



August 26, 2015

WELCOME TO NEW PASTOR – KARI ANNE OLSON

The membership of Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church is very pleased that the Rev. Kari Anne Olson has accepted the call to be their pastor effective August 1, 2015.



Kari graduated from Princeton Seminary on May 25, 2015, and was ordained in her home church in Seattle, Washington on July 27, 2015. Her first Worship service at Hope of Christ was on August 2nd. The congregation was excited to start this new chapter in their journey of faith in the Lord's service along with Pastor Kari.

To help you know more about Kari.....a mini biography

Kari's birthday is April 23rd. She grew up in Seattle, Washington, one of two daughters born to Stephen and Myrna Olson. Her younger sister, Sarah is employed as a nurse in Portland. Kari loves good coffee, cooking vegetarian meals, learning new things and playing the guitar. She has embraced the east coast by buying an umbrella which she promises never to use in Seattle. She is looking forward to life in a small town, getting to know the members of Hope of Christ Presbyterian and discovering what is the future God has planned for them together.

Kari began sensing a call to the ministry while in high school. She earned her bachelor's degree from Whitworth University, a Presbyterian affiliated college in Washington. She majored in theology and speech communication with a minor in biblical languages. While at Whitworth, Kari served as Young Life leader and team leader at an urban high school. After graduation Kari spent a year serving as an "intern pastor" at Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church. This experience strengthened her sense of call to pastoral ministry.

Kari went on to serve as Theological Student Advisory Delegate to the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly in 2014. She also participates in the Company of New Pastors, a program of the PC (USA) that seeks to support new pastors in their first call. Kari did her theological studies at Princeton Seminary and while there she worked as a teaching assistant for Greek and was the Co-moderator of the Women's Center. Kari received the Presbyterian Leadership Award and awards in New Testament, theology and speech communication.

Please keep Pastor Kari and everyone at Hope of Christ Presbyterian in your prayers as they begin their ministry together in Summit Hill and surrounding areas of the Panther Valley. Moving from the state of Washington to the coal mining region of Pennsylvania is a big change in life as well as beginning her ministry in the service of our Lord.

Wish her well and be sure to introduce yourself when you see her at Presbytery.



Help our Youth go to the next great place

The 2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium will take place **July 19-23, 2016**. But to get this off the ground, the Lehigh Presbytery needs a volunteer to serve as Registrar for this event. The registrar is the key to getting information out and putting together a delegation of youth from our presbytery.

The registrar serves as the point person. The registrar would put together a team to help with the process. A full list of duties can be found on the Presbytery website at.



Triennium is a life giving, life changing, and faith moving experience for the youth. As the world changes, society shifts -- and the church expands -- the need for vibrant young Presbyterians grows.

**Help our youth go to the next great place in their faith
by volunteering to be the registrar for this event.**

If you are interested in being the Triennium registrar, please contact the office by September 15, 2015.

PICNIC AND GATHERING



The Upper Tier Congregations of Lehigh Presbytery will be gathering for a picnic and fellowship on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015** from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the McCartney Pavilion at Mauch Chunk Lake in Jim Thorpe, PA.

All are welcome to join them and bring a covered dish to share. For more information please contact Paul Lucia at paullucia@dejazzd.com or phone at 610-385-0909.

ORGANIST WANTED



Community Presbyterian Church of Mt. Bethel and Portland is seeking an organist to lead the congregation with music for Sunday worship.

Please submit your letter of intent/resume to:

Community Presbyterian Church
1755 S. Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel, PA 18343

or email to: cpcmbp@gmail.com. You may also call the church office at (570) 897-6766 and leave a message.

EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR MINISTRY

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

Imagine how much more ministry could happen if your congregation had a team of well-trained lay caregivers equipped to provide one-to-one Christian care to people who need it. **Stephen Ministry** is a proven system for training and organizing people in your congregation to provide quality Christian care.

Want to know more, come and attend an introductory workshop on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA. This half-day workshop will introduce you to **Stephen Ministry** and show how to get this life-changing ministry started in your congregation.

Each workshop is composed of three sessions.

Session 1: Ministering to those experiencing grief

Session 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry

Session 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

Who should attend? Pastors and church staff; lay leaders and decision makers; and caregivers.

Cost: \$15 per person; or \$50 for a group of four or more from a congregation.

Bring a team and benefit from the group rate.



