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ENJOYING KRISLUND CAMP

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Spence and Barry cutting siding for office building

I have had the opportunity to be in churches lately and have mentioned the volunteer work where Linda and I, along with Spencer Hauenstein from the Bellwood Logan Valley Church, have undertaken various projects at Krislund. As a result, several people have indicated an interest in helping out.

Volunteering is as easy as calling Kent Rishel who coordinates our volunteer activities when we go up. His number is 814-422-8878. Or you can email him at kentrishel@krislund.org. We always welcome people to go with us, as it is more fun to work with someone. We are heading south to volunteer at Heifer International for the month of March, but will be back at the end of March and will be setting up times to go up in April. If you would like to go with us in April or May, email me at btvance@aol.com or call at 814-935-5630 and we'll arrange a date.

Although you can go to Krislund and volunteer just one day, we often go up one day, stay overnight and come back after work the next day. These last couple of weeks for example, we have cleaned the dining hall kitchen from top to bottom, put down carpet in one of the cottages, and helped

serve a meal to a group from Agricultural Extension. Over the past year we have helped install siding on the office, built outhouses and bunkbeds and refurbished the "Brown house", where we have been over-nighting this winter. The meal which was served to local farmers was particularly fun because lots of volunteers showed up including potato peeler Joy Kaufmann, as the picture attests.

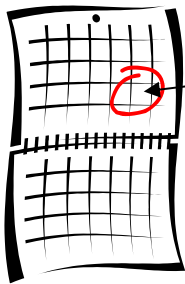


Joy peeling 'tators for dinner

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**Hold the date,
for Board of Pension
Seminars**

Growing into Tomorrow...Today

A retirement planning seminar (for age 50 and older)

- Decide where to live
- Maintain optimal health now and later
- Understand your finances
- Integrate Social Security, pension, and personal savings
- Understand the Medicare program and supplements
- Explore choices for a new beginning

May 12-13, 2009

9am-5pm both days

May 14, 2009

9am-5pm

Render unto Caesar
Seminar

A clergy tax and Terms of
Call seminar

- Understand effective salary
- Learn about the clergy housing allowance
- Identify taxable vs. non-taxable income
- Get updated on tax and income reporting
- Explore tax advantages of the Retirement Savings Plan, a 403(b) (9) plan
- Take advantage of flexible spending plans

Hosted by the Clearfield Church on behalf of the Presbytery of Huntingdon. For more information, please call the Presbytery Office at 814-742-2200

EQUIPPING PASTORS LEADERSHIP EVENTS

Training Offered by:

The Board of Pensions and Beaver-Butler Presbytery; Huntingdon Presbytery; Washington Presbytery, Pittsburgh Presbytery, Shenango Presbytery, Lake Erie Presbytery; Redstone Presbytery; and Kiskiminetas Presbytery.

724-238-3677

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

April 23, 2009 (12:00 noon) through

April 24, 2009 (4:00 p.m.)

Crestfield Camp & Conference Center

www.crestfield.net

724-794-4022

Cost per each event is \$40.00 plus transportation
(Includes overnight accommodations & three meals)

Make Checks Payable: Beaver-Butler Presbytery

Mail: P.O. Box 279, Zelienople, PA 16063

Attn.: Barbara Paff

For more information and registration form, visit the Huntingdon Presbytery website at www.huntingdonpresbytery.com.

West Kish Coffeehouse

presents:

Doug Romig & friends –

Bluegrass/Folk

Daughters of Ann / Ancient Echoes – British Isles/Celtic music

George & Jay – Acoustic duo from Frederick, MD

Saturday February 7 2009 - show starts promptly at 7:00pm

West Kish Coffeehouse is located in the West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian church, 3820 W. Main St. Belleville, PA, 17004. The coffeehouse is a venue for local musicians and performance artists. The admission is free. Coffee, sodas, and light fare are provided. Contributions are accepted to cover costs.

Call 717-935-5065 or e-mail at the address below for further information or directions.

West Kish Coffeehouse

westkishch@embarqmail.com

www.westkish.org/coffeehouse.html

PRAYER SHAWL GOAL REACHED

Spread the Warmth Project Successfully Concluded

The congregation of the Upper Spruce Creek Presbyterian Church (USCPC) in Pennsylvania Furnace has concluded a year of 150th anniversary celebrations. People from the Valley and beyond have been worshipping in this sanctuary since 1858. As part of a year of commemoration and outreach, church members and friends of the congregation devoted their creative efforts to the Spread the Warmth project—with a goal of knitting or crocheting 150 prayer shawls to be distributed to Iraqis. Caring people who wish to give solace to those in need of comfort have made prayer shawls for centuries. A shawl may be a welcome wrap to someone facing surgery. Enfolding

