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God is Here



A recent issue of the *Christian Century* concluded with a set of four photographs by Gerda Liebmann as part of her series entitled, “The Daily Cross,” now a book of the same name (www.blurb.com/books/3312576-the-daily-cross). In it, she posts photos of crosses that she encountered in daily life, from door panels, tree branches and vines, to sidewalk cracks, fruit baskets, and ceiling lights. Originally she posted her findings on Facebook, where she invited other people, professional photographer or not, to post their chance meeting with the cross.

I was immediately taken with the idea, initially disappointed that it is no longer on Facebook, still considering buying the book, and now keeping my eyes open in a new way for daily revelations of the cross. For instance, just this morning there it was as part of the Rodale Aquatic Center’s motif. Of course, it has been there for many mornings. But I never noticed.

Jane Vennard, a United Church of Christ pastor, author, and teacher, suggests a spiritual discipline that is as simple as it is difficult. **Start saying “God is here” as part of recognizing the truth that God is here.** Even, as she says, when you observe a quarrel, “see someone carelessly toss trash from

a car, get drenched in an unexpected rainstorm, or bite into a mealy and tasteless apple.” Then, even then, know that God is here. And as Christians, that means seeing Christ crucified and risen, witnessing the daily cross.

When Paul writes, “**For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified**” (1 Corinthians 2.2), it is a clarion call for us to take the extra moment to see that God truly is here, wherever “here” is. Daily, moment by moment, stands the cross. In some situations, with some people in our lives, it may take more than a moment to know God’s presence with them, the Spirit’s spark within them. We may have to spend quite a few moments over an even longer period of time to get to that degree of faithfulness. But to admire someone like Mother Theresa is to admire someone who by grace alone could see starving, diseased, dying people and “know nothing... except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” This is what it is to care for the One who is naked, hungry, or in jail. This is what it is to see the Daily Cross. Truly,

God is all in all,



Boundary Training

Lehigh Presbytery requires all Teaching Elders members (or connected in particular ways) to complete Boundary Training every four years. With the policy being enacted in 2011, all persons for whom it is applicable must complete it by the end of 2015. As part of an ecumenical effort, three opportunities for this important training are upcoming in October.

Sheryl Fancher, M.A., Director, Ministry Development Services, comes highly recommended after previously leading the same training for the United Church of Christ in the past. Sheryl brings over twenty years experience in leadership, consulting, training, and program development for religious, non-profit, and educational organizations. Her background includes counseling, education, and a

variety of leadership roles. She is an engaging speaker and motivator and an author of several articles/papers on ministry.

Mark your calendars now for

- **October 21, 2013** – 8:30AM-4PM – Faith UCC, 21 Faith Dr, Hazleton, PA 18202
- **October 23, 2013** – 8:30AM-4PM – St. John’s UCC, 183 S Broad St Nazareth, PA 18064
- **October 24, 2013** – 8:30AM-4PM – Faith UCC, 5992 Pennsylvania 378 Center Valley, PA 18034

To register contact Barbara Jennings at the Penn Northeast Conference office (barbaraj@pnecc.org or **610-826-3113**).

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Presbytery Meeting Highlights

Jen Henshue, Camp Director, giving greetings to Lehigh Presbytery

What a wonderful day in the neighborhood it was on June 25th, when Lehigh Presbytery met at Camp Brainerd for the first time in anyone's memory! It was a bit warm, but for late June and daily thunderstorms, it turned out to be a beautiful day. Tents provided enough shade and breeze for all of the assembled, and set the stage for a very comfortable meeting in body, mind, and spirit.

After a greeting from Camp Director Jen Henshue, the Presbytery took the opportunity to greet some newer participants. Among these were Judy Dwyer, a newly ordained member of Philadelphia Presbytery who is laboring within our bounds as a chaplain, Eric Dorville who was later examined and received into candidacy with prayer



Rev. Lois E. Randolph presented Eric Dorville for candidacy and Noha Khoury to begin as an inquirer.



led by the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, and Noha Khoury, examined and received into inquiry with prayer led by the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown. Both Eric and Noha will be cared for by our Committee on Preparation for Ministry as they continue to explore their calls to ministry.



Rev. Ruth Ann Christopher tells about the "Virtual Church" at Faith United.

The Presbytery then learned about its latest C Change innovator, the "Virtual Church" of Faith United Presbyterian Church of Pen Argyl, about which you can read elsewhere in this newsletter. Our thanks to **Ruth Ann Christopher** for presentation and leadership.

