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## WHAT'S YOUR FOCUS?

What's your focus these days? Are you thinking about fall start-up in your church, how you will pay the bills, what you will watch on TV tonight or some family situation you are having a hard time resolving? Maybe you are anticipating the World's Series or the fall season of Penn State football.

Ours is a culture of many activities and distractions. Most of the Presbyterians I know live lives that are both productive and way too busy. A couple of months ago I heard that the information available to us doubles every two years. That's overwhelming! Most person's calendars have a kind of lock on the person's life. That's overwhelming too. But it is how most of us live.



A couple of days prior to writing this article, my husband and I were in a busy airport. There was a group of elementary-aged musicians in the security line ahead of us, all heading off to a music camp. Most of the kids were engaged in lively conversation about the great adventure ahead of them. But there was one youngster at the end of the line, music player plugged into his ear, not interacting with anyone. He was so distracted by the sound pouring into his mind that he literally couldn't connect with anyone around him. The line moved ahead one foot. He didn't move. The line moved ahead two feet. He didn't move. Then the line moved ahead ten feet. Still, he stayed stuck to one

spot, mind distracted, not at all in touch with what was important. The fellow behind him finally had to tap him on the shoulder and point to indicate that he needed to move forward. He was not focused on what mattered.

Somehow the world around us contrives, without any of us willing it, to pull us away from the One who loves us, who lived for us, who died for us and who rose for us. It goes beyond worrying about the pot roast during the final hymn during Sunday worship. It's a condition of spiritual malaise that comes from placing our focus on everything else but Jesus Christ.

Now, I am not arguing for some kind of religious obsession. But I am arguing for the kind of healthy grounding in Christ that the writer of Hebrews talks about. If our day starts with prayer and Scripture reading, if we remember to ask for God's direction during the day, if we end our evening with prayer, surely others will see something winsome, clear and Christlike about how we live. We will, by definition, exhibit and exude a calm the world does not give.

May the gifts of focus and the peace that passes all understanding be yours as we enter this fall season.

Love, Joy K.



*With this great cloud of witnesses around us, therefore, we too must throw off every encumbrance and the sin that all too readily restricts us, and run with resolution the race which lies ahead of us, our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."*

**Hebrews 12: 1-2**

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## FINANCIAL TRAINING WORKSHOP



The Presbytery of Huntingdon will conduct another Financial Training Workshop on Oct 9 at the Pine Grove Mills Church beginning at 9:30 am. This training is for any member of the church who handles finances. That includes the treasurer, bookkeeper, etc. We expect to take about two hours and briefly cover treasurer responsibility, mission forms, reporting to session, taxes, annual audits, budgets and resources. All attendees will be 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 is to give churches resources to use and a place to start looking when a problem arises. Please call the office to register, but don't hesitate to just come if you can.

Liz Armstrong -

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### SESSION RECORDS REVIEW OCTOBER 2, 9:30 AM *or* OCTOBER 9, 9:30 AM PINE GROVE MILLS CHURCH

We look forward to this event as a time of sharing our various concerns, questions of procedure, and need.

Dear Ministers & Moderators:

It is the time of year for the annual session records review. We hope you got the letter telling you of the date and saw the reminder in the Presbytery packet. We will be meeting in clusters as we have done in past years on Tuesday, October 2, at 9:30 am. Please go to your usual place of review. If you have a new clerk and do not know where that is, please call Jim Crawford (814) 684-4339.

Please make sure that someone brings your session minutes for the past year and your church register. Please tuck a copy of your church's bylaws in your session minutes book. Many of you have brought copies of your church's deeds to past reviews, but if you haven't, please bring a copy of your

church's property deeds (as many as you have), so that we may keep them on file at the presbytery office. This year the presbytery office has done research for several of you trying to locate deeds for your various needs. It would make it easier for us to serve you if we could pro-actively set up a file of them. Do NOT bring the deed itself, just a photocopy.



We are including a copy of the session records review worksheet. It will be of assistance to the clerk who reads your minutes if you could take the time before the event to fill in the pages where your reader can find various actions.

The cluster that gathers at Pine Grove Mills Presbyterian

Church will be meeting a week later on October 9, also at 9:30 am. If you are unable to attend the cluster reading in your own area, your clerk or substitute is required to attend the Pine Grove Mills session. You may also send a minister or other elder representative from your congregation in your stead, but the Book of Order does require that your records be reviewed.

As an added bonus, our treasurers Elizabeth Armstrong and Joann Kimmel will be leading a workshop for church financial people at the same time as the October 9 records review at Pine Grove Mills.

Plan to bring them and share a ride. We look forward to this event as a time of sharing our various concerns, questions of procedure, and need.

