

Lehigh Presbytery News

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CAMP DEDICATION

On October 18, 2015, the Dedication Service took place for the *Joint Camping Ministry of Lehigh and Philadelphia*. A piece of the service involved the dedication of the Brainerd bell and flagpole as well as the Circle of Swings and the Gorman Roof Chapel, all of which were relocated from Camp Brainerd.

Gershon Gordon, Acting Camp Director, welcomed us and the Rev. Ruth Santana Grace, Executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, spoke fondly of her experiences at Camp Brainerd and opened us in prayer. We sang a number of camp songs with Gershon Gordon, Kari Olson (pastor of Hope of Christ PC, Summit Hill), and Skip Brecht (pastor of Eddington PC, Bensalem) playing guitar. The Rev. Dave Duquette (Lehigh's moderator) and Elder Mike Henry (Philadelphia's Moderator) dedicated the camping ministry with following liturgy:

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Dave: Here in this sacred space of Kirkwood Camp, people have renewed faith and grown in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

People: For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith. (Romans 1:16)

Mike: Here in this sacred place, the legacy of Camp Brainerd lives on as our children gather to worship and praise our Lord and Savior.

People: Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 25:15)

Dave: Here among the hemlocks and pines, faith is fostered, friendships are forged, and foundations are formed.

People: If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:12)

Mike: Here in the midst of flora and fauna, the gifts of counselors, volunteers, and donors come together to make a difference in young lives.

People: Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)

Dave: Here in the peace and quiet, heaven touches earth as the people of Lehigh and Philadelphia work together being the Church of Jesus Christ.

People: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

Mike: Here in the symphony of babbling brook, honking geese, and laughing children, the old is mixed with the new, the familiar is mingled with the unfamiliar. And we glorify God and enjoy him forever as we seal the bonds of this new partnership between Philadelphia and Lehigh.

People: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! (Psalm 150:1-2)

Dave: The spirit of Kirkwood is blended with the spirit of Brainerd as we dedicate anew the Circle of Swings, the Gorman Roof Chapel, and Brainerd Bell and Flagpole.

Mike: The Holy Spirit is among us as we work, serve and pray together. God's heart is made glad by our united efforts to reach more and more of his children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. (Psalm 37:5)

Dave &

Mike: So it is truly right and a great joy to rededicate ourselves to camping ministry and we promise to:

People: Live the Word of Jesus Christ by providing a safe, nurturing, caring Christian community that energizes and transforms children and adults in a tranquil, natural setting. (Kirkwood Camp Mission Statement)

The Litany of Dedication was followed by a closing prayer by Lehigh's Stated Clerk, Marsha Heimann. We adjourned to enjoy a wonderfully delicious meal of Shepherd's Pie, Corn, Rolls, and Banana Pudding prepared by Ben Hooper from the Catasauqua Presbyterian Church.



*The Brainerd Bell outside of the Coop (Dining Hall.)
The base was created by Adam Lynch, the Site
Manager of Kirkwood.*



*The Brainerd Flagpole. Adam Lynch copied the set up from
that which was outside of Calvin Lodge at Brainerd.*



*The Circle of Swings was reassembled by the good folks
from Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church in Lansdale.
Children and adults enjoyed the relaxing community
created here all summer long!*

*The Gorman Roof chapel, complete with sign (not pictured)
was assembled by the Youth Group and adult volunteers from
the Wallingford Presbyterian Church. The youth constructed
the cross out of left over lumber and bits of rock which clung
to the posts after being removed from Brainerd. They said this
(the cross) is what binds the two camps and campers
together!*





Gershon Gordon, Skip Brecht, and Kari Olson playing guitar during the Dedication Service.

Prince of Peace--Kirkwood Style!



Moderators Mike Henry and Dave Duquette leading the Litany of Dedication



Stated Clerk, Marsha Heimann, offering the closing prayer.

Clerks Training



The Stated Clerk of Lehigh Presbytery, Marsha Heimann will be holding fall workshops for the Clerks of Session in Lehigh Presbytery. The purpose of these workshops is to have an opportunity to share information and valuable tools you will need as Clerk. If you are unable to make it to the one in your area, please join us at one of the other workshops.

