



# News for the Churches

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## Presbytery Meets at Cross Roads Community Church

The Kiskiminetas Presbytery met in a stated meeting at Cross Roads Community Church in Leechburg on Tuesday, September 13. Worship was led by host pastors Gary and Lisa Lyon and Rev. T.J. Parlette, who preached on "Crumbs from the Table."

### Budget Approved

Chair of Council Jeanne Henry presented the 2006 budget for a final reading, which was approved as presented.

### Kiski Presbyterian Women

PW Moderator Sally Early reported that 44 men and women plan to make the New Windsor, MD mission trip later this month. She also noted the upcoming Fall Gathering at the East Brady Church on October 5, and looked ahead to the 2006 PW Churchwide Gathering in Louisville.

### Fall Lineup of Events

Rev. Matt Jones spoke to the upcoming events that the presbytery will provide to support ministry in the churches. They include the Fall Clergy Retreat, Wills and Endowments Emphasis Workshop, and an Interactive Worship Presentation by Houston Hodges after the November Presbytery meeting, with more events to follow in 2006.

### Hurricane Relief and More

Rev. Bill Milligan, Chair of Diaconal Ministries, challenged members with PC(USA)'s \$10 million goal for hurricane relief and encouraged them to observe a national day of prayer for victims and relief workers on September 16. Over 100 PDA relief kits were assembled by various congregations and placed before the Communion Table before worship. He also reported on State Parks Chaplain Dave Catalano's activities, which included conducting 30 worship services for over 1,400 people this summer. Rev. Milligan shared the schedule for International Peacemaker Sirirat Pusurinkham, who will itinerate through our presbytery for a week in October. He also introduced Rev. Dave Caves, who promoted Christmas giving of Hershey bars and Little Debbie's to the 650 inmates at Pine Grove SCI.

### New Inquirer

Rev. Bob Goossen called attention to a new inquirer taken under the presbytery's care. Josh Alderton of the Beechwoods congregation began his studies at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary this fall. Prayers were sought for Chip Stapleton of the Graystone Church, soon to become a candidate, who has moved to Wisconsin and transferred to Dubuque Seminary.

### Larger Parish Formed

Presbytery approved the formation of the Northern Indiana County Larger Parish, consisting of congregations from Willet, Plum Creek; Home, Washington; Marion Center, Gilgal; and Rochester Mills. Rev. Lea Austin will serve as moderator of the NICLP Council, which will function as the Pastor Nominating Committee.

### The presbytery also . . .

- † voted to allow the Freeport congregation to borrow up to \$80,000 to buy a manse
- † learned that the IRS has raised the standard mileage reimbursement rate for employee miles from 40.5 cents to 48.5 cents per mile for the last 4 months of 2005 for business miles only, not charitable reimbursements.
- † shared memories and bid farewell to Rev. Kirk Orr, who will be leaving First Church, Clarion in October.
- † welcomed Rev. Richard Cassel (HR), as a minister member of the presbytery.
- † heard a report from Rev. Mary Marks King, member of General Assembly Council, on a year in the life of a GAC member.
- † voted to table adopting an overture concerning the Federal Marriage Amendment until after the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meets.

### Next Meeting

Moderator Bruce Shannon thanked the Cross Roads congregation and co-pastors Gary and Lisa Lyon and adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. with prayer. The next stated presbytery meeting will be held on November 12, 2005 at 10:00 p.m. at the Elderton 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.)

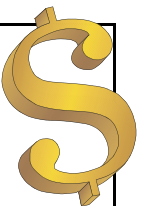
### **MISSION/MINISTRY DIRECTIONS:**

- ▶ 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.