To register log on to www.stepheministry.org/workshop or call 314-428-2600

Moderators Forums



Join us at the next Moderator's Forum on **October 27, 2015** at **Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 1129 Shawnee Road, Shawnee on Delaware, PA.**

The purpose of these forums is to discuss what our challenges are and what our future might be. Come and share with Lehigh Presbytery's Moderator, Dave Duquette.

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

ADVENTURES IN MISSIONS



Over the past eleven months Christopher and Margeaux Cronce have been working with Adventures in Missions. Chris is the son of Doug and Roberta Cronce. Doug is the pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua.

Adventures in Missions provides an “*eleven months in eleven countries*” opportunity to be partners in mission around the world. Chris and Margeaux were one of the few married couples on the mission. They served in partnership with churches and ministries in local communities to preach the Gospel, plant churches, work in orphanages, fight human trafficking, and bring the restorative hope of God’s love to many.

In August, Chris and Margeaux will be returning to the states. Here is a look at where Christ’s mission has taken them on what has been called “The World Race”: Guatemala, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Thailand, Cambodia, Nepal (in February before the earthquake), India, Swaziland, Botswana, Bosnia, Slovakia. Their last mission in Slovakia has been ministering to the Roma; a persecuted ethnic people.

Christopher and Margeaux felt led to give a year to mission after graduating from Messiah College in Grantham, PA. They both gave up good jobs in Pittsburgh to respond to this call from God.

In October and November they will be in the Lehigh Valley. If you would like to extend an opportunity for them to come and share their experience with your church group you may contact them at margeaux.cronce@gmail.com.

Visit their blog at <http://croncemc.theworldrace.org/>. Pray for their transition back to life here in the U.S.A.

The Caregiver's Journey



Many of us find ourselves caring for an elderly relative. You probably have many questions, from legal issues to spiritual concerns.

Please join us for a workshop- *The Caregiver's Journey* on **October 24, 2015- 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** in Room #115 of the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W.

Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.

If interested, please register with Robin @ 610-391-9020. There is no cost to register; however, a free will offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

Consignment Sale



On [September 19, 2015](#), Faith Presbyterian Church (3002 N. Second Street, Emmaus, PA) will be hosting a *Consignment Sale* featuring fall/winter clothing for children, in addition to maternity wear and toys. This will mark their 4th sale, and after every sale they have donated over \$1,000 to local mission ([Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#)).

They need some help!

1) Do you or anyone you know want to consign some of your goods? Registration and information is available on the [Consign for Good page](#) of the church website. Further questions can be directed to Blair Dooner at consign@faithchurchemmaus.org.

2) Do you like to shop for quality goods at bargain prices? Please encourage your family and friends to come out between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on September 19th.

Genuine Relationships: Emotionally Healthy Living

*How do we foster genuine relationships in a time dominated by social media?
How does your family of origin contribute to your (in) ability to have healthy interactions?
Are you feeling frantic, exhausted, overloaded and hurried? Did Jesus live that way?
Do unmet expectations cause conflict in your relationships?*

Do you want to learn more about Emotionally Healthy Living?

---Then this conference is for you!

The conference will be led by Steve and Jan Lucas, part of the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality team founded by Peter Scazzero. Peter is the author of the best-selling book Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.

Saturday, October 3, 2015

8:00 am-3:30 pm

Presented by the Emotional Wellness Ministry

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem – Fellowship Hall

2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA

Price: \$15 before September 15, includes continental breakfast and lunch; \$20 for late registration.

Childcare: Available with early registration.

Online registration <http://www.fpc-bethlehem.org/adults> or contact Yovita Wooden at First Presbyterian Church, 610.317.6162, ext. 206, or ywooden@fpc-bethlehem.org or Trish Fritz fritz.trish@gmail.com.

PROJECTOR



Due to an over abundance of projectors at the Presbytery office, the Lehigh Presbytery has a Dell 2300 MP Projector available for any Lehigh Presbytery church who is interested. This projector was purchased in 2004 and is in excellent working order.

This is a first come, first served. So if you are interested or would like to take a look at it, please contact the Presbytery office at 610-391-9020 or office@lehighpresbytery.org

Luther Crest Hosts *“THEOLOGY, LITERATURE, AND COFFEE”*



Luther Crest will host a Moravian Theological Seminary-sponsored course, **“Theology, Literature And Coffee”(TLC)**, which will be held 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, on **Mondays, October 12, October 26, and November 9, 2015.**

Enjoy a time of learning and fellowship as theological themes in selected literature are presented and discussed.

Cost for the series is \$20 with early registration discount before September 28 (\$25 after 9/28/15), and beverages will be provided.