<u>Saturday, October 24, 2015</u>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	First United Presbytery Church 105 East Main Street, Weatherly, PA
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	The Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua 210 Pine Street, Catasauqua, PA
<u>Saturday, October 31, 2015</u>	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Church of the Mountain Main Street (Route 611), Delaware Water Gap, PA
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Zion Presbyterian Church Water Street, Wind Gap, PA

HELPING HANDS REUNION



There will be a reunion of anyone who has been on the Helping Hands Care Team or volunteered on any of their trips this past 10 years. This is a potluck dinner and if you are able, please bring a dish to share. If you are unable to bring a dish, then bring yourself because there will be plenty of food for all. ☺

The reunion will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 4 – 6 p.m.** in the Commons of the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA. No RSVP is needed, just come as you are.

This is the 10th Anniversary of Helping Hands, which began back in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. It will be a wonderful evening of stories, laughter, and memories of ten years of sharing our time and talents doing God's work in many parts of the country. Come see pictures from the past ten years and bring some to share. This will be a time to celebrate, reminisce and see old friends.

MODERATOR'S FORUM



Join us for the next Moderator's Forum on **Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 1129 Shawnee Church Road, Shawnee, PA.

The purpose of this form is to discuss what our challenges are and what our future might be as a Presbytery.

Let us come together and discover what God has in store for us!



The Presbyterian Women of Catasauqua are sponsoring a

Vendor, Craft & Flea Sale

November 7, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bake Sale * Chinese Auction * Breakfast & Lunch Available

Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua
210 Pine Street, Catasauqua, PA

57th Annual Gymanafa Ganu



Please join us at the United Presbyterian Church, 6750 PA Rt. 873, Slatington, PA 18080 on **November 8, 2015** for our **"57th Annual Gymanafa Ganu"** (Welsh Hymn Sing). The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. and is open to everyone.

Our Conductor is Mr. Ellis Williams from Bangor, PA. Our Organist is Mr. Robert Miller from South Portland, ME, and our Pianist is Mrs. Anna Mary Milot, Choir Director/Organist of the United Presbyterian Church of Slatington. Special music will be by the *"Tri-Cees Chorale"* out of the Lehigh Carbon Community College in Schnecksville, PA.

Please join us for this annual tradition. Music is sung mostly in English and some Welsh. An expanded **"Te Bach"** (Welsh Tea) will follow the program. A "Free Will" offering is taken to help defray expenses. For more information call the church at 610-767-8113 or Anna Mary Milot at 610-767-8337.

Camp Director, Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center

The Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center, a joint ministry of Lehigh Presbytery and the Presbytery of Philadelphia and an ACA accredited camp, seeks a Camp Director to lead us into our new future together. We are committed to work with the congregations of our presbyteries to provide an exciting and relevant camping ministry that helps children, youth, and adults experience the joy of God's creation and grow in Christian discipleship.

Serving the Presbyteries of Philadelphia and Lehigh, Kirkwood Camp has recently merged with Camp Brainerd. Growing on their strong traditions, Kirkwood Camp seeks to transform into a future of relevance and impact for a new season of campers and guests. We know today's population is drawn to new and different experiences and we seek a visionary director to model a program and facility that meets that exciting future.

Primary Responsibilities

- Discern and develop a vision for the camp, in conversation with the Board of Directors, the staff, congregations, camp consumers, and Presbytery leadership that builds on the strengths and potential of Camp Kirkwood to grow its camping and conference ministry.
- Strengthen the financial health of Camp Kirkwood by building relationships with the two Presbyteries and their congregations, designing and implementing development strategies, overseeing sound fiscal management, and increasing year-round use of the Camp's facilities.
- Oversee the design, planning, resourcing, and evaluation of creative and quality year-round programming for all ages.
- Develop and supervise a marketing plan that includes communication through the website, social media, print, and visits with congregations, campers, alumni/ae, and potential campers and guests.
- Build, develop, and supervise a camp staff team who will provide high-quality programming in a caring, welcoming, safe, and faithful environment.