### **WATCH FOR THESE FORMS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE!**

ITEM:	SENT TO:	WHEN:	RETURN BY:
Changes in Terms of Call Forms	Clerk and copies to moderators	Late August (already sent out)	December 31, 2005
2006 Mission Remittance and 2006 Per Capita Payment Forms	Treasurers and cover letter copied to clerks and moderators	Late September 2005	For use with 2006 remittances
2006 Mission Pledge Cards	Treasurers and cover letter copied to clerks and moderators	Late September 2005	December 21, 2005

### **ATTENTION TREASURERS!**



The year end cut-off for per capita and mission payments for the 2005 calendar year is Thursday, December 29, 2005. All payments must be received by the Presbytery Office no later than noon on Thursday, December 29, 2005. Any money received after this date will be posted to the 2006 calendar year.

## BETWEEN ME & THEE

Last week (04 Sept), I was scheduled to share in worship and to preach at the Saltsburg congregation. During the week I struggled with what to preach. There were so many intersecting possible themes for the day. It was Labor Day Sunday, so a sermon on Christian vocation would have been appropriate. It was the beginning of the new church school year, so a sermon on Christian Education would have been appropriate. However, over-shadowing it all on my heart were the nearly 1,000 deaths in the stampede on the bridge in Baghdad, and the unbelievable destruction, chaos and desperation in the wake of hurricane Katrina.

At the last minute, during the worship service, I discarded my manuscript and previously chosen texts. I could not get the images of the people in the Super Dome and New Orleans Convention Center out of my mind. The Spirit would not allow me to deliver a piece of fluff sermon, in the light of people in such dire situations. I turned to Matthew 25:31-46. *'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then the Son of Man will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'*

I am heartened by the response of the faith community to the situation in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida where Katrina left her destructive path. Particularly, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (funded by part of our One great Hour of Sharing offerings) immediately made \$500,000 available to the presbyteries and Synods in the affected area. PDA launched a campaign to raise \$10 million for immediate and long term aid. An appeal was made for health kits and "backpack" kits. Our congregations have responded and are responding to these appeals with an outpouring of generosity. This is on top of the wonderful response of our congregations to the aid appeal following the Tsunami (over \$46,000).

The television images brought us shockingly face to face with the reality of the poverty which exists along side of the great wealth in our Nation. Many of us, me included, had closed our eyes to the depth of poverty around us. The television images showed us the stark reality.

What we saw in the evacuation centers was a microcosm of what brothers and sisters in much of the "Third World" live with each day. Consider the hundreds of thousands in the refugee camps in Darfur. Picture the situation in the area of the Tsunami. Think about the those who live in and forage in the garbage dumps of Mexico City. All over the world, including in our own communities, children go to bed hungry each night. Every day thousands upon thousands of people crowd into refugee and aid camps for shelter, medical care and a ration of food and water.

The buildings in New Orleans, Biloxi, Gulf Port and hundreds of other communities ravaged by Katrina can be rebuilt. Will we rebuild those communities and replicate the division between the haves and the have nots which existed prior to Katrina? Do we see it as part of our Christian responsibility to demand and to work for a more just and equitable society?

We spend a lot of time and use untold resources fighting with one another over the peace, unity and purity of the church. While we fight and argue people die, physically and spiritually, because we do not reach out to proclaim and to demonstrate the love of God for all people in Christ Jesus.

*'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then the Son of Man will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'*

Yours in service to Christ and the Church,  
Wayne

# 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](mailto:Irising@kiskipby.org))

### **East Brady Celebrates 130 Years**

"Homecoming- Coming Home to the Church by the Riverside" will take place at the East Brady Church on Sunday, October 9. There will be a special worship service, with a message from the Reader's Theater, "The Strange Tale of the Historical Congregation." The service will feature special music from various eras of the congregation, and new Social Hall facilities will be dedicated, followed by "Eating on the Grounds," a potluck picnic. At 2 PM, the entire community and all friends of the congregation are invited to an Old-Time Gospel Concert guaranteed to set your toes tapping. The concert will close with an invitation for anyone interested to tour the church building. All members of the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas are invited to join in this celebration!



### **Homecoming Service at Plum Creek**

On September 18, the Plum Creek Church held a special Memorial and Homecoming Service for friends, family, and former members. The congregation celebrated the lives of those who have been a part of their worship through the years, and the Rev. Kevin Neal, who grew up in the church, was the guest speaker. A time of food and fellowship followed.