oneself in a shawl may ease the pain of grieving. A shawl can help one focus when praying. John Diller, pastor of the USCPC, has been deployed to Iraq as chaplain to the 2-112th Infantry battalion, which has armories in Altoona and Tyronne. Pastor Diller will give the shawls to Iraqi families during his sojourn in that country. Shawls were knitted by USCPC members and those of other churches from the Huntingdon Presbytery and beyond. Participating Presbyterian churches were Hollidaysburg, McVeytown, Milesburg, Mt. Union, Pine Grove, State College, Ward Avenue Church in Altoona, Winburne, and Middle Octarora Presbyterian Church in Quarryville. Ten churches



contributed to the project and, through the efforts of many, the goal of 150 prayer shawls was achieved. The colorful shawls were displayed in the sanctuary and dedicated at the Christmas Eve candlelight service.

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THE 4TH EARLY SPRING SPIRITUAL



The Shade Gap Presbyterian Church cordially invites you to the 4th EARLY SPRING SPIRITUAL Retreat on March 6, 7 & 8, 2009 at Lane's Lodge in Cassville. The fun begins at 7:00 PM on Friday, March 6th with registration. The cost is \$80 (lodging and meals) for the entire weekend; \$35 for those who can attend Saturday only. First come, first serve for reservations due February 20, 2009. Checks made payable to "Shade Gap Presbyterian Church" and the registration form should be sent to:

PO BOX 114, Shade Gap, PA 17255.

A schedule, directions, etc. will be

mailed to you upon receipt of your registration. If you

have any questions please call 814-259-3256, 814-259-3796 or 814-259-3030.

Dress for the weekend is casual and comfortable.

The mission of this retreat is - - -

- to relax
- to praise and worship our Lord
- to provide fellowship
- to increase our spirituality
- to learn more about angels

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, March 6 – Registration, Sharing and Snacks

Saturday, March 7 – Study of Angels with Rev. Karen Willis, leader

Sunday, March 8 – Early Morning Worship Service

Registration Form for Women's Retreat – March 6, 7 & 8, 2009 at Lane's Pine Lodge, Cassville

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email Address _____

Amount Enclosed _____ \$80 for weekend _____ \$35 for Saturday only

Please list any dietary or other concerns that you may have _____

Presbytery Calendar

FEBRUARY 2009

- Feb. 4** 9:30 - Staff meeting Presbytery Offices
Feb. 5 4:00pm - Committee on Representation (COR) meeting at Presbytery Offices
Feb. 10 1:00pm – Joint Camp and Conference Committee (JCCC) at Lewistown Church & Subcommittee Meetings
Feb. 11 1:00pm - Form of Government (FOG) Task Force at Presbytery Offices
Feb. 12-13 1st Call Pastor Training in Ligonier, PA
Feb. 16 Presbytery Offices closed for Presidents' Day
Feb. 17 1:00pm – Committee on Ministry (COM) at Presbytery Offices
Feb. 23 Noon – Nominating Committee meeting at Presbytery Offices (bring a lunch)
Feb. 24 1:30pm – Administrative Umbrella Team (AUT) at Presbytery Offices
Feb. 26-27 Noon – EP Forum in Bedford

MARCH 2009

- Mar. 3** 1:30pm – Council Meeting at Presbytery Offices
Mar. 4 9:30 – Quarterly Staff meeting Presbytery Offices
 1:00pm - Form of Government (FOG) Task Force at Presbytery Offices
Mar. 5 9:30am – Discipleship Umbrella Team (DUT) at Pine Grove Mills
Mar. 7 9:30am – Lay Pastor Training Class at Bellwood Church
Mar. 10 1:00pm – Joint Camp and Conference Committee (JCCC) at Lewistown Church & Subcommittee Meetings
Mar. 12 4:00pm – Leadership Umbrella Team (LUT) at Presbytery Offices
Mar. 17 1:00am – Committee on Ministry (COM) at Presbytery Offices
Mar. 19-20 Synod Meeting in Allentown, PA
Mar. 20 Agape Herald Deadline
Mar. 21 9:00am-3:00pm Church Innovation Enticement Event (More Info to be Announced)
Mar. 24 Noon—Ecumenical lecture & lunch at Mt. Aloysius College
Mar. 28 9:00am-3:00pm Church Innovation Enticement Event (More info: To be announced)
Mar. 31 9:30am - Presbytery Meeting at Bedford Church

APRIL 2009

- Apr. 1** 9:30am - Staff meeting Presbytery Offices
Apr. 2 4:00pm– Committee on Representation, Mi Ra Myerdieck's home
Apr. 10 Presbytery Offices closed for Good Friday
Apr. 14 1:00pm – Joint Camp and Conference Committee (JCCC) at Krislund & Subcommittee Meetings
Apr. 18 9:00am-3:00pm Church Innovation Enticement Event (More info: To be announced)
Apr. 25 9:00am-4:00pm All invited to Krislund for meeting with consultant