To register, please contact Moravian Theological Seminary (610-861-1516) or Luther Crest Chaplain Dianne Kareha (610-391-8210).

Books to be discussed are:

- Oct. 12:** *“Pigeon Feathers” (a short story) and poems by John Updike* ISBN B009SG68MG
 Leader: **Nelvin Vos**, St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown
- Oct. 26:** *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson* ISBN 0199536228
 Leader: **Nelson Quinones**, St. John Lutheran Church, Fogelsville
- Nov. 9:** *The Fall of a Sparrow by Robert Helenga* ISBN 0140277048
 Leader: **Ruth Marcon**, First Presbyterian Church, Allentown
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PLEASE NOTE: The Presbytery office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 7, 2015 for the Labor Day Holiday.

Be a witness to the healing love of Christ by caring for communities who have been affected by a catastrophic event



A mission work trip from **October 4-10, 2015** is planned to help with the recovery efforts in **Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ**. The Helping Hands Care Team is looking for volunteers. No specific skills are required, just a willing spirit. Those with skills in plumbing, electrical, roofing, dry wall installation, tiling, etc. are always welcome.

Volunteers will be staying at the Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, Bay & Forum Avenue, Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ. There are bunk beds for sleeping and showers and bathrooms are available on site. Meals will be provided as part of your registration fee of \$125.00 per person.

Visit the [Helping Hands webpage](#) for more information and registration forms. The registration **deadline is September 25, 2015**. There will be an orientation meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Room #118 of the First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.



[Board Connections: June 2015](#)

The newest edition of *Board Connections*, the Board of Pensions newsletter, is available. *Board Connections* highlights recent Board news, important updates, and information and replaces many of the emails you previously received from the Board. Articles this month include the following:

[Board Uses RBCs To Gather Input on Plan Redesign](#)

How can we serve more? The Reverend Frank Clark Spencer, President of the Board of Pensions, put that question to participants at the 2015 Regional Benefits Consultations (RBCs). [Read More](#)

[Traveling Abroad? The Medical Plan Has You Covered](#)

Are you planning a trip outside the United States? Whether it's for missionary work or a vacation, the Medical Plan has you covered for medically necessary services. [Read More](#)

[Saving Is Easy with the RSP](#)

Can you name four advantages to participating in the Retirement Savings Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (RSP)? [Read More](#)

You'll also find

- a message from our President on benefits and the Church; and
- articles on Call to Health, information about the upcoming Financial Well-Being Retreat, and more.

[Read the June Board Connections!](#)



A Conversation on Pastoral Vocation



with Dr. Darrell Guder

Professor of Missional and Ecumenical
Theology Emeritus
Princeton Theological Seminary

Thursday, September 10, 2015

6:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m. Presentation

Wayne Presbyterian Church

125 E. Lancaster Ave. Wayne, PA 19087

Dr. Darrell Guder received his Ph.D. from the University of Hamburg. As an ordained Presbyterian minister, he served as a student outreach pastor and as a faculty member of the Karlshohe College in the German Lutheran Church. His writing and teaching focus on the theology of the missional church, especially the theological implications of the paradigm shift to post-Christendom as the context for Christian mission in the West. He was the inaugural faculty mentor in Company of New Pastors (and Excellence from the Start) at Princeton Theological Seminary.

For information on this event or how you can be part of Company of New Pastors:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Office of Theology and Worship

100 Witherspoon St. Louisville, KY 40202

Karen Russell, karen.russell@pcusa.org 888-728-7228, ext. 5401

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/company-new-pastors/



KEEP KIDS SAFE PA

Taken from the <http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/index.htm> website

****Governor Wolf waived background check fees required by the Child Protective Services Law for volunteers and reduced the cost of clearances for employment purposes from \$10 to \$8. ****

Protecting Pennsylvania's children from abuse and neglect is a shared responsibility. It requires collaboration from the formal child protective services system, community partners and our citizens to provide local safety nets for children and families that are facing challenges within our communities and neighborhoods.

Recently, 24 pieces of legislation were enacted, changing how Pennsylvania responds to child abuse. These changes significantly impact the reporting, investigation, assessment, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

Clearances

Reminder: Background checks fees for volunteers have been waived and the cost of clearances for employment purposes was reduced from \$10 to \$8. These fee changes have been in effect since July 25, 2015.

Please keep this in mind as you submit clearance requests to the Department. If you have questions regarding the clearance process, please visit www.KeepKidsSafe.pa.gov.