### **Dedication Service at Saltsburg**

With the completion of the remodeling of the social room, Sunday School rooms, restrooms, and kitchen, plus the renovation of the pipe organ, the Saltsburg Church is ready to celebrate! The congregation plans a dedication service during worship on Sunday, October 9, followed by a fellowship hour and open house. An organ recital will take place that evening.



### **Brookville Church Holds Mission Fair**

The Brookville Church will sponsor a Mission Fair on September 25 after worship. Booths and displays will highlight how offerings are used by the church, the Presbytery, and the missionaries supported throughout the world. Activities for kids, international foods to sample, and a festive time of celebration will round out this event.

### **Creative Arts Academy Comes to Punxsy Church**

A new community after-school outreach began on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Punxsutawney Church. This 12-week Academy of Creative Arts focuses on art, music and drama for children in the community in grades 4 through 8. Classes are led by professionals in these fields.



### **International Peacemaker Visits**

Rev. Dr. Sirirat Pusurinkham will be visiting the Kiski Presbytery for a week. She manages a small orphanage run by the church she pastors in Thailand, and she will present programs at some of our churches. Her schedule of presentations includes:

Oct. 2: New Bethlehem, 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 3: Apollo, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 4: Brockway, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 5: Shiloh, St. Marys, 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 6: Brookville, 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 6: Punxsutawney, 6:45 p.m. (at Presbytery Committee Night)

You are invited to attend a program near you. For more information, contact Rev. Bill Milligan at 814-834-3300.



### **Congratulations!**

❖ to Mark and Michele Gaskill on the birth of Caitlyn Jean Gaskill, who arrived on August 18. Caitlin joins brother Jackson at home. Mark is the pastor of the Plumville Church.  
❖ to Bill and Stacey McConnell on the birth of John Calvin, who arrived on August 25. John joins big sister Aubriana. Bill is the pastor of the NuMine and Rural Valley Churches.

**Megan Skarada**, from First Church, Clarion, recently served as a medical missionary in Micronesia through the Grove City College International Medical Missions Program. She helped to set up a medical clinic which was open to all residents of the island. Megan's complete report will appear in the October InfoPak, or it can be accessed from the Ministry & Mission section of the Kiski web page at [www.kiskipby.org](http://www.kiskipby.org).

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### **Free to a Good Home: Hymnals**

The Blairsville United Church has several older hymnals available to the first interested party. They include approximately 75 *Christian Service Songs*, 30 *Hymnals for Youth*, and 10 *Songs for Christian Worship*. For more information contact Bonni Dunlap at [bsdunlap@verizon.net](mailto:bsdunlap@verizon.net).

# 2005-06 Programs to Support Your Church

The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas

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## KISKI CLERGY RETREAT "THE SOUL OF PASTORAL LEADERSHIP" FEATURING REV. E. STANLEY OTT



**September 26-27, 2005**  
(Monday lunch through  
Tuesday lunch)  
**Antiochian Village**  
**near Ligonier, PA**

*E. Stanley Ott* is the senior pastor of the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and founder of the Vital Churches Institute. Ott is the author of "Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church," "The Vibrant Church," "The Joy of Discipling," "Small Group Life", and "Transforming Your Church with Ministry Teams."

Cost is \$55 per person for double occupancy; \$85 per person for single occupancy. The actual cost to the Presbytery is \$93/double and \$123/single, plus the honorarium for Stan. The costs beyond your portion are subsidized through congregational mission support. Cost includes lunch and dinner on Monday and breakfast and lunch on Tuesday. This noon-to-noon retreat will feature Stan focusing on the "leadership soul" of the pastor.

## GETTING A FINANCIAL GRIP: WILLS & ENDOWMENTS EMPHASIS

**Thursday, October 27, 2005**  
**6:30 p.m. Registration; 7-9:00 p.m. Seminar**  
**Presbytery Center in Yatesboro**

For the church community, as well as worldwide ministries, receiving a bequest is a blessing beyond measure and one which can grow over time. The Foundation actively supports wills emphasis programs at the local church level to increase support for mission. *Phil Blake*, Area Representative of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation, will lead this seminar. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are necessary by October 20.

