

News for the Churches

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Highlights of March Presbytery Meeting

The Kiskiminetas Presbytery met in a stated meeting at the Shiloh, St. Marys Church on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Worship was led by host pastor Rev. Bill Milligan and members of his congregation.

2005 Membership Noted

The report of Stated Clerk Rev. Donald Rising included annual statistics for the year 2005, noting an active membership of 12,076. 86 of the 89 churches in the presbytery submitted reports.

Annual Corporation Meeting

Trustees for the year 2006 were elected, as well as Treasurer Debbie Lundgren and Assistant Treasurer Donna Douth. The treasurer's report for the year 2005 and the outstanding church loan report were presented for information.

Council Report

Chair of Council Rev. Bruce Shannon shared the meeting dates for presbytery and council through the year 2009. Presbytery approved the changes in title and position description for Rev. Dr. Wayne Yost and Rev. Erin Cox-Holmes to General Presbyter and Associate General Presbyter, respectively. Erin then called attention to the upcoming visit to Kiski by Dr. Mark Achtemeier, a member of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church. He will lead a time of reflection and response at the Graystone Church on March 25.

Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Men

PW Moderator Sally Early reminded women of the Spring Gathering on April 29 at Dayton Glade Run, the PW Churchwide Gathering in Louisville in July, and the September mission trip to New Windsor, MD. Tom Harris invited men and their spouses to the Semi-Annual Communion Breakfast on April 1 at the Blairsville Church. Carmen Shullo will be the featured speaker, and George Rice will provide special music.

Opportunities for Mission

Diaconal Committee Chair Kay Smith outlined plans for the scheduled trip to Rwanda in September and promoted the opportunity for mission work in West Virginia in June.

Transformational Ministries

Rev. Matt Jones highlighted Presbytery Day and the Storytelling Workshop in May. Dennis Dewey, biblical storyteller, will be the presenter. Matt announced that those congregations wanting Presbytery Day brochures must now request them. He also informed the presbytery that the Kiski E-News is in production again.

Pastoral Transitions Noted

Rev. Jim Dietrich reported the following changes for the Committee on Ministry:

- ◆ Rev. Richard Hartsfield, Moderator at Hawthorn
- ◆ Rev. Bob Moore, Moderator at Rimersburg
- ◆ Rev. Jim Dietrich, Moderator at Beechwoods and Sugar Hill
- ◆ Rev. Steve Hendrickson, Moderator at Pleasant Grove and Oliveburg
- ◆ Rev. T.J. Parlette, Moderator at Brockway
- ◆ Rev. Roger Petersen, part-time interim at Saltsburg
- ◆ Revs. Bob & Carol Orr, transferred to Presbytery of Central Florida
- ◆ Rev. William King, transferred to Beaver-Butler Presbytery upon their request
- ◆ Rev. Jeffrey Potter, transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery upon their request

Members had an opportunity to express farewells and good wishes for Bill and Jeff.

Next Meeting

Rev. Cartmell thanked Rev. Milligan and the congregation for the refreshments provided and the hospitality extended in hosting the meeting. After a closing prayer the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next stated Presbytery meeting will take place on May 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Bethlehem Church

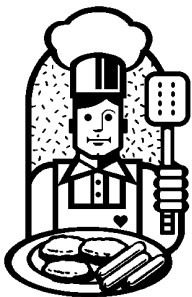
PRESBYTERY OF KISKIMINETAS MISSION STATEMENT

Seeking to be faithful to the Great Commission of Christ and to fulfill the Great Ends of the Church, the mission of Kiskiminetas Presbytery is:

- ▶ To be a partner in mission and ministry with the Sessions of the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly;
- ▶ To provide care and oversight for the congregations and minister members of the Presbytery;
- ▶ To serve as a judicial court of the church; and
- ▶ To affirm the connectional relationships of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

MISSION/MINISTRY DIRECTIONS:

