a Liturgical Church Setting” (Eric Taylor) and “Transformational Preaching for Your Congregation” (Richard Chapple). For information, please call 412-362-5610 X 2196 or write ConEd@pts.edu

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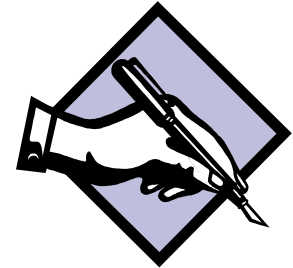
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