After a short stroll to the outdoor chapel, the Presbytery worshipped God together. The camp's music and worship leader, **Becky Sausser**, camp chaplain **Adam Clever** (a candidate under care of the Presbytery), and his sister, **Sara Beth**, program director, led the assembled in singing a number of pieces.



Our reflection, entitled “The Church Is...” was presented by campers and their leaders. Tributes (found elsewhere in this newsletter) were read on behalf of J. Earle Naegele and Fred Knieriem, and a commissioning of Virtual Church and Presbyterian Youth Triennium participants was observed. Presiding at the Lord’s Supper were the Revs. Bill and Jenny Schram, Interim Pastor at the Church of the Mountain and Supply Pastor at the Korean Church of the Lehigh Valley, respectively.

Following a delicious home-style meal prepared and served by the camp staff, the Committee on Ministry presented a proposal for interim and temporary supply pastors to become the installed pastor at the same church. Discussion followed the well-described process, resulting in a policy that we hope will be helpful to our congregations and faithful to God.

The final item on the agenda may have been our most important: the continuing discussions on who God is calling us to be. Building on the campers’ contributions, the Presbytery further explored the topic “The Church Is...” in congregational and presbytery-wide groups. There was a real energy among the participants, and room to build in our future conversations.

Our thanks to the staff and volunteers at Camp Brainerd. Folks were able to tour the facilities, prayer for the world and the church was offered before the meeting, and the comfortable church picnic atmosphere made for a wonderful day and memorable meeting.



Left: Cindy Antonioli, Junior High Adventure camper



Below: Revs. Bill and Jenny Schram presiding at the table.



Lehigh Presbytery’s Specialized Validated Ministers

The following teaching elders may not frequently be visible at Lehigh Presbytery meetings and other gatherings due to the requirements of their ministries. Even so, they are ambassadors for Christ active in a variety of ministries, in the area and around the world. Several times a year we will share information about their activities, and throughout the year we ask that you remember them in your prayers.



Rev. Alexandra “Alex” Hendrickson—serves as full-time chaplain and director of Religious Ministry at Lafayette College, Easton, PA. As college chaplain, she provides weekly worship services for students, faculty and staff, as well as, Christian Education opportunities and pastoral care.



Rev. Stephanie L. Black—serves full-time training leaders for churches in a variety of denominations, including various PC(USA) mission partners across Africa. She does this through SIM (Serving in Mission) organization. She teaches in the Biblical Studies department at Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (NEGST) in Kenya.



Rev. Brett Hendrickson—serves as Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Lafayette College, Easton, PA. In this tenure-track position, he teaches and does research in the area of Christianity in Latin America.

So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden.
(1 Timothy 5:25)

A New and exciting program at Camp Brainerd



We are off to a fantastic summer at Camp Brainerd! New this year, we have started to offer a **Day Camp program** for our local community. This program offers elementary aged kids the chance to experience the gospel each day through Bible study and Christian community while also enjoying the fun of crafts, games, boating, swimming, and playing in the creek.

For just starting out, we have watched attendance grow as parents and kids share their experiences and invite their friends. Many grandparents are excited to have a safe and loving place for their

grandchildren to play, learn and have fun that is focused on faith.

Here's what some of the kids are saying:

"I love playing in the creek!"

"Gaga ball is the best!"

"The staff are so much fun and so nice!"

All of the children in our **Day Camp program** will be learning about God's creation around them, lots of stories from the Bible focused on "new things", and learning how to live as a Christian in community.

Thank you

Dear Lehigh Presbytery,

Thank you for all the prayers that have been coming my way. My recovery has been remarkable! I can't quite believe how well it is going. Everyone at the hospital was amazed!

Blessings,
Karen Nickels

Dear Lehigh Presbytery,

Dick and I would like to thank everyone who prayed for us and sent expressions of sympathy in the recent passing of my brother, David Brian. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers and support during this time of loss.

Sincerely,
Sally McClain

United Presbyterian Church of Pottsville

The congregation of the United Presbyterian Church of Pottsville continues to be involved in their church community and to reach out to others in the community as a whole. They have participated in ecumenical services at Thanksgiving and on Good Friday. Several members of their choir have participated in a community-combined chorus at an organ/choir recital at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Their director, Cathy Zimmerman, directed the choir. The First Baptist Church and the First United Methodist Church joined with them for weekly Lenten services preceded by soup & bread suppers provided by participating-church members.