- ▶ The Presbytery will model Christian community in worship, stewardship, fellowship and encouragement in its structure, staffing, programs, and meetings.
- ▶ The Presbytery will support and encourage Sessions as they lead the congregations in mission and ministry in a rapidly changing world.
- ▶ The Presbytery will respond to the reality that we are becoming an “entry level” presbytery by supporting and nurturing *first call* pastors and the congregation(s) they serve.
- ▶ The Presbytery will provide resources, training, and programming to assist Sessions to enhance congregational vitality and faithfulness in mission and ministry. Areas of focus will include:
 - Member recruitment, assimilation, and care
 - Stewardship
 - Revitalization or redevelopment
- ▶ The Presbytery will provide resources, training, and programming to assist Sessions in educational ministries. Areas of focus will include:
 - Church School Support and Teacher Development
 - Leadership Development for ministers, elders, deacons, and clerks of session
 - Worship and Spiritual Formation/Development
 - Youth Ministry
- ▶ The Presbytery will develop a strategic plan for sharing pastoral leadership, merging, and/or closing of congregations with severely limited ability to maintain a vital mission and ministry.
- ▶ The Presbytery will be a faithful partner with the Synod and General Assembly in mission interpretation and support.
- ▶ The Presbytery will support Sessions which are seeking to address pressing social and economic issues affecting the communities in which they minister.
- ▶ The Presbytery will seek to hear and to respond to God’s call for justice and social righteousness and to call the churches of the Presbytery to do the same.



Calling All Presbyterian Men (and their wives!)

- Who: Presbyterian Men
What: Spring Breakfast
When: April 1, 8:30 a.m.
Where: United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville
(137 N. Walnut Street, Blairsville)
Why: Fellowship & Spiritual Feeding

Carmen Shullo, a Commissioned Lay Pastor from the Beaver-Butler Presbytery, will be the speaker. His topic will be Energizing Men. George Rice will provide special music. Please notify the Blairsville Church (724-459-7991) if you are planning to attend. For more information contact Tom Harris at 724-349-1594.

BETWEEN ME & THEE

I trust you have seen in this News of the Churches, on the website, or in the Presbytery meeting packet the information about the visit of The Rev. Dr. Mark Achtemeier on March 25th. Dr. Achtemeier served on the Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church. Dr. Achtemeier will help us to reflect upon and respond to the Report of the Task Force which is going to this year's General Assembly. The report is available at this URL

<http://www.pcusa.org/peaceunitypurity/resources/finalreport.pdf>

We had tried to arrange for members of the Task Force to be with us for our January Presbytery meeting. However, conflicting schedules prevented that. We appealed to Dr. Achtemeier to be with us and he very graciously gave up his only open weekend for several months. I encourage as many ministers and elders, as possible to attend this event. I am excited to have Dr. Achtemeier coming to be with us on March 25th.

I am in deep hope that Dr. Achtemeier's time with us will help calm anxieties, clear up misunderstandings and cool heated feelings about the Report. I do not expect that all fears and feelings will be allayed. Across the denomination we are hearing people say, "If this report passes, I'm out of here." For some, it has become the proverbial "line in the sand." For each individual that is a fundamental right upheld by our Constitution. (G-1.0302 a & b) However, it is always a sad day when a person has to decide that their comfort level of conscience requires moving on to something/someplace else.

While we support/encourage the exercise of conscience, we do not support activity by which an individual, or group, seeks to divide the church. At the end of G-6.0000 we find this footnote. *Very early in the history of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, even before the General Assembly was established, the plan of reunion of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia contained the following sentences: "That when any matter is determined by a major vote, every member shall either actively concur with or passively submit to such determination; or if his conscience permit him to do neither, he shall, after sufficient liberty modestly to reason and remonstrate, peaceably withdraw from our communion without attempting to make any schism. Provided always that this shall be understood to extend only to such determination as the body shall judge indispensable in doctrine or Presbyterian government."*

Not everybody will agree with every report or decision of any governing body be it a session, a presbytery, a synod or the General Assembly. The glory of our polity is that everybody does not have to agree with it. We are all welcome to work for change in the actions, policies, procedures and processes of governing bodies. If after sufficient attempts to make a change, we are free to follow our individual conscience and to seek another fellowship. However, we are not free to actively seek to divide the church.