Yours in Christ,  
Jim Crawford &  
Virginia F. Rainey

### Logan Valley Presbyterian Church

Even though the Camp Krislund "Fund the Future" campaign starts next January, the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church has already met 50% of it's

voluntary goal of \$6,000 over a three year period. Pledges and contributions made thus far total \$3,374.00. We have asked our members to pray about making a gift toward this beautiful natural treasure. Bill Croyle

## MCVEYTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VALUE-PACKED PARENTING

### YOU ARE WELCOME!

**Speaker:** Dr. Kevin Leman – DVD series- for Parents with children ages 1 month – 18 years

**October 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8PM with Steve Cort**

*“The Ten Best Gifts You’ll Ever Give Your Kids”*

**October 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 – 10:15 AM**

(during Sunday School)

*“How to Listen So Kids Will Talk and How to Talk so Kids Will Listen”*

**October 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:15 – 10:15 AM**

*“Discipline Isn’t Spelled P-U-N-I-S-H-M-E-N-T”*

**October 28<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 – 10:15 AM**

*“Ten Ways to Improve Your Child’s Self-Confidence”*

**October 28<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-8PM**

supper with Steve Cort

*“Caution: Anger Ahead”*

## THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ALTOONA

The Third Presbyterian Church of Altoona will once again be serving (all day) its annual delicious chicken barbecue dinner on both Sep 29 (Saturday) and Sep. 30 (Sunday) at the DelGrosso’s Amusement Park.

We would hope that if nothing more that our Presbyterian friends, if they are in the park either day, would stop by at our pavilion and say hello.



Rick Ginter

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## Logan Valley Presbyterian Church

The annual Deacon's soup sale will be held at the Logan Valley Presbyterian Church in Bellwood on election day, November 6th. For over a decade the Deacon's have held this fund raiser to make money



for church projects. The sale features vegetable or ham and bean soup which can be purchased in either pint or quart sizes. A limited supply of baked goods is also available. the sale starts at eleven o'clock on November 6th. Let us do lunch for you!

Bill Croyle

## Little Valley Presbyterian Church

The Little Valley (Vira) Presbyterian Church has the following items to give away: 23 dark brown choir robes in excellent condition with tan embroidered crosses on upper front and piping on cuffed sleeves and 7 black choir robes. Please contact Dixie Goss at 717-543-6425 or [goss@pa.net](mailto:goss@pa.net) for further information.



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PRESBYTERIANS FIND  
WAYS TO EARN A  
“MISSION” RETURN



There has been a lot of press in the last few years about Socially Responsible Investing or SRI. A growing number of individuals,

“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” Luke 8:8

churches and religious organizations are investing in a manner that expresses their heartfelt values – not just high

returns. They are increasingly concerned about where their investment “seeds” are sown.

For more information about the Presbyterian Investment & Loan program visit their web site at [www.pcusa.org/pilp](http://www.pcusa.org/pilp).

## Presbytery Calendar

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 2** Records Review at various churches  
**Oct. 4** 9:30am - Discipleship Umbrella Team (DUT)  
at Pine Grove Mills Church  
**Oct. 5&6** 4pm on Friday evening: Gatorbrain Retreat at Krislund  
**Oct. 5-12** Thailand Missionary John Butt coming to visit Presbytery  
**Oct. 9** 9:30 Records Review Make-up at Pine Grove Mills church  
9:30 Financial Training workshop at Pine Grove Mills church  
5:00pm – Joint Camp and Conference Committee at Krislund  
**Oct. 10-12** Fall Polity Conference—Mobile, AL  
**Oct. 15** Northwest Clergy Cluster  
**Oct. 16** 1:30pm – Administrative Umbrella Team (AUT)  
at Presbytery Offices  
**Oct. 17** 9:30am – Staff meeting at Presbytery Offices  
**Oct. 18** 1:00pm – Leadership Umbrella Team (LUT)  
at Presbytery Offices  
**Oct. 18-19** Synod Meeting at Greensburg  
**Oct. 23** 1:00pm – Council meeting at Presbytery Offices  
**Oct. 24** 1:00pm – Committee on Ministry (COM) meeting  
at Presbytery Offices

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 7** 9:30am – Staff meeting at Presbytery Offices  
**Nov. 12** Offices Closed for Veterans Day  
**Nov.13** 9:00am – Presbytery Meeting at Hollidaysburg Church  
5:00pm - Joint Camp and Conference Committee at Krislund  
**Nov.14-15** Noon – EP Forum  
**Nov. 19** Agape Herald article submission deadline  
**Nov. 22 &23** Presbytery Offices closed for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 4** 1:00pm - Committee on Ministry (COM) meeting  
at Presbytery Offices  
**Dec. 6** 9:30am - Discipleship Umbrella Team (DUT)  
at Pine Grove Mills Church  
**Dec. 11** 1:30pm – Administrative Umbrella Team (AUT)  
at Presbytery Offices  
5:00pm – Joint Camp and Conference Committee at Krislund  
**Dec. 12** 9:30am – Quarterly Staff meeting & lunch at Presbytery Offices  
**Dec. 13** 10:45am – Personnel Committee meeting followed by lunch  
**Dec. 24&25** Presbytery Offices closed for Christmas  
**Dec. 31 &  
Jan. 1** Presbytery Offices closed for New Years

