



# Agape Herald

The Newsletter of the Presbytery of Huntingdon

Mission: Loved by Jesus Christ, called to love all others

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## WHO DO YOU LOVE?

*"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."*

Phil 1:3-4

Recent sociological studies show the younger generations just aren't attending church as their parents and especially their grandparents did. Yet young persons are still looking for ways to connect with the Holy, and for ways to make a positive difference in this world. Are there any children or teenagers or young adults about whom you care so much that you would take the risk of inviting them to church with you? Do you believe that God is important enough to be shared with those you love?

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YOU LOVE?**

A few years back, at the African-American Leadership Conference sponsored by our Synod of the Trinity, I heard a dynamic middle-aged African-American woman preacher.

Toward the end of the sermon, she explained how she came to be a Christian and eventually, a Presbyterian pastor.

She was a young mother of three small children, single, working hard to keep a roof over their heads, when she moved into an apartment next door to an elderly white woman. The two neighbors were always friendly toward one another, saying "hello" and chatting about the children. Also, the older neighbor never failed to end a conversation with her younger neighbor without saying, "O honey, you should come to church with me. You would love it, and my friends would love you!"

The younger woman didn't pay too much attention to her neighbor's invitations. For a couple of years, they were kind to one another, but the younger woman didn't feel any particular need to go to church with a person whose demo-



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graphic characteristics were so clearly different from her own. She thought, “What if I feel uncomfortable? What if my children and I aren’t accepted?”

Then one day, her elderly neighbor landed in the hospital. The younger woman was very fond of her neighbor, and went to visit her to show her concern. She thought she was doing a good thing for her neighbor, who clearly was in a weakened condition.

Much to her surprise, her neighbor was still just as concerned about her, a young person, as she now was for the older woman. And sure enough, the older neighbor said to her, from her hospital bed, “O honey, why don’t I pray for you? You should go to my church this weekend, and when I get well, I’ll join you in the pew. You would love it, and my friends would love you.”

The younger woman was so impressed that her

neighbor cared more about her than about herself in her illness, she bundled up the kids on Sunday and went to her neighbor’s church. It wasn’t too many weeks before it was her church home too...and over the years, as her faith grew, she felt a call to pastoral ministry.

Who do you love for Jesus Christ’s sake as much as that older woman loved her younger neighbor and her children? Whether it’s your own children or grandchildren, or the neighbors or young persons you know from your community, I bet there is someone(s). You might consider sharing the best gift with them; faith and a faith community in which to grow.

All God’s blessings to you,

Joy K.

## HUNTINGDON PRESBYTERY'S FIRST YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER - PC(USA)



### MARY MORROW

Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church

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[www.yavmary.wordpress.com](http://www.yavmary.wordpress.com)

To learn more about the Young Adult Volunteer program visit the PC(USA) website: [gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/yav/](http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/yav/)

Please contact Mary to find out how to support her year of service.

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## PRESBYTERY OFFICE ASSISTANT:

We bid farewell to our capable Office Assistant, Marie Carlson on October 30th. Marie has left to take a fulltime position at Penn State University. We will miss her efficient and cheerful handling of the Multi Media Resource Center and all of our other office needs.

In her place, we welcome Susan Ferguson. Susan is a lifelong resident of the Lewistown area where she is an elder at the Lewistown Presbyterian Church and serves as clerk of session. She will be working Mondays (8:30-4:30), Tuesdays (8:30-4:30), and Fridays (8:30-1:30), in the office. Please welcome her to our Presbytery family.

## Presbytery Calendar

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 7      **1:00pm** – Committee on Ministry (COM) meeting at Presbytery Offices (if meeting is needed)
- Dec. 8      **1:00pm** – Council Meeting at Presbytery Offices
- Dec. 9      **9:30am**– Discipleship Umbrella Team (DUT) meeting at Pine Grove Mills
- Dec. 9      **4:15pm**- Leadership Umbrella Team (LUT) meeting at Presbytery Offices
- Dec. 15     **9:30am** –Quarterly Staff meeting and luncheon at Presbytery Offices
- Dec. 24 - 31    Offices closed for Christmas & New Year
- January
- Jan. 4      **1:30pm** -Administrative Umbrella Team (AUT) meeting at Presbytery Offices
- Jan. 4      Packet Deadline
- Jan. 11     **1:00pm** – Committee on Ministry (COM) meeting at Presbytery Offices
- Jan. 11     **7:00pm** – Mission WTG
- Jan. 29     **9:30am** Presbytery meeting at State College Presbyterian Church
- Jan. 31     Deadline for end-of-year statistics reports

## Prayer Request Calendar

### DECEMBER

- 5      **Self-Development of People Committee**
- 12     **The Lay Pastors of Huntingdon Presbytery**
- 19     **The Pastorless Churches of Huntingdon Presbytery**
- Presbytery Council**  
*Rev. Sam Strohm, Moderator*  
*Elder Candace Dannaker, Vice Moderator*
- 26     **JANUARY**
- Personnel Committee**  
*Elder Artamarie Barclay, Chairperson*
- 9      **Presbyterian Women**  
*Elder Holly Kithcart, Moderator*
- 16     **Candidates and Inquirers for Ministry of Huntingdon Presbytery**
- 23     **Honorably Retired and Non-Parish Clergy of Huntingdon Presbytery**  
**Administrative Umbrella Team**
- 30     **Rev. Roland Emond, chairperson**

# Krislund Korner

**Grow In Faith ~ Experience Adventure ~  
Unite In Tradition**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Upper Lodge project is in its final stages. We could use the help of skilled and unskilled laborers to help us bring this beautiful building to completion. Please contact the camp in advance if you are planning on joining our team. (We are happy to provide housing and meal service to those assisting in this project but need a 48 hour advanced notice.)

## WEST KISH COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS:

**Annual Christmas Show:** Local musicians performing songs celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ followed by a group carol sing of the holiday favorites.

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 and 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](http://www.westkish.org/coffeehouse.html)

**Saturday, December 18, 2010**  
**Show starts promptly at 7:00pm**

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