On April 21, 2013 their hand-bell choir had the opportunity to participate in a Berks/Schuylkill hand-bell festival in Orwigsburg along with ten other hand-bell choirs. It was a wonderful experience and was enjoyed by an enthusiastic, filled auditorium.

Several members of their congregation volunteer once a month at the Pottsville Soup Kitchen, providing a hot meal for those in need. The church

also provides food through their church Food Pantry to any individual or family in the community who is in need. The pantry is organized and run by their church mission team and supported by donations from many generous church members and friends, along with their mission budget. This year they joined the Berks Food Bank which also helps in their effort.

They continue to strive to be a positive presence in their community as well as welcoming anyone searching for the love of our Lord.

Last year, along with several churches in Schuylkill County, United Presbyterian became involved in developing an interfaith hospitality network through the organization, "Family Promise", as a way of combating the increasing family homeless problem in Schuylkill County. They are still in the early stages of gaining the community support needed, but pray that in the near future other churches will be spiritually led to become involved in this effort.



First Presbyterian Church of Weatherly

Members and friends of First Presbyterian have made final plans to participate in the 150th Celebration of the Weatherly Borough, established in 1863, The Celebration will take place on August 16-18, 2013. The Congregation will participate every day and Elder Connie Rayno is the providing leadership to the congregation and to the community event.

First Presbyterian Church was established in 1853 and according to the Hazleton Historical Society, it is the longest congregation with continuous service in the Hazleton area. Both the Lutheran and United Church of Christ churches began services in the Presbyterian building. Members and friends who attended several meetings have enjoyed coming up with ideas for this celebration.

All of the stained glass, that was damaged when the tree fell on August 5, 2012, has finally been repaired. We are raising funds to place protective material over the stained glass which will protect them from weather and to hire someone to trim the maple trees that are close to the building. Any help

from our members, former members, friends and others in achieving this goal is greatly appreciated.

A special dinner is being planned to honor session clerk, John S. (Jack) Koehler on his 87th birthday. Jack is the long time historian of the Weatherly area and is recovering from a serious broken shoulder. He has spent weeks in the hospital, rehabilitation and is recuperating at his son-in-law's home. He appreciates the cards and prayers that were sent.

The Heritage Hill Assisted Living and Rehabilitation Center honored several from the Weatherly church; Grace Hensel and Jeanne Korshall, pianists; Regina Olson-Lash, Joan Zilker and John Mikita, special programs; Rev. Glen and Lois Hueholt, worship services.

We are rejoicing that, with the gift of land from the Borough, a new library for the Weatherly area will soon be a reality. The library began in the church building. Elder Ruth Isenberg is the chairperson of the Library Board. They are beginning an intensive building fund program.



A tree fell and damaged the manse porch, the side of the church and some stained glass windows.

190th Anniversary for Washington Presbyterian Church

This will be a glorious and happy year for Washington Presbyterian Church as we prepare to celebrate our **190th Anniversary (1823 – 2013)**.

The church has its origin as a Sunday School mission in the spring of 1823. The previous location at Washington & Mulberry Streets consisted of two

log cabins purchased by Rev. & Mrs. John F. Grier. The church has a long and impressive history, not the least of which was being part of the "underground railroad".



Peach Festival

The Presbyterian Parish Bangor-Roseto will be holding their annual Peach Festival on **August 16, 2013** starting at 5:00pm until around 8:00pm.

There will be plenty of home made salads, hot and cold beverages, picnic food and **yummy Peach desserts.**



All are welcome to join us.

Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto
332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA 18013
610-588-4864

The CAVE

Join us for a time of worship built around silence together.

If you hunger for a quiet place, or thirst for the opportunity to listen, come away and rest awhile.

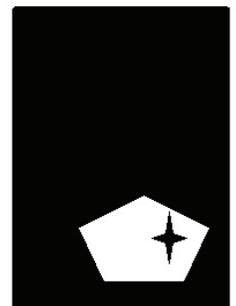
In August, **"The CAVE"** will meet on the last Thursday. **Join us on August 29, 2013 at 7 PM.**

We'll return to a weekly schedule in September.

Meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church

N. Second & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus, PA 18049

Call 610.295.2930 for more information



Memorial Tribute to the Rev. Fred Knieriem



Rev. Fred Knieriem

Four years ago on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at its morning worship service, The Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua recognized 60 years ordination anniversary of The Rev. Fred Knieriem as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. It was a great day. Representatives at the anniversary celebration came and spoke on his behalf. Following the service Fred reflected on everything that had been said at the service and thought it was like being at one's own memorial service except that the honoree was present in body, mind, and spirit.