Individuals seeking clearances can go directly to www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis to create an individual account and apply for their child abuse clearance electronically. Thank you for your continued commitment to keep Pennsylvania's children safe.

Certain individuals, in order to work or volunteer with children, are required to obtain clearances which may include the following:

- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance;
- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check; and
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Check.

Who needs child abuse clearances?

- [Employees having contact with children](#)
- [Foster/Adoptive parents](#)
- [School employees governed by the Public School Code](#)
- [School employees not governed by the Public School Code](#)
- [Volunteers](#)

Information regarding the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance is contained below, as well as a link to additional information regarding the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Check.

The Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance can be submitted and paid for online through the Child Welfare Information Solution (CWIS) self-service portal, www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis.

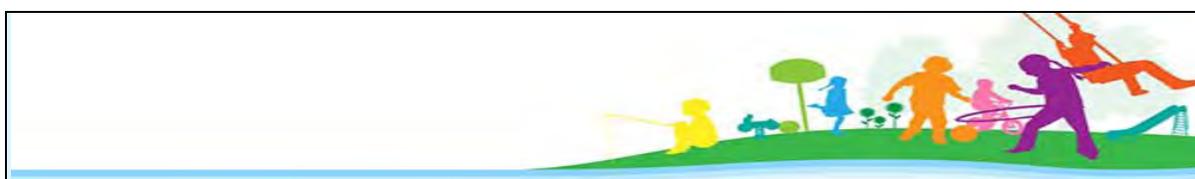
Submitting an application online allows individual applicants to receive their results through an automated system that will notify the applicant once their results have been processed. Applicants will be able to view and print their results online. The self-service portal also provides the ability for organizations to create business accounts to prepay for child abuse clearances and have online access to the results.

For more information about the electronic submission of child abuse clearances or for information on obtaining the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check or Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Check, please go to:

<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm>.

To learn more visit the **Keep Kids Safe PA** webpage at

<http://www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov/index.htm>



DATES/TIMES OFFERED:

Thursday, September 10,
2015
9:30-11:00 AM EST

Tuesday, September 15,
2015
6:30-8:00 PM EST



WEBINAR:

**Protecting PA's Children: What Adults
Working or Volunteering With Children
Need to Know**

**Update: On July 1st Governor Tom Wolf signed
House Bill 1276 into law (known as Act 15 of 2015)**

Over the last year, Pennsylvania enacted significant child protection reforms related to how child abuse is defined, reported and investigated. Act 15 of 2015 clarifies and changes some of these earlier legal requirements impacting adult volunteers, particularly if the volunteer has a legal duty to report suspected child abuse and obtain comprehensive criminal and child abuse background checks. Join us for an interactive webinar to sort through what has changed in PA law and what it means for volunteers.

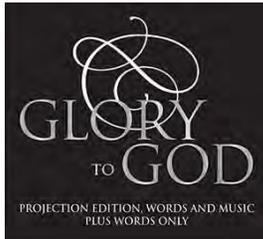
[Click here for more information and registration](#)

Contact: Network of Victim Assistance - 215-343-6543
mandy@novabucks.org



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Resources for Presbyterians



This resource contains files of the songs in the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, for projection during worship services. Files are available on a flash drive in either PowerPoint or image formats. Two versions are available: one with just the words displayed and one that includes options for using either the words only files or the words and music files.

Some hymns will have copyright restrictions for projecting. In those cases, we will include the files for projection along with the information about the restrictions and what licenses your church can obtain that will cover those hymns.

Click here to download a folder of sample files, showing both words and words-and-music options. Double-click on the downloaded file to open the folder.

Special limited-time offer: Order 100 or more copies of the pew edition and receive special retail pricing on the Projection Edition. Call or visit our website for details.

Click here for more information about the hymnal, including ways to raise funds, educate your congregation, and introduce the book to your church. You can also visit us on Facebook, Twitter, or call Customer Service at 1-800-533-4371. To place an order or see a complete list of products, click here.

All offers valid through December 31, 2015. Offers not valid on previous purchases. Shipping charges are additional.

The **FALL CURRICULUM** quarter begins **Sunday, September 6, 2015**. Haven't ordered your church's curriculum? Don't worry! At the PC(USA) Store you will find downloadable curriculum for children, youth, and adult. Purchase, download, and print today!



Growing in Grace & Gratitude

Bible Story Based

Ages: 3–5, 5–7, 8–10, Multiage

Format: Download or Printed; Quarterly or 9-Month Plan

With *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*, the new PC(USA) children's curriculum, transform the lives of children and those who love them, shaped by grace and gratitude.