I hope, I passionately pray, that Dr. Achtemeier's presence with us will help us find a way for all of us to continue on this faith journey together. If, however, that is not possible I pray that individual consciences may be exercised without seeking to divide the Church.

Yours in service to Christ and the Church,

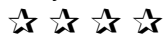
Wayne Yost

The Kiski Digest

Highlighting Some of the Churches and People in our Presbytery

(If you have items of special interest about the programs and activities of your congregation to include in the newsletter, please call Lynn Rising at 724-783-7196, mail them to the Presbytery Office at PO Box 339, Yatesboro, 16263, or send them to Lynn via email at Irising@kiskipby.org)

The **Pisgah and New Rehoboth** Churches honored their pastor, **Rev. Jim Dietrich**, on Sunday March 5, at a joint service. Jim has served the two congregations for 20 years. The service was followed by a luncheon and program.



The **First Presbyterian Church of East Brady** has a new project, and they hope you'll be able to participate.

Since its grassroots beginnings in 1966, the **International Book Project** has been "making dreams come true through books" for millions of people in need, worldwide. By serving long-term emerging literacy needs around the globe and at home, as well as responding to areas impacted by natural and humanitarian crises, this mission is to promote education and literacy while broadening Americans' understanding of their neighbors.

Last year alone, IBP distributed over 4 million books. IBP sends books to Native American reservations, and has sent books to areas of the country that have been devastated by national disasters, including schools in Mississippi, Louisiana and Iowa affected by flooding. Mail bags of books and teaching materials are sent to foreign missions, schools and to Peace Corps workers. An entire library was sent to a college in Uganda last year.



The East Brady congregation has been contributing used Sunday School materials, devotionals, extra Bibles, and other books to the IBP for over 10 years. East Brady Lumber Company has offered pallets, shrinkwrap and banding as well as transportation to a trucking pickup point, and our mission committee will fund the shipment costs.

East Brady invites the presbytery to participate. IBP is looking for any high school or college-level text books published in 1995 or later. (Dates aren't as important for texts concerning literature, grammar and linguistics, mathematics and foreign language.) Reference books, any dictionaries or thesauruses, plus "how-to" books are especially welcome, as are good-condition children's books. They also accept donations of technical, medical, and nursing magazines. At present, they have all the National Geographic magazines that they can handle.

They are also able to use classic literature, recent fiction and non-fiction books in good condition. You can read more at <http://www.internationalbookproject.org/index.php>.

Jeff Bernstein is coordinating the effort. His phone number is 724-526-5176, or you can call Debbie McCanna at 724-526-5693 or the church at 724-526-5892.

Graystone Church Hosts Organ Concert

The Carol Teti Memorial Organ Scholarship Committee is hosting Peter Richard Conte, Grand Court Organist for the Wanamaker organ in Philadelphia, in an organ recital in the sanctuary of the Graystone Church in Indiana on April 25th at 7:30 p.m. The recital is a benefit ("donations welcome") for the IUP organ scholarship initiated by and named in memoriam for Dr. Carol Teti, a long time Graystone member and former professor of organ at IUP. The recital is open to the public and a reception follows the performance.

KISKI CLASSIFIEDS

Free: Hymnals

The Indiana, Crete Church has about four dozen copies of the 1955 red Presbyterian *Hymnbook*. The hymnals range from "good" to "fair" condition, and they are free to another church home. For more information, contact Rev. Katie Ward Stear at katiews@adelphia.net.

Free: Clergy Robe and Stoles

The clergy robe belonged a Presbyterian minister, now deceased, who was approximately 6 feet tall and over 200 pounds. If interested, please contact Tom Jones at 724-639-8305 or tjones@adelphia.net.

For Sale: Piano

Joyce Stewart has a Kimball spinet piano for sale. It has a light maple stain, is 24 years old in like-new condition complete with matching bench. It will need tuning. I received a trade-in value of \$750.00. I will sell it to a church or church member for \$500.00. Call 814-358-2658 to see the piano.

Looking for a Musician?

Merrilee Jaskulski is available for service as an organist, pianist, music director, or for supply work on Sunday mornings. She is also available for weddings or special services. You may contact Merrilee at 724-840-5104.



SPRING is here with everything in bloom, fresh and new with hope and promise for the future. Come refresh yourself at our Spring Gathering on April 29, 2006 at Dayton Glade Run Church. (registration 9:30 a.m., gathering begins at 10:00 a.m.)

The theme for the day is:

“Caminhada- walking together in mutual love and hope”

Our keynote speakers will be Nicole Johnson, global exchange partner to Brazil and Heather Withrow, resident camp director at Westminster Highlands.

Communion will be served.

Please don't forget your collection of socks for the Arcadia Mission.

Lunch will be provided- make reservations:

Donnie Mateer 814-257-8152 by April 22. Cost \$5.00

(You can still come if you forgot the reservation).

Also, if you can, bring your Birthday Offering.

You still have time to register for the PW Churchwide Gathering Louisville, Kentucky July 7-11.

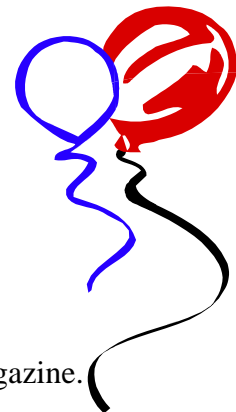
So far we have 31 women and 1 man registered from Kiskiminetas. It promises to be a week of Spirit filled activities and fellowship. Call me if you need more information, Sally Early 814-927-8515. (early registration before April 15 is \$315, after April 15 is \$350).

Those of you attending, don't forget to save a "little" space in your suitcase for children's shoes and socks. Also we would very much like for each church to send at least one poster to display at Churchwide regarding a "special woman" in your congregation.

This year's five Birthday offering recipients are:

1. Forman Christian College Women's Hostel Lahare, Pakistan
2. Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville, Kentucky
3. The River, Johnson City, Tennessee
4. Rose Advocates Maple Tree House, Weiser, Idaho
5. Single Parent Resource Center, New York, New York.

Learn more about these 5 programs in your January/ February Horizons magazine.



LOOKING AHEAD:



July 26 (Wed) PW PICNIC, Sharp's campground, Shelocta

September 26-28 (Tues-Thurs) MISSION TRIP to Church World Service, New Windsor, Md.

October 4 (Wed) FALL GATHERING, Brookville

Presbytery Day Monday Workshop: Storytelling Behind the Scenes

A WORKSHOP FOR PREACHERS & STORYTELLERS

With DENNIS DEWEY, Biblical Storyteller

MAY 8, 2006 10:00—3:00 P.M. Calvary Presbyterian Church, Indiana PA

"The fastest three hours I've ever experienced," declared one participant in Dennis Dewey's workshop. Learn a lot, experience the Spirit and laugh in the process as you discover that, before there was an ink-and-paper bible, there were breath-and-sound stories. The post-literate culture we live in is secondarily oral, and the ancient storytelling traditions of the early church and Israel provide us with "new" models for preaching, teaching and spiritual nurture. This workshop provides an informative and entertaining journey, an experience of the power of biblical storytelling that will change the way you think about the Bible. We will learn techniques for "internalizing" the stories of scripture and giving them lively expression, and help participants make connections between biblical stories and lifestories. In short, we will explore doing exegesis "from the inside out" as we work on learning and telling a story from one of the gospels. The \$15.00 charge includes a catered lunch.

PRESBYTERY DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Please copy and send one form for each child or adult registration.

Name _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Address _____
 City & Zip _____
 Name of Church _____

Adult Registration Child Registration

If Registering a Child:

Age _____ Birth Date _____
 Nickname _____ Grade in School ('05-'06) _____
 Parent's Name _____

Presbytery Day Workshops on Sunday, May 7

Select one workshop (*switch at breaktime if you like!)

- Before the Bible was Ink — with Dennis Dewey
 The Secret Lives of Kings — with Peter Bower
 Children's Program

Storytelling Workshop on Monday, May 8

- Storytelling Behind the Scenes with Dennis Dewey

Registration & Dinner Reservation

Registration Fee: \$ _____

Adults—\$3.00, (Children FREE)

Dinner: \$ _____

Adults—\$5.00 Children (ages 3-11)—\$3.00

Under age 3—FREE

(All Dinner Reservations **must be made by May 1.** After that date all reservations must be honored.)