## FALL TRANSFORMATION 2005: "INTERACTIVE WORSHIP" FEATURING HOUSTON HODGES

**November 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Following lunch after the**  
**November Presbytery Meeting**  
**Elderton Church**

It's presbytery custom for the afternoon of the November Presbytery meeting to be a "Transformation" event, dedicated to revitalizing congregations & congregational leaders. We're delighted to bring back *Houston Hodges*, who will explore some of the mystery and suggest some of the possibilities of interactive worship. Houston is a retired Presbyterian minister who was our keynote speaker for Leader Training Day in 1999. He has served the church in parish ministry, as an Executive Presbyter, and as editor of a national magazine for Presbyterian leaders. He is the author of *Circle of Years: A Caregiver's Journal*, the story of his mother's battle against dementia.



## LEADER TRAINING 2006 "HIDDEN LIVES OF CONGREGATIONS" FEATURING ISRAEL GALINDO

ALSO WORKSHOPS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

**Sunday, February 19, 2006**  
**3:00-6:45 p.m.**

### Marion Center Church

Is your congregation faced with lack of direction, crisis, or just plain "stuckness"? *Israel Galindo* will help us make sense of what is going on in the life of a congregation, as he views some of the invisible dynamics at play. Plan now to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Also available are training classes for deacons, elders, treasurers, and clerks of session. Watch for more details.



**“MULTIMEDIA IN WORSHIP”**  
FEATURING MICHAEL BAUSCH AND TERI DARY  
Punxsutawney Church

**Sunday, March 5, 3-6:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, March 6, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

If you are considering using multimedia in worship but aren't quite convinced or need to learn the basics, this workshop is a great place to begin!

- ◆ Learn how to plan worship integrating clips from popular films and music.
- ◆ See how to add projectors, screens, & computers to a typical worship space.
- ◆ Discuss why visuals are so important to today's worshipping communities.
- ◆ Receive tips for building support for using visuals in your own church.
- ◆ Understand how a worship team works together.
- ◆ Gain insight about the teams you'll need and how to recruit them.
- ◆ Reflect theologically about technology, worship, and culture.
- ◆ Learn about three ways to use media in worship: Illustrative, Supportive, and Interactive.

*Michael Bausch* is pastor of the Union-Congregational Church United Church of Christ of Waupun, Wisconsin, where he and a worship team offer a multimedia worship service as part of their Sunday morning schedule. Teri Dary serves as media arts coordinator at the church. A liturgical media artist, she produces the worship presentations each week. Dary and Bausch have been feature presenters at numerous conferences and seminars. Bausch is the author of *Silver Screen, Sacred Story: Using Multimedia in Worship* published by Alban Institute.



**YOUTH RALLY 2006**  
**Sunday, April 23, 2006**  
**3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**  
**Hadley Union Building**  
**at Indiana University of PA**

Plans are currently in the works for an exciting youth rally for Kiski young folks. Our recent youth rallies have enjoyed a great turn-out and excellent reviews. Reserve this date on your calendar and watch for more details.

**PRESBYTERY DAY 2006**  
**“BIBLICAL STORYTELLING”**  
FEATURING REV. DENNIS DEWEY

**Sunday, May 7, 2006**  
**2:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday, May 8, 2006**  
**Preaching Workshop for Pastors/CLPs**  
**Calvary & Graystone Churches in Indiana**



Presbytery Day 2006 will feature workshops for adults, a program for children, dinner and worship! This year our keynote speaker and worship leader is Rev. *Dennis Dewey*, a "minister of biblical story."

Participants in this seminar will discover how post-modern Christians discover pre-literate spirituality that is both ancient and contemporary. Plan to attend if you are a preacher or teacher who wants to learn to perform biblical texts as lively stories. Young folks are invited, too!