Presby Youth

Bible Story Based

Ages: Younger Youth, Tweens, Older Youth

Format: Download; Quarterly

The best of *We Believe* and *Faithfully Asking Questions*, *Presby Youth* downloads are à la carte to meet your church's needs.



We Believe Workshop

Thematic

Ages: Multiage

Format: Download; Individual Workshops

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Based on the best-selling commentary series; explore lectionary passages in ways suitable for all ages.



INformed: Adolescent Development Resources

Issue Based

Ages: Younger Youth, Tweens

Format: Download; Stand-Alone Lesson Plans

Comprehensive lesson plans and articles for parents, leaders, and youth; talk about subjects that are sometimes difficult to discuss.

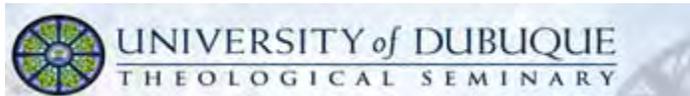


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100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary is pleased to announce that we will be offering **nine** online fall courses for Commissioned Ruling Elders in our CLP/CRE program, scheduled from **September 8 to December 18, 2015**. We would appreciate it if you would pass on this information within your presbytery/church and advertise it in your newsletter or other publications.

OUR TRADITIONAL FALL CLASS OFFERINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Introduction to Old Testament – Dr. Martin Benckhuysen
- Introduction to New Testament – Dr. Jim Gunn
- Christian Education – Dr. Susan Forshey
- Introduction to Preaching – Dr. Timothy Slemmons
- Pastoral Care – Dr. Beth McCaw
- Presbyterian Polity – Dr. Scott Nesbitt
- Reformed Theology – Dr. Elesha Coffman
- Reformed Worship and Sacraments – Dr. Timothy Slemmons

NEW COURSE OFFERING: Church Administration and Finance – Dr. Phillip Jamieson

This year we are adding two new courses to our CLP/CRE course lineup. During the Fall 2015 semester we are offering Church Administration and Finance and for the 2016 Spring term we will be offering Christian Leadership Ethics. Church Administration and Finance will enable lay pastors to explore and develop the practical skills necessary for effective church administration, while Christian Leadership Ethics will examine topics like sexual misconduct, confidentiality, boundaries, money, youth programs, volunteers, etc. and the implications for ministry. Both are essential for anyone who is preparing for successful service in the church.

We would also encourage you to pass this email on and encourage anyone you may know with gifts for ministry to consider applying to our lay ministry program. Application and course information for our CLP/CRE program can be found at <http://udtslearning.net/> and then click on “CLP/CRE Info” in the “Welcome” box. I have also attached our CLP/CRE flier.

As always, current students can register by going online at <http://udtslearning.net/mod/page/view.php?id=15076> or by contacting Carla Gibbons, Distance Education Coordinator (CGibbons@dbq.edu or call 563-589-3630 / 1-888-207-8218), to pay by credit card or check. The tuition rate is \$380.00 per course.

Feel free to contact Carla or me if you have any questions. In addition, please remember to check our continuing education website <http://udts.dbq.edu/academics/continuingeducation> for upcoming events.

Yours in Christ,

Richard J. Shaffer Jr.

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Awakening to Mystery

Participants are invited on a journey toward ever deeper “Spiritual Awakening” drawing on practices from Christianity and other traditions.

This class provides an environment for intensive experiential learning in various spiritual practices, such as praying in the body, praying with sacred music, meditation, and classical Christian practices. Participants will have an opportunity to hear people from non-Christian traditions share what “Spiritual Awakening” means to them in their own faith journey.

Our primary texts will be *“The Science of Enlightenment”* by Shinzen Young, *“The Resurrected Jesus”* by Adyashanti, *Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault, and the *Gospels*.

One can read more about the course here: <http://www.kairosjourney.org/awakening-to-mystery/>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** – **Committee on Preparation for Ministry** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA
- **Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.** – **Presbytery Lead Team** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.** – **Committee on Shared Gifts** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** – **Helping Hands Care Team** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 4 p.m.** – **Installation of the Rev. Kari Anne Olson** at the Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church, 44 West White Street, Summit Hill, PA 18250.
- **Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.** – **Worldwide Ministries Care Team** in the Conference Room of Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA.
- **Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** – **Stated Meeting of Lehigh Presbytery** at the First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA.