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No Longer “Acting”

by Frank Mansell

By the time this article is published, I will no longer be acting as Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of West Virginia. At my request and by action of the Personnel and Administration Committee, **Jim Robinson** became Acting Stated Clerk on September 1st. I have enjoyed my service in this office for the past two years. I have appreciated my partnership with the other members of the presbytery staff and with the leaders and members of committees and congregations. I give thanks to God for the mission and ministry of the Presbytery of West Virginia. I am no longer reading email sent to the Stated Clerk’s account. If you need to contact me personally, my address is fmanselljr@frontier.com. Thanks.

Mission and Ministry Brochure

by Forrest Palmer



Coming soon to the congregations of this presbytery will be a new interpretive resource, listing the variety of ways in which we partner together in mission and ministry. This resource addresses the question – “So where does our money go?” Ministry and mission is more than just about money. It is about witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ, through people – people who feel the internal passion and commitment to serve God. Together, we provide leadership, resources and connections to make a difference in this part of the world and beyond. I give thanks for the many ways in which we serve the Church. “Together, we are the Body of Christ.”

A New Form of Government—What Now?

by Frank Mansell

The presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church USA adopted a Form of Government earlier this year. Copies of the Book of Order for 2011-13 which included this revision along with the document “Foundations of Presbyterian Polity.”

What can congregations be doing now to move toward the image of the church that is described in the New Form of Government? These suggestions grow out of a presentation by Dan Williams, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Staunton VA and co-moderator of the committee that developed the New Form of Government.

He reminds us that the New Form of Government is “permissive” rather than “prescriptive.” We can make many decisions, guided by the broad principles of Presbyterian polity, about how we do ministry that are tailored to our particular congregation, rather than having to follow regulations that apply to all.

His first word is “relax.” We need to live into the new polity. The basic principle is that mission determines structure. So focus on the mission of your congregation. When you are clear about your mission then consider how to organize to accomplish it.

Watch for announcements about opportunities to discuss the New Form of Government and its implications for congregations and the presbytery. Jim Robinson, Acting Stated Clerk, will be participating in workshops in the fall at both the Synod and General Assembly level. You can be in touch with him at statedclerk@wvpresbytery.org or 304-720-2065.

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D&E Responders' First Call

by Tina Vial and Jean Snedegar



"They really appreciated us and they really needed our help. It has changed my life. I learned that I can help others much more than I realized." **Fazli Rashid** from Pakistan is one of thirty students from Davis & Elkins College that have joined the new D&E Responders program.

Melody Loudin, Community Service Liaison, originated the idea and is coordinator of the new project. "We will be responding in all the surrounding counties for the American Red Cross. Basically, when something happens, they call me. I call my responders

and say 'This is what we've got; this is where we need to go.' We'll respond immediately and there's no lag time for the Red Cross to get here."

Tina Vial, D&E's Coordinator for Foundation and Church Relations and Support, noted "This is a great example of a missional approach to partnership between the college, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) network, and the local presbytery." The Presbytery of West Virginia also contributed to the effort by donating \$500 gas money from private donations through the Mission, Interpretation and Stewardship Committee.

Loudin said, "I am extremely proud of the students and look forward to expanding our efforts through this program." In the coming weeks, the volunteers will receive training in disaster preparedness, first-aid, and CPR. If the program works well for the college and the community needs, the Red Cross is hoping to make it a pilot model for other colleges and universities around the United States.

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Artistic Discovery Camp (ADC)

by Celeste Cantees

Was held June 20-24th at Rock Lake Community Life Center. 61 children ages 6-14 participated in daily classes in dance (tap & hip-hop), percussion, drama, art, and chorus. The motto for the week was "A Work of Art, To Say the Least, I'm Special, Unique, a Masterpiece!" The kids benefited from the instructional talents of many musicians, artists and performers and learned in tight knit groups throughout the week. On Friday evening the kids showcased their talents in a 90 minute presentation to a capacity audience of family and friends in Rock Lake Presbyterian Church's sanctuary. Everyone was touched by what the children had learned during the week. Special thanks go out to sponsors **Arts in Action** (www.artsinaction.info), **RLPC**, and the **Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation**. Thanks go to GKVf for a grant that along with individuals' and RLPC's in kind donations allowed the camp to be offered at no cost to the children. The ADC staff and volunteers would like to thank Rock Lake Church for the use of RLCLC and RLPC during the week. Thanks also to ALL of the volunteers, but especially **Dee Dee Means**, **Joni Prince**, and **Cara Gunnoe** for all of their hard work, making Artistic Discovery Camp happen! Check out pictures at rlpc.org and/or friend Rock Lake Community Life Center on Facebook.



A Day of Art and Soul

On Monday, October 10, **Nancy Turner**, a United Methodist Deacon and founder of "Art and Soul Ministry" of Cincinnati Ohio, will be at Village Chapel Church in Charleston for a day of art, creativity and reflection. You will have an opportunity to feed your souls through engaging your senses in hands-on creative expression, while engaging your minds with new ideas about incorporating the arts into education, worship and pastoral care.