Rev. Dewey is internationally acclaimed as a master biblical storyteller. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), he has performed and taught at hundreds of venues all over the world. Dewey has been featured at the National Storytelling Festival, Princeton Theological Seminary's Institute of Theology, the Joseph Campbell Festival, Oxford University and on national television. Dennis is also the Program Director of the Network of Biblical Storytellers.

Here's what others have said about Dennis Dewey:

- ★ "Dewey helped our congregation find connections between the biblical stories and their own stories!"
- ★ "I've been going to church all my life, but never heard the story until Dennis Dewey told it!"

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# GETTING A FINANCIAL GRIP: Wills and Endowments Emphasis

**Sponsored by the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas  
Committees on Ministry and Congregational Ministries**

For the church community, as well as worldwide ministries, receiving a bequest is a blessing beyond measure and one which can grow over time. Phil Blake, Area Representative of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation, will lead this seminar. In it he will discuss endowments, endowment policies, legacy giving, and wills emphasis. A wills emphasis program is an important component of a healthy congregation's financial profile.



Following the Financial Assessment and Budgeting Workshops offered last fall, and the Stewardship Campaign Workshop offered last Spring, we are pleased to present:

**Wills & Endowments Emphasis  
Thursday, October 27, 2005  
Presbytery Center in Yatesboro**

**Check-In & Refreshments @ 6:30; Seminar from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

There is no charge for this seminar, but reservations are necessary by October 20..

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**You may register below, or via phone, fax, or email.  
Financial Grip: Wills & Endowments, October 27, 2005  
(Registrations due: October 20)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

# "Interactive Worship" with Houston Hodges



Houston Hodges was a popular speaker at the 1999 Leadership Development Event on Change. Read more about him on the reverse of this flier!

## Fall Transformation Event Sponsor:

Kiskiminetas Presbytery Congregational Ministries Committee.  
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Kiski Presbytery Transformation Event

Elderton Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2005

1:00 — 4:30 pm

Open to All! Bring your Worship Team!  
Afternoon portion of the Fall Presbytery Meeting

## INTERACTIVE WORSHIP

The afternoon learning time at Kiskiminetas Presbytery will feature a chance to learn about the exciting way of enlivening worship by interactivity: the people as active participants, not just observers.

Interactive Worship has been under development at Faith Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL, since 1997; "Faith Alive" has grown from a once-a-month service on Saturday night with 30 or 40 in attendance, to a weekly service at 8:30 Sunday morning with more than a hundred worshipers, half of whom are under twelve years of age.

Leaders resist the label of "contemporary worship" for this service, insisting that it can be used to enrich, enliven, and empower all kinds of services: traditional, contemporary, "praise worship," and blended forms. It features involvement of lay persons in planning and carrying out worship elements, so that there is 75 to 90% lay leadership,, with 10 to 25% up-front time by ministers. The service is casual, family-friendly, and informal: leaders have ranged in age from 2-1/2 to some in their nineties. (Read more about the workshop and get directions to the church on the reverse of this flier.)

**IT'S FREE! No Registration is necessary**



# About Houston Hodges

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## ABOUT THE REV. HOUSTON HODGES

The Rev. Houston Hodges is somewhat retired. That means he gets to do what he enjoyed most in his half century of Presbyterian ministry and to skip the rest. He and his wife Pat live in Huntsville, AL.

Most recently he has been parish associate at Faith Presbyterian in Huntsville, working with the exciting "interactive" worship service, at which half the worshipers are under twelve years of age. Prior to that he was the editor of "Monday Morning," a national magazine for Presbyterian leaders. Currently he is engaged in speaking and writing, with particular interest in the future of the church and in young people. He engaged in bible study with several thousand teenagers at the new millennium "Dawn at the Dome" event in Indianapolis, and has been theme speaker at the youth Triennium and the Montreal Youth Conference.

His first retirement was in 1995 after forty-one years of service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, serving as pastor, campus minister, and executive in Texas, Canada, California, and Alabama. He served for six and a half years as Executive Presbyter of North Alabama Presbytery, and before that was Associate Executive of San Francisco Presbytery, caring for the ministers and money of that diverse and challenging presbytery. Earlier he worked for Winnipeg Presbytery of the United Church of Canada. In Texas he served parishes, in Whitesboro and Temple; in the tumultuous sixties he was in campus ministry.