Personal Attributes

- A firm and sustaining faith in the gracious love of Jesus Christ.
- A passionate commitment to camp and conference ministry and faith formation with a good understanding of best practices for programming and safety.
- A visionary leader able to see both the "big picture" and attend to necessary details.
- An excellent communicator with effective interpersonal skills committed to team ministry.
- A self-starter who takes initiative and can lead change and innovation.

Required Education and Experience

- A minimum of three years camp and conference experience.
- Previous management and supervisory experience.
- A bachelor's degree or comparable preparation in a relevant field.

Accountability and Compensation

The Camp Director is responsible to the Board of Directors, which is a representative governing body of both Lehigh and Philadelphia presbyteries and serves as a staff resource to both presbyteries. Salary will be based on education and experience, and includes full medical and pension benefits (PCUSA Board of Pensions or equivalent), four weeks of vacation, and one to two weeks of continuing education at conferences, conventions, or seminars approved in advance by the Personnel Committee as being beneficial to the Camp.

Interested applicants can send their questions, cover letters and resumes to Courtenay Willcox at mcwillcox@gmail.com or mail to her at 364 Sentry Lane, Wayne, PA 19087.



Synod of the Trinity

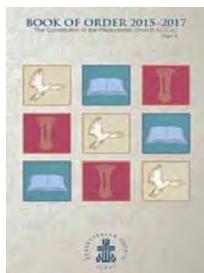
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To read the happenings at the Synod Meeting held on October 5-6, 2015 please read the *Rhythm of the Synod* at <http://www.synternity.org/featured/october-2015-synod-assembly-rhythm-of-the-synod/>.

Save The Date

Training Seminars Coming Next Spring

Sponsored by The Synod of the Trinity
Online Registration Available January 15, 2016



APRIL 2, 2016

New & Sitting Permanent Judicial Commission
Member Training

Who Will Be Invited?

Members of Presbytery & Synod
Permanent Judicial Commissions
Presbytery Stated Clerks
Executive Presbyters

APRIL 9, 2016

2016 GA COMMISSIONER
Training Session

**G.A. Commissioners Must be Elected and
Reported to OGA by December 31, 2015**

Receive valuable preparation and
information for the 2016 General Assembly.



SEMINAR LOCATION

The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference
Center, State College, PA
Lodging provided along with complimentary
breakfast & lunch, courtesy of The Synod of
the Trinity.

BOARD OF PENSIONS

It's Annual Enrollment Time ~ October 1 – November 13, 2015

Annual enrollment is the chance for employees to check medical coverage level, enroll in or change dental coverage, and apply for, or make changes to, supplemental death benefits. It is also a good time to be aware of the benefits of saving in the Retirement Savings Plan and to check to be sure you are on target for financial security in retirement. Employees may also want to evaluate their needs for Long-Term Care (LTC) Insurance. Please note that after December 31, 2015, CNA will no longer offer LTC Insurance to new enrollees. This will not affect current plan participants.

This enrollment period is the only time employees can choose or change benefits for 2016 (unless they have a qualifying life event during the year, such as a marriage or birth).

If you have questions, please call 800-773-7752 or visit the Board of Pensions on line at <http://pensions.org/annualenrollment> for details.

Benefits Connect provides quick, secure, on-line access to benefits information. Available 24/7, employees can enroll in dental coverage and/or apply for supplemental death benefits through **Benefits Connect**. Just visit <http://pensions.org/benefitsconnect> to review coverage, including optional benefits, and view a current Statement of Benefits.

Reformation Sunday (October 25) bulletin insert available through PHS

Reformation Sunday is October 25, 2015 and the Presbyterian Historical Society has designed a downloadable insert that can be added to any church's bulletin. The insert is available in half-page and full-page formats by clicking [here](#). Learn about the history of Reformed leader Jan Hus on this the 600th anniversary of his death.