## Prayer Request Calendar

### OCT. 2007

- 7** **Camp & Conference  
Committee  
Discipleship Um-  
brella Team**  
**14** Rev. Ernie Walls,  
Chairperson  
**Krislund Camp &  
Conference Center**  
**21** Mr. Stephen C. Cort,  
Camp Administrator  
**Leadership Umbrella  
Team**  
**28** Rev. Chuck Monts,  
Chairperson

### NOV. 2007

- 4** **Presbyterian Homes,  
Inc. (PHI)**  
Steve Proctor, CEO  
**Hollidaysburg Pres-  
byterian Home**  
**11** Mrs. Deborah A. Nes-  
bella, Administrator  
**Windy Hill Village**  
**18** Mrs. Anne Ferguson,  
Administrator  
**Woodland Retire-  
ment Center**  
**25** Mrs. Joanne Wible,  
Administrator

### *The Summer Collegium*

The Summer Collegium, a project in support of small congregations, is now accepting applications for the Summer 2008 event, which will take place at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA, from June 25-July 3, 2008. Applications may be downloaded from the web-site, [www.vts.edu/education/](http://www.vts.edu/education/)

[collegium](http://www.vts.edu/education/collegium) or contact Marilyn Johns ([mjohns@vts.edu](mailto:mjohns@vts.edu) or 703-461-1760); applications must be post-marked by December 15, 2007.]

# Krislund Korner

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR '08

visit our website at [www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org)

and watch for more information on these events

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH RETREAT

January 18-20 '08

### VALENTINE'S BANQUET

February 16 '08

### FISH BAZAAR & FRY April 19 '08

### MOTHER'S RETREAT September 19-20 '08

## DON'T BE A GATORBRAIN!

A retreat for members and families of the Presbytery of Huntingdon

**When:** October 5-6, 2007

**Where:** Krislund Camp

**What:** Get away from your time, share in some fun activities, consider the gifts of the Spirit and learn how the mind can work positively with change.



Retreat Schedule (slight possibility of minor changes)

Friday, October 5

- 4:00 PM Frisbee Golf (Early-Bird Activity)
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:30 Registration-Sign in
- Social Hour
- Settle-in-time
- 7:30 Activity/Ice breaker sort of thing
- 8:15 Campfire Worship (weather permitting)

Saturday, October 6

8:00 AM Breakfast

Registration for Day-arrivals

9:15-10:00 Morning Workshop

10:00-12:00 Break/Reflection time/Explore

12:00 Cookout Lunch at Pavilion

1:00 Initiatives Course with Camp Staff

3:30 Debrief Worship

4:30 Departure

What else do you need to know?

- You may come for the whole retreat or for Saturday only.
- For those staying Friday night, we will use camp lodges.
- Children are welcome
- You are encouraged to pinpoint those elders/deacons/teachers/other movers and shakers who would benefit from examining our tendency to become stuck in our routines and learn about ways to break free from our self-imposed cages.
- You are not too old or too young to attend.
- Please use the Registration Form On-line at:

[www.huntingdonpresbytery.com/GatorBrain.html](http://www.huntingdonpresbytery.com/GatorBrain.html)

Or Call the office at (814) 742-2200

## THE WAY OF THE CHILD

### TRAINING FOR A NEW CHILDREN'S SPIRITUAL FORMATION RESOURCE

Market Square Presbyterian Church  
20 S. Second St.

Harrisburg, PA 17101

November 17, 2007

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The event will be led by Wynn  
McGregor, a certified

Christian Educator in the Presbyterian Church  
(USA) and the author of the resource. Children are inundated with noise, information, and stress. Many children are not prepared spiritually and morally to face the chal-

The Way of the Child offers an opportunity for leaders and parents of children ages 6-11 years to learn about environments and practices that help children grow spiritually

lenges of our fast-paced, competitive world. The Way of the Child offers an opportunity for leaders and parents of children ages 6-11 years to learn about environments and practices that help children grow spiritually. Resource sessions provide children with a "time apart" to experience and learn spiritual practices that will deepen their relationship with God for a lifetime. These practices also help children know themselves and how to live with confidence and conviction. More information about The Way of the Child may be found online at [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org).

Register online for this event at :

[www.CompanionsInChrist.org](http://www.CompanionsInChrist.org)

or contact Janice Neely at 1-877-899-2780.

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