He is the author of "Circle of Years, a Caregiver's Journal" (Morehouse Press, 1998), the story of his mother's gallant struggle against dementia. Hobbies include drama (with Pat), stately and reflective walking on a new titanium hip, and a continuing MacInfatuation with a small computer. He was a founding member of the Ecunet computer communication network. He and Pat have a blended family of six children and six grandchildren, spread from Southern California to Manhattan. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Princeton Seminary. Houston was a highly popular speaker on "Dealing with Change" at the Kiski Presbytery Leader Development Day event in 1999.

## MORE ABOUT THE INTERACTIVE WORSHIP WORKSHOP

Why experiment with interactive worship? The theory driving this form of worship is that the Reformation doctrine of the "priesthood of all believers" was stopped half-way along, two hundred years ago, and does not take the gifts of lay persons – of all ages – seriously enough.

Jessie Davison, 16, took advantage of her new driver's license to make her first solo drive to Faith Alive; Laura Van Puserem, 9, berated her father for not waking her up and got her mother up to drive her to Faith Alive. She was ten minutes late, but she was there. Debbie Sullivan says, "Thank you for relieving me from having to pressure my children to go to church."

**Directions to the Elderton Presbyterian Church:** Elderton lies about midway between Kittanning and Indiana on Route 422. At the intersection of 422 and Saltworks Street, turn left at the traffic light if approaching from Kittanning or right if approaching from Indiana. Take the next left on Main Street and the Presbyterian Church is the second church on the right. The church phone number (for calls on the day of the event only) is 724-354-3117.

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**“Christian Education:  
What’s Spirituality Got to Do With It?”  
Saturday, September 24**

**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**  
Participants at this 22<sup>nd</sup> annual teacher training event will hear keynote speaker Edith Humphrey and choose 3 workshops from the variety offered. The seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs till 3:00 p.m. For more information call Barb at 412-441-3304, ext. 2196.

**Interim Ministry Basic Education  
Week 1 - October 10-14, 2005  
Week 2 - March 27-31, 2006**

**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**  
For more information, contact the Seminary at 412-362-5610, ext. 2196 or email [coned@pts.edu](mailto:coned@pts.edu).

**VideoConference with Members of Peace, Unity,  
Purity Task Force  
October 24, 7:00 -9:30 p.m.**

Princeton and Union Theological Seminaries will co-sponsor a videoconference with members of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church on October 24 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. to discuss the report, which will be voted on in June, 2006 at General Assembly. The videoconference will offer Presbyterian clergy and laity one of the early opportunities to discuss the task force’s findings with some of its members. After presentations from 3 of its members, an opportunity will be given for questions form conference participants. The fee is \$20, or \$100 for church groups of up to 10 people. For more information, contact the Continuing Ed Office at 609-497-7990.

**Attention Youth Workers!**

A new Youth Worker's Association for the Presbyterian Church (USA) is being launched. The "Pentecost Summit" for the formation of this Association is being held November 1-4 at Zephyr Point Conference Center in Lake Tahoe, NV. All involved adult youth leaders of all walks of life and ministry are invited - professional, paid, non-ordained, ordained, grass roots types, theological students, volunteer, committee chairs, young, old, very little experience and veterans. Participants at the Summit will take an active role in crafting the structure of the Association as well as laying out the direction of its growth and development. For more information and registration please visit the youth ministry website for the denomination at [www.pcusa.org/youthministry](http://www.pcusa.org/youthministry).

***Upcoming Mission Events***

**Global Impact Pittsburgh 2005**

On Saturday, October 1st, 800 junior and senior highs will gather in Pittsburgh for a Western PA youth mission event. Global Impact is designed to expose and motivate young people to participate in God's work in the world. It begins at 10 AM with zany fun stuff, moves to high-energy worship, an afternoon of hands-on ministry, and concludes at 8 PM with a call to commitment. For more information and registration go to [www.e2m2.org](http://www.e2m2.org) Bring your entire youth group. The event will be held at Allegheny Center Alliance Church, 250 East Ohio Street, in Pittsburgh.