PRESENTATIONS AT LUTHER CREST

The public is cordially invited to attend the following free presentations in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104:

- Panel discussion on **"Are We Safer and Better Off by Being Tough on Crime?"** Friday, November 6, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- Rev. Dr. Manfred Bahmann **"On Being a Blessing"**: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.
- Rev. Dianne Kareha on **"Growing Closer with God through Music"**: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Luther Crest's Chaplain Dianne Kareha (610-391-8210).

A "Salute to the Troops" in Recognition of Our Armed Forces Performed by
The Allentown Band ("America's Oldest Band")
Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
At Northeast Middle School Auditorium, Bethlehem, PA
Proceeds to benefit the Victory House Homeless Veterans Program
Tickets: Adults \$10.00; Students \$5.00
Buy your ticket now by contacting Amy Lukow at 610-691-3373 or email at alukow@victoryhouselv.org



Stewardship Themed Resources

The "Live Free" stewardship emphasis theme materials include a set of four worship starter videos. There is a video for each of the "Live Free" sub-themes. Each video is approximately 1.5 minutes. Find these and more materials for your stewardship season at the [Ecumenical Stewardship Center](#).

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can change
history

Being a [member](#) of the Presbyterian Historical Society is all about benefits. The benefits you receive as a member, and the benefits your financial support extends to explorers of Reformed history from around the world.

PHS members can receive free publications, discounted services, genealogy research assistance, and commemorative engraved [bricks](#). Membership support in turn helps to make the Society's service ministry possible, preserving church records, missionary papers, museum items, and unique recordings at our state-of-the-art archives. Each year, thousands visit our building or experience Presbyterian history remotely, using our [website](#) and [online catalogs](#) free of cost.

Will you become a member today? By joining PHS you ensure that current and future generations will learn the valuable lessons of America's Presbyterian past, and that our church heritage will continue to educate and inspire.

This year we're also offering gift memberships and [memberships for churches](#) in addition to [individual memberships](#). Visit www.history.pcusa.org to learn more about the Society's membership levels, programs, and services.

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Interim Pastor Position for Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church

Colleagues in Ministry,

The Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church is seeking an Interim Pastor to begin in late November. Interim/Transitional Leadership is required, and demonstrated experience in an interim/transitional pastorate is highly preferred.

Chestnut Level is a 500+ member church that exercises practices of hospitality, outreach to the community, and investment in discipleship and mission. The congregation describes itself as warmly evangelical, and expects the Interim Pastor to lead them in engaging with the Fellowship Community. The current pastor is leaving to pursue Ph.D. studies. The congregation is healthy, happy, and continuing with their strategic plan. They have just burned their mortgage for an innovative Family Life Center, and worship in a sanctuary dating back to the 1700s. Chestnut Level is in rural southern Lancaster County, 20 miles south of the city of Lancaster.

Please send your PIF or resume to the chair of the Interim Search Committee, Ruling Elder Sue Murphy, at semurphy@frontiernet.net.

Questions may be addressed to her or to the Executive Presbyter Erin Cox-Holmes at Donegal Presbytery (cell phone: 717.723.7765 or email erincoxholmes@gmail.com). [Please click here for Interim Pastor Job Description](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** – **Moderator’s Forum**, Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 1129 Shawnee Church Road, Shawnee on Delaware, PA.
- **Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.** – **Lead Team** meeting in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** – **Pastors Retreat** **CANCELLED**.
- **Saturday, October 31, 2015** – **Clerks Training**: 10 am – 12 noon at Church of the Mountain, Delaware Water Gap; and 2-4 pm at Zion Presbyterian Church, Wind Gap, PA.
- **Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** – **Committee on Shared Gifts** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Monday, November 9, 2015 at 9:15 a.m.** – **Helping Hands Care Team** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** – **Committee on Ministry** meeting in Room 408 of the First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA.
- **Wednesday, November 11, 2015** – **Veteran’s Day Holiday - the Presbytery office is CLOSED**.
- **Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** – **Installation of Rev. John Young Joon Lee** as Pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church of the Lehigh Valley, 1987 Schadt Avenue, Whitehall, PA. – RSVP’s needed by October 27th.
- **Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** – **Lehigh Presbytery Stated Meeting** at Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church, 150 Pilgrim Way, Brodheadsville, PA.