The day starts at 9:30 am and ends at 4:30 pm. Participants should plan to be present the entire day. This will be the Educators October Gathering, but all who are involved in the educational ministry of our churches, lay and ordained, are invited to participate. In order to plan for sufficient supplies, those who plan to attend must register with Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, no later than Friday, September 30. The cost will be determined by the number of participants, though no more than \$30 per person. Lunch will be a potluck salad; lettuce will be provided, participants are asked to bring their favorite salad topping(s).



Leading Church Organizations Through Major Change with Del Poling October 28-29



The Presbytery of West Virginia would like to thank **Steve** and **Sherry Murray**, members of Village Chapel Church in Charleston, for their skilled and loving care of the flower garden, grounds and flower pots at the Presbytery Office, they all look wonderful and create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Thank you so very much!

2nd Annual Rock Camp 4 Girls Appalachia

by Celeste Cantees



The 2nd ever Rock Camp 4 Girls Appalachia was held June 12-18 at the Rock Lake Community Life Center. In total, 58 girls ages 8-18 participated in this free week long overnight camp that uses rock music as a tool for girls' empowerment. The values that fuel the camp include increasing the self-esteem of the girls and young women, enhancing their self-image, opening them to music theory and increasing their confidence to be themselves alone and in front of others. Among daily music lessons given individually and with their band members by camp staff and volunteer musicians with the rock instrument of their choice, the girls participated in art projects, constructive games, educational presentations and stress-relieving recreational activities in the evenings such as bowling and swimming. The girls participated in the monthly Open Mic night on June 17th at the Community Life Center and gave a concert with their band members at WV State University on June 18 as part of Charleston's FestivAll. Both events were very well received.

The Rock Camp 4 Girls Appalachia staff and volunteers would like to thank Rock Lake Presbyterian Church for the use of the RLCLC during the week. They also thank all of the church volunteers, but especially **Dee Dee Means**, **John Solberg**, **Scott Hamilton**, and **Ben Argento**, for all of their hard work during the camp and the weeks leading up to it!

Of the 58 girls in attendance:

- 86% were eligible for free or reduced rate lunch by federal guidelines.
- For 50 girls, this camp was their first experience at an overnight camp.
- 36 had never picked up an instrument before in their lives.
- 17 lived in homes where a parent was not the primary caregiver (aunt, grandparents, foster situations, etc.)
- 4 had been identified as "special needs" candidates from various school systems
- 2 states (WV and VA) were represented, 25 different counties in WV were represented, with the bulk of the girls coming from Charleston, South Charleston, and Princeton. Again, thanks to everyone who helped so much!

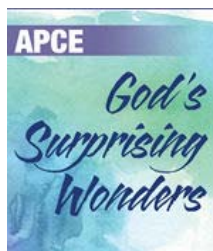
Educator's Gathering

Each month, or at least most months during the academic year, Christian Educators from around the Presbytery gather at the presbytery office for an "Educators' Gathering" and a Book Discussion. All those employed in the local church in educational ministry are invited and encouraged to attend. Led by Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry, Educators' Gatherings are times to share resources, experiences, questions and issues, and to support one another in our work. While some are present each time we gather, others come as time permits.

Our next Educators' Gathering and Book Discussion will be Monday, September 26. The Gathering portion is held from 10 – 1:30 pm, followed by the Book Discussion from 1:30-2:30 pm. Lunch is a "pot-luck" salad; lettuce and salad dressing are provided and participants are asked to bring a salad topping(s) to share. Dessert is also provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan at susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com or 304-645-4568.

Association of Presbyterian Church Educators



"God's Surprising Wonders" is the theme of the annual meeting of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) which will be held Wednesday, February 1 – Saturday, February 4, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This event is designed for those who are engaged in any aspect of the educational ministry of the church, at all stages of their ministry, including pastors, educators and volunteers. The plenary presenter for this event will be Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, author of several children's books including, *In God's Name*; *God's Paintbrush*; *God in Between*; *God Said Amen*; *Butterflies under Our Hats*. In depth workshop presenters will be Carol Bechtel, who was our Festival of Faith Keynote Presenter in 2011, and who is Professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary; and Claudio Carvalhaes, Assistant Professor of Worship and Preaching at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In addition, there will be wide variety of other workshops available.

More registration information will be available at www.apcenet.org after September 1. If you need help registering or more information, contact Susan Sharp Campbell. There is some scholarship money available from the Christian Nurture and Worship Committee for this event, with requests due in by October 1 for this event.

Mark Your Calendar

Equipping Disciples Events October 16, October 23, November 6, or November 13, 2011

Older Youth Retreat November 4-6, 2011

Educator, Clergy, CLP(CRE) Retreat February 27-28, 2012

Younger Youth Retreat March 2-4, 2012

Festival of Faith March 31, 2012

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