Fred was born and raised in Tamaqua, PA. He graduated from Ursinus College (AB-1945), Lancaster Theological Seminary (BD-1947), and Harvard Divinity School (STM-1949). He was ordained in his home church, Trinity Evangelical & Reformed Church in Tamaqua, PA on November 20, 1949. His first charge was Christ E. & R. Church in Allentown where he was installed on November 27, 1949.

When Fred left Allentown in 1951, he served in a myriad of positions. He moved to South Bend, Indiana, where he served as the Assistant Pastor at Zion E. & R. Church. He then moved to State College, PA where he served as the Minister to Students for the E. & R. and Congregational Churches at Penn State College. His next position was Executive Secretary for the Student Christian Movement of Queens and Nassau Counties on Long Island, NY. While there he did graduate studies (1953-1956) at Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY.

In 1956, he became the Director of Christian Education at South Presbyterian Church in Dobbs Ferry, NY and remained part of the Presbyterian denomination ever since. His next move was to pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Marlborough, NY. He subsequently became the Pastor at the Gilead Presbyterian Church in Carmel, NY where he served for 28 years before retiring on August 31, 1991.

Upon retirement he moved back to the Lehigh Valley and was involved in the life of Lehigh Presbytery always speaking passionately about issues of great concern for him on the floor of Presbytery. His greatest enjoyment came from taking as many courses as possible at the Moravian Theological Seminary; truly a lifelong learner.

If you were to ask him the best thing that ever happened to him he would surely speak of the sovereign call of God upon his life. But soon thereafter he would be sure to say that marrying

into the Wasser family was divinely led and inspired. When serving at the Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church on Second Street in Allentown he took his meals at the Wasser home nearby, also members of that church. This led to his courtship and then marriage to Dolores Martha Wasser, one of the five daughters and one son of Louis and Elsie Wasser. Dolores' death took place just seven months before his retirement while still serving the church in Carmel, New York.

One of Fred's contemporaries, The Rev. Don Repsher, wrote this about Fred. *In the spring of 1971 I was ... interviewed by a search committee in the town of Montgomery, New York, Hudson River Presbytery... At that time Fred was chair of the committee on credentials of Hudson River Presbytery. I was to meet with the committee in the morning and it was suggested that I could sleep in the manse instead of making the long trip from Willingboro. I drove to Montgomery in my old clothes and nice clothes appropriate for the meeting in my suitcase. Wouldn't you know, as I was getting dressed the morning of the interview the fly on my good pants tore and couldn't be repaired! I had no choice but to go to that meeting dressed in old clothes. I explained the situation to Fred, who removed all embarrassment from me and made me feel comfortable and at home. The credentials committee also disregarded the terrible clothing. I'll never forget that day as long as I live.*

All who knew Fred will speak of his keen mind and humility of spirit. Those in the church would often say, "He thinks we are on the same theological level as him. His patience with us is unbounded." In these latter days you would often see Fred wearing his standard fishing vest with his improvised hearing aid device around his neck. These were his badges of honor. In his 88 years of life he was a good "fisher of people" after the example of Jesus Christ. He was also not a "hearer only but a doer of the Word" in the steps of his Master.

These small vignettes from the past remind us of the words from II Corinthians 5:1. *"Our bodies are like tents that we live in here on earth. But when these tents are destroyed, we know that God will give each of us a place to live. These homes will not be buildings that someone has made, but they are in heaven and will last forever"* (Contemporary English Version).

We give great thanks and humble praise for the faithful life and ministry of this servant of God, The Rev. Fred P. Knieriem.

The Rev. Douglas Cronce

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II Corinthians 5:1

Memorial Tribute to the Rev. J. Earl Naegele

One has to become a detective if he wants to learn about and appreciate the life and ministry of John Earl Naegele. Earl was known intimately by a small group of friends, and they are unanimous in testifying to his modesty and genuine humility. "Small in stature; tall in faith" says Vivian Noblett. Richard Kauffman describes him as the "consummate Presbyterian" who lived his life as he led the church he loved: "decently and in order." He continues;

***The Apostle Paul could well have been speaking
about Earl when he wrote to Timothy
"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,
a workman ...rightly handling the word of truth."***

John Earl Naegele was born September 5, 1924 in Edison, PA and was reared in the Doylestown community. He graduated from Temple University in 1946 with a B.S. in Education, an interest which he pursued throughout his entire ministry. He received his M. Div. from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School in 1949, and pursued some additional work following that course of study. Though he was ordained May 13, 1949 by the Baptist Association of Rochester and Monroe County, he affirmed his coming to the light by accepting the call to the Margaretville and Pine Hill Presbyterian Churches, a yoked rural field, in 1951. Under his leadership that yoke stabilized with the addition of the New Kingston Church, and the recruitment and training of solid lay leadership. He also broke their pattern of changing pastors every two years.

His ministry of organizing and developing strong lay leadership continued when he assumed the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, NY in 1957. When a ski resort opened near the church Earl invited the skiers to come as they were to worship, opening the congregation to a new ministry. After his twelve year pastorate that congregation was financially stable, efficiently organized, and growing in faith.

The move to Emmaus in June 1969, had to be a summons from God. He writes, "When I accepted the call to the Faith Presbyterian Church, the church was divided, the facilities were inadequate, the program was minimal and the finances were poor." Earl's description is bland, compared to one given by a member who lived through it all. "The church was in spiritual and physical turmoil. Half the membership had left, leaving fifteen in worship. Finances were a disaster. The previous two pastors had been terminated, and Earl had a short time to turn things around."

Following the pattern he mastered in the previous congregations, he again turned to the task of building strong lay leadership. He empowered members to take on their ministry. He used his creative and analytical gifts to build, with the laity, sound and well-supported budgets and capital campaigns. The congregation united around biblically-centered sermons that edified and motivated for service to Christ, and music that inspired. New groups formed for youth, women and adult education. The community acted upon Session's invitation to make use of the facilities. A weekday nursery opened to

serve younger families. At the heart of these accomplishments was the pastoral care that generated Sessional care that rebuilt Faith Church. That basic ministry still has its effect today.

When Earl retired in September 1989, the facility had doubled in size with a Christian Education wing. The Fellowship Hall was reconfigured and expanded into an attractive sanctuary, offices and classrooms. On that occasion, Earl wanted the church to celebrate the burning of the mortgage which was finally satisfied, rather than his twenty years of faithfulness. They did as he asked, but on condition that he accept the honor of being named "Pastor Emeritus." Then he stole away to Bucks County to retire quietly and enjoy the company of family and grandchildren.

Though Earl's ministry was centrally focused on being the pastor and offering one-on-one care so as to build the congregation, he also made time to serve the presbytery and the larger church. He was Stated Clerk of Susquehanna and Susquehanna Valley Presbyteries, and the Presbytery of Lehigh from June 15, 1971 to February 14, 1978. On the order side of things, he took pride in establishing the Permanent Judicial Commission in 1973, and keeping careful records of presbytery work. By means of beautifully handwritten notes he fulfilled the need for ardor by thanking everyone who served the Presbytery. On a personal note, I thank him for allowing me to preach at Faith Church when First Easton was finishing their pastoral search in February, 1973. What a privilege it was to carry out that opportunity in a lively congregation with an organist who played hymns well!

Let these words from his pastor, George Blakesley, recently retired from the Presbyterian Church in Newtown, PA, speak for themselves:

My most wondrous memory is about Earl's caring for his lovely wife, [Najla]. No matter how frail he became she was always first in his life. I would talk with them as pastor and attempt to turn the conversation around to Earl's health, but he would have no part of it. After a cursory response he would immediately turn the conversation to praise and lift up the love of his life. And every Sunday he was by her side no matter how his health might have deteriorated. What a love story.

John Earl Naegele joined the Church Triumphant on May 2, 2013. His life and ministry was celebrated at a Memorial Service on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Historic Presbyterian Church of Newtown, PA.

Our prayers continue for Najla, his wife of 64 years; his daughter Barbara and husband, David Clark; granddaughter Kristen and her husband, Douglas Castonguay and great granddaughter Sylvie; grandson Jonathan Clark and wife Michelle.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord, for their deeds shall follow them. Amen

The Rev. Harry A. Freebairn

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They will rest from their labors, and their deeds follow them.

Revelation 14:13



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Why Synod Matters

As a newly minted Synod Commissioner, I had a unique opportunity at my first official meeting.

The Synod of the Trinity meeting in June consisted of activities and worship revolving around the culmination of conversations about the future of Synods. As NFoG, tight budgets and shrinking numbers of Presbyterians become more of a reality, the need to re-envision the role of the Synod becomes greater.

The leaders of the Synod of the Trinity have seen the writing on the wall and actively led a process to reflect on what it does well, and to focus on those things. We are blessed to be part of an active synod that does a good job of connecting the dots. Our synod can focus on the things that

congregations and presbyteries cannot do. They can see the big picture and put folks of common interests and concerns together.

An argument has been made, and likely will be again, as to whether we need the Synod to do this. The reality is that with the strains on time and resources in the presbyteries and congregations, the Synod can be a catalyst for moving projects or ideas or people.

So as we move forward we may find that Synod doesn't matter and it will cease to exist, but we may find that they are indeed an important layer in the work and faith within the presbyteries and congregations.

Ruling Elder Alicia Shussett

Misrepresentations about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Office of the General Assembly (OGA) has seen an increase in the number of calls from congregations and presbyteries concerning printed materials being circulated within PC(USA) congregation which misrepresent the beliefs and practices of the PC(USA).

In response to the broader claims being made in these documents, the OGA staff have prepared a Constitutional Musing addressing some of these misrepresentations. This Constitutional Musing is available online at <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/misrepresentations-pcusa/>.

Best Nursing Home

The Morning Call noted that Westminster Village in Allentown has been recognized as one of the nation's top nursing homes by U.S. News & World Report. They are a continuing care retirement community that is part of the Presbyterian Senior Living family of communities and they received five stars.

The Best Nursing Homes ratings highlight top nursing homes in each state and nearly 100 major

metropolitan areas which covers more than 15,000 homes nationwide. This helps families choose the right senior living community for their loved ones.

U.S. News and World Report evaluated dated from Nursing Home Compare and awarded the "Best Nursing Home" designation to homes that recently earned an overall rating of five stars.

Taken from the Morning Call article "Westminster Village recognized as a top nursing home" - May 31, 2013

What makes a church "financially healthy?"

It's not the amount of money in the offering plate each week, or the number of fundraisers held each year. It's a variety of factors that differs from church to church - and our personalized Financial Health Assessment shows you which ones can improve your church's stewardship.

A free and simple online tool, the Financial Health Assessment analyzes your stewardship culture and produces an instant report of your church's giving health. Clear and honest, the report reveals gaps in your fundraising goals and even provides guidelines to help make your church's giving impact even greater.

<http://assessment.presbyterianfoundation.org/>

The Delaware Valley Summer Institute

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“America After Christendom: The Hardest Mission Field”

Sunday, August 11 through Wednesday, August 14

7 p.m. each evening

Free and open to the public

Lecture Schedule

Sunday, August 11: “Western Christendom: Fact and Fiction”

Lambertville Presbyterian Church; 31 North Union Street, Lambertville, New Jersey

Monday, August 12: “Strangers and Aliens: The Original Strategy of the Christian Movement”

Titusville Presbyterian Church; 48 River Drive, Titusville, New Jersey

Tuesday, August 13: “How and Why Christendom Is Ending”

Stockton Presbyterian Church; 22 South Main Street, Stockton, New Jersey

Wednesday, August 14: “America, the Hardest Mission Field”

Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church; 39 Mt. Airy Village Road, Lambertville, New Jersey

The Delaware Valley Summer Institute is an annual collaborative effort of the Presbyterian churches in Lambertville, Titusville, Stockton, and Mt. Airy, New Jersey, to bring outstanding educational opportunities to the public in and around the Delaware River Valley.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

4:00 p.m.—September 24, 2013—First Presbyterian Church of Hazleton

1:00 p.m.— November 26, 2013—College Hill Presbyterian Church of Easton



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Helping Hands helping the Jersey Shore

Helping Hands of Lehigh Presbytery has been actively helping residents of the Jersey Shore recover from Super Storm Sandy. The group has been working in Manasquan and Pt. Pleasant.

The Care team is seeking volunteers for their October 6-12, 2013 work trip to Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ. Transportation for this week-long trip is by personal vehicles and carpooling is highly recommended. The cost for the week is \$100 and covers food and lodging at the site. Space is limited so if you are interested, please sign up as soon as possible. Registration forms and information can be found on the Presbytery website at:

<http://lehighpresbytery.org/our-faith-community/care-teams/helping-hands/>

The Helping Hands Care Team would like to thank all the volunteers, people, and churches for their generous donation of time, talents, and treasure. Your generosity has allowed us to be the "hands and feet of God" in the areas of devastation.