**W. Don McClure Lectures in  
World Mission**

**Pittsburgh Theological  
Seminary  
October 3-4, 2005**

This year's  
lecturer will  
be Dr.



Ralph

Winter, the "dean" of frontier mission work. Dr. Winter has been at the forefront of Presbyterian and evangelical mission efforts He is one of the leading figures in mission in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Dr. Winter's theme will be "**Planetary Events and the Mission of the Church.**" Lectures are Monday, October 3, 2005, 11:30 AM and 7:30 PM, and Tuesday, October 4, 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM. The brochure can be accessed on line at

<http://www.pts.edu/CE%2026%20McClure%20Lectures.pdf> For further information, contact the Continuing Ed. Office at PTS at 412-362-5610, ext. 2196, or email [coned@pts.edu](mailto:coned@pts.edu).

## Hurricane Katrina Disaster Response in the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas

As you and your congregations plan how you can best help victims of Hurricane Katrina, you will find below several resources and contacts to help you obtain information you need.

### Information You Can Use

#### *From the Kiski Presbytery*

Letters, Bulletin Inserts, Press Releases, Appeals

Visit the Kiski Presbytery web site at [www.kiskipby.org](http://www.kiskipby.org) for a variety of links, such as :

- ◆ General Assembly Letter: The Moderator of the 216th General Assembly (2004), the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, and the Executive Director of the General Assembly Council have issued a pastoral letter to every congregation in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.
- ◆ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance News Briefs - the latest information available from PDA
- ◆ PDA bulletin insert
- ◆ Worship resources, including litanies, prayers, and a special hymn

Please note that in the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas, we encourage our congregations to coordinate special offerings for hurricane relief with the Presbytery office as the central processing agent. A link to the Presbytery Mission Remittance Form can be found on the Presbytery web page. All of these resources have been modified to encourage giving to congregational offerings, rather than donating individually.

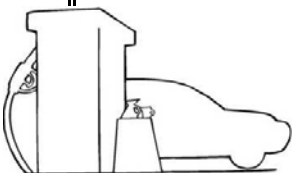
**From our denomination:** The new site named "Hurricane Katrina Relief" may be found at [www.pcusa.org/katrina](http://www.pcusa.org/katrina). There you can make donations to the relief effort and register to be a volunteer. **Please note that PDA will use 100% of your donations directly for disaster relief.**



### Relief Efforts You Can Join

- ◆ *Personal Health kits* - We have learned that as of September 14, the warehouses are full of health kits. Efforts might be better directed toward monetary donations at this time.
- ◆ *Baby Supplies* - Brockway Presbyterian Church is spearheading the Brockway Area Community Drive focusing on supplies for babies and children (diapers, lotions, baby wipes, formula, diaper rash ointment and other non perishable items). The congregation will be collecting items through mid October which will be delivered by a work team from the Presbyterian Church at the end of October or early November. Contact the church at 814-268-2463 or Rev. Jeff Potter at [revjeff@alltel.net](mailto:revjeff@alltel.net).
- ◆ *Work Team* - Rev. Jon Speck is interested in possibly forming a work team from the Kiski Presbytery. Contact Rev. Speck if you'd like your name on a potential list at 724-297-3820.
- ◆ If you want to make the Presbytery aware of a relief effort your congregation is organizing, call the Presbytery Office at 724-783-7196 or email at [kiski@kiskipby.org](mailto:kiski@kiskipby.org) to have this information included on our web page.

### Mileage Reimbursement Increases



The IRS has raised the standard mileage reimbursement rate for employee miles **from 40.5 cents to 48.5 cents per mile** for the last 4 months of 2005. This increase pertains to business miles only, not charitable reimbursements. Please note that the IRS has not yet set reimbursement rates for 2006. Churches may need to consider increasing their budgeted amounts for travel due to rising fuel costs.