Storytelling Workshop (Monday): \$15.00

\$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Please attach a list of any food allergies or other concerns.

Child Care for 3 years and under must be registered by May 1.

Please make out checks to:

Presbytery of Kiskiminetas

We accept PayPal! If you would like to pay online the id is payments@kiskipby.org

Please return registration forms to: Presbytery of Kiskiminetas, P. O. Box 339, Yatesboro, Pa 16263 or register online at www.kiskipby.org

Order Form for Presbytery Day Brochures (Print Version)

Presbytery Day 2006 with Dennis Dewey, Biblical Storyteller May 7, 3:00—7:00 @ Graystone Church, Indiana PA May 8, Storytelling Workshop 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. @ Calvary Church, Indiana PA

Presbytery Day 2006 will feature Dennis Dewey, Biblical Storyteller on May 7 at Graystone Presbyterian Church, along with a Bible Workshop by Rev. Dr. Peter Bower and a Children's Program. Dennis will also lead a Storytelling Workshop on May 8 at Calvary Church, Indiana.

In order to prevent waste, and since many people prefer to view information and sign-up online, this year brochures will be printed for congregations which order and promise to distribute them. The print brochures will continue to be free of charge. Deadline to order print brochures: April 1, 2006. This order form may also be submitted online on the presbytery website, or printed from there.



Name _____

Church _____

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Email Address _____

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On Sunday morning or other church event

Include in mailed newsletter

Mail as a separate piece to members

Other: Please explain

How Many Brochures are you ordering?

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**World Mission Initiative Conference
Pittsburgh Seminary, March 24-25**

Dr. Ken Bailey is the featured speaker. Dr. Dan and Beth Merry will speak at the opening session. Fifteen workshops will be offered in each of three sessions on Saturday. Mission displays will claim your interest. The conference brochure can be downloaded at www.WorldMissionInitiative.org.

**Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries
Network Annual Conference
April 19-22, 2006**

Stony Point Center, NY

"A Passion for People: Bringing Us Back to the Premises of Presbyterian Ministry, Mission, and Evangelism" is the theme of the POAMN Annual Conference, featuring the Rev. Dr. Stephen Sapp as keynote speaker. You are encouraged to register online at www.pcusa.org/olderadults/poamn.htm. For more information, contact Ginny Nyhius at 888-728-7228, ext. 5472.

**Christian Retreat for Adults with
Disabilities**

June 16 - 18, 2006

Kenbrook Bible Camp, Lebanon PA

The retreat begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and concludes at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$70. For more information contact Mitzi Kennedy, 717-393-0696 or email mck440@comcast.net.

Ministers Needed at SCI Pine Grove

Rev. Dave Pitkins is leaving SCI Pine Grove. He has accepted the position of Deputy at SCI Laurel Highlands. Kirt Anderson is the new Chaplaincy Director. Kirt invites Presbyterian ministers or assistant ministers who may be interested in preaching at the prison one Sunday every other month to contact him. Kirt would like to include the Presbyterian churches in this worship experience. The service begins at 8:30 a.m. and lasts around 45-60 minutes, depending on the time constraints of the guest preacher. SCI does have an inmate choir but guest ministers are welcome to bring in a choir or musicians. For more information, contact Kirt at kirtcott@localnet.com or 724-465-9630.



Appleby Manor Sponsors "Pinned Down" Bowl

The "Pinned Down" Bowl for Kids' Sake team will sponsor a Used Book and Chicken Noodle Soup Sale on April 29, 2006 in Appleby Manor Church's social hall. The event is scheduled for 10 am- 3 pm.

The sale will feature used books, chicken noodle soup by the bowl or quart, live music from 11 am- 1 pm, a book browsing area and an eating area. Proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Armstrong County. "Pinned Down" consists of Nathaniel Satterfield, Nikki Snyder, Julie Satterfield and Jessica Pickering.

Anyone unable to participate in the sale who would like to make a contribution to the team, please contact Julie Satterfield @ 724-545-9634 or jules_jergen@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!