Prayer Request Calendar

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| FEB | 2009 | |
| | | Presbytery Council
Elder James Davis, |
| 1 | | Moderator
Rev. Samuel Strohm,
Vice Moderator
Alexandria Congregation
Rev. Earnest Walls, Pastor |
| 8 | | Allensville Congregation
Rev. James Thomas,
Moderator
Altoona Providence Cong. |
| 15 | | Rev. Jean Martin,
Interim Pastor
Altoona Juniata Cong.
Rev. Chuck Monts,
Moderator |
| 22 | | Third Congregation in Altoona
Richard Ginter, CLP |
| MAR | 2009 | |
| | | Bellefonte Congregation
Rev. Douglas Elder, Pastor |
| 1 | | West Kish. Congregation in Belleville
Rev. Samuel Strohm, Pastor |
| | | Logan Valley Congregation in Bellwood |
| 8 | | Rev. Kathy Colebank, Pastor
Birmingham Congregation
Paul Bottenfield, CLP |
| | | Upper Tuscarora Cong. |
| 15 | | Shade Gap Congregation
Rev. Karen Willis, Pastor |
| | | The Churches and Members of Pakh 5 Nan, |
| 22 | | Thailand (our mission partners) |
| 29 | | Bedford Congregation
Rev. Douglas Friant, Pastor |

KRISLUND KORNER

PROGRAM DIRECTOR SEARCH BEGINS

We are actively seeking an experienced full-time Program Director to take over and direct our planned summer camping and off-season programs. Our hope is that this person will be in place by early spring. This is a pivotal time in our history – we have made significant improvements in our year-round facilities and infrastructure, and are seeking to improve and expand our summer camping program and services to all ages. The Search Committee is asking for the help of our churches by encouraging their congregations to offer any leads on interested candidates. Applicants must have a strong faith in Jesus Christ, a love for young people, clear communication skills with small and large groups of all ages, and a positive history of working within a committee structure and managing a budget. Applicants may be a layperson or ordained minister and should have experience in sum-

mer camp program direction, staff recruiting and training, and wilderness adventure program oversight. Responsibilities also include camper recruitment through church visits, oversight of interns and other staff, camp promotion at each of the three presbyteries, and creative program development. Housing on site is provided.

Submit inquiries / resumes to:

Rev. Mark Englund-Krieger

Carlisle Presbytery

3040 Market Street

Camp Hill, PA 17011

rev.mark@carlislepby.org

2009 SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE RELEASED

Learn all about the 2009 Krislund Camp offerings by reading the recently-released 2009 Brochure. The information-packed catalog is available online from our website at www.krislund.org, by contacting the camp office at (814) 422-8878 or by email request at info@krislund.org. Those who have camped with us in recent years have already been mailed a copy. There are six week-long “traditional” camps and a wide variety of specialty camps including hiking, whitewater, grandparents camp and a new offering for those interested in photography or gospel singing.

Our theme this summer is *“Understanding The Signs.”*

We will consider signs around us and within us. We will think and talk about the messages these signs give. And we will learn the meaning of God’s amazing signs in the Bible. We will choose which signs are worth hearing

and following. Krislund is a peaceful place, making it easier to hear God’s quiet messages. Krislund is a beautiful

place, revealing God’s special signs in nature. Krislund is a caring place, where people feel hope, learn faith, and

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express love for one another. Join us to see and receive God’s message to you. Everyone is welcomed at Krislund.

PINE GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Representative of many small churches, Pine Grove Presbyterian Church in Neelyton has faced the challenge of standing alone and seeking their identity as God’s servant people.

Standing at the foot of the mountain above Neelyton, the lights continue to shine in their church despite obstacles to be confronted. Not only did they take active part in their Christmas service, but they and friends of the church raised enough money to send a heifer and several flocks of chickens through Heifer International. Gifts like these enable families abroad not only to help themselves, but to have the privilege of sharing their gifts with others as their flocks and herds increase. It is a gift that grows.

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Looking forward to Earth Day in April, the congregation celebrated Christmas with a live Christmas tree which was planted to replace a failing pine tree. The church is located in a dwindling grove of pine trees, known as a symbol of peace.

Landscaping is on the agenda since one member discovered that the Burpee Company in Path Valley discards bulbs at the end of the fall season. Gathering those tossed aside, they will be planted around the church and glorify God with their beauty.

Small in number, this is a church in action, longing to grow in Spirit and serve in mission. Perhaps this is time to celebrate small churches who are often unrecognized, though beacons of light in their community exerting more influence than numbers indicate.

Alice M. Meloy

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