

Valley Views



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Pastor Mike Hill

Like all seasons, the season of fall is marked by profound changes. Autumn winds break the summer heat and provide a pleasant coolness across most of the world. Leaves change their hues in lovely bursts of color, then fall gently to the ground. The sun begins its annual retreat, bringing less and less light to each new day. Consider the following passages from God's Word as you enjoy the blessings of autumn. Because even in a season of great change, the Scriptures remain a firm foundation for life.

Psalm 1:1-3

As mentioned above, the falling of the leaves is one of the most anticipated elements of the fall season. But the psalmist reminds us that spiritual lives need not wither and fall when they are connected to a Source of life.

*¹ How happy is the man
who does not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path of sinners
or join a group of mockers!
² Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction,
and he meditates on it day and night.
³ He is like a tree planted beside streams of water
that bears its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.
Psalm 1:1-3*



Jude 1:12

While the autumn leaves are certainly lovely in a decorative sense, they're also lifeless and unproductive. That made them a helpful metaphor when Jude wrote about the dangers of false teachers within the early church.

These are the ones who are like dangerous reefs at your love feasts. They feast with you, nurturing only themselves without fear. They are waterless clouds carried along by winds; trees in late autumn—fruitless, twice dead, pulled out by the roots.

Jude 1:12

James 5:7-8

The fall is often a season of waiting -- waiting for winter, waiting for the holidays, waiting for the Super Bowl, and so on.

The apostle James captured this theme with a farming metaphor to remind us of the importance of waiting on God's timing.

⁷ Therefore, brothers, be patient until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth and is patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, because the Lord's coming is near.

James 5:7-8

Ephesians 5:8-11

Halloween is one of the more popular events in the fall calendar. And while much of our modern celebrations for this holiday can be fun, there are many who use Halloween as an excuse to revel in the darker elements of spirituality. The apostle Paul helps us see why that's typically a bad idea.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light— ⁹ for the fruit of the light results in all goodness, righteousness, and truth— ¹⁰ discerning what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Don't participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them.

Ephesians 5:8-11

By the way, [click here to see what the Bible has to say](#) about Christians participating in modern celebrations of Halloween.

Psalms 136:1-3

Speaking of holidays, Thanksgiving is a major milestone that typically caps off the autumn season.

So, join with the psalmist in giving praise and thanks to our glorious God.

*¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
His love is eternal.*

*² Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love is eternal.*

*³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords.
His love is eternal.*

Psalms 136:1-3



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August 21, 2017

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my apologies for the delay in acknowledging your gifts, but we continued to be understaffed until early August. We're making progress now that we have the gifts specialist position filled. As always, feel free to contact us at any time if you have any question about your giving record. We are very grateful your support and depend on your charitable giving to maintain and grow vital ministries.

Summer is basically over now that school is back in session at Red Bird Christian School, gardens are winding down, and the daylight hours are shortening each day. Following is a listing of your gifts through May and some recent highlights here at Red Bird Mission and Clinic.

Date	Gift Amount	GL Code	Type of Gift	Check/Reference#
05/09/2017	\$51	UM Advance Red Bird Mission	GBGM Printout	33966

- The solar eclipse event is behind us, and you may have caught our Eclipse Poverty 21 posts on our website or Facebook. If you would like to see the 21 videos that highlight how Red Bird Mission is blocking the effects of Poverty, search "Red Bird Mission channel" on YouTube and open up the "Eclipse Poverty 21" playlist.
- The second new home of the Red Bird Build project was recently dedicated, and plans are underway to begin the process of screening applicants and recruiting volunteers. Cleveland, Misty and Candace were all so appreciative of having a home of their own.
- The installation of commercial equipment for the new Red Bird Valley Community Kitchen is rapidly progressing. Approximately 13 families have already expressed interest in using the kitchen to preserve homegrown produce for sale or for their families.

Again, thank you for faithfully supporting these and other vital ministries carried out by Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic.

Grace and Peace,

Tim Crawford
Development Director

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Send your email address to gifts@rbmission.org

Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Requirements for substantiation of charitable contributions, neither Red Bird Mission nor Clinic provided goods or services in return for these contributions. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



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When giving through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church, 100 percent of your contribution is applied to the designated project(s) or to missionary support. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

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May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission.

Grace and Peace,

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Thank you for
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support



From start to
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Sept. 2017
365 dumplings



God's
Blessings 4
"NEWBIES"



*Thank
you*

The family of Peggy Bower wishes to thank everyone for the flowers, prayers, cards and visits that she received over the past years. It was a long path she traveled with many ups and downs along the way. She is at peace now and with Dad. She especially enjoyed the day the ladies came and we had our own "sing along". She was always glad to see Pastor Mike. Her goal was to get back to church.

The Families of
David D. Bower
Kevin J. Bower
Reda E. Persun

The Kingdom Kids puppets will be presenting a program in the Fellowship Hall in Elimsport on October 8th at 9:00 am. Invite all who would enjoy the program. A treat will follow the program for the young and young at heart. Regular church services will be held in both churches.



Zumba has restarted for the fall with a new time and day. It will be every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the Elimsport church. There is no fee. Don't forget to invite a friend! **Please note**, Zumba will be on Thursday at 6:30 pm for October 12th.

You're invited to St. John's United Methodist

Hayride

And

Bonfire

Where: The Drick Cabin

When: October 14th

Time: 6:30 pm

Hotdogs and drink will be provided. Just bring finger food



Elimsport Volunteers

- Items for November's newsletter are due October **20th**.
- Items for the weekly bulletin's need to be to the church office by **Wednesday** morning each week.
(Items received after these dates are not guaranteed to be printed.)

Greeters for October

October 1	Les & Eleanora Lutz
October 8	Bob & Renee Kahley
October 15	Jane Reibsome
October 22	Cathy Hill
October 29	Retta Moore



WHO ARE WE?

UMHC was founded in 1917 by the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Church as an orphanage. Childcare services have evolved, and UMHC has adapted its delivery model to meet the needs of kids ages 12-20 using a collaborative, trauma-informed approach to care.

Youth living at the Home receive safe housing, emotional and educational support, food, clothing, medical and behavioral healthcare, counseling, and more in a family-like atmosphere that inspires them to hope, heal, recover, and grow as they develop the skills and tools they need to succeed in today's world.



HOW DO I GIVE?

Please mail your gift or gift cards to our address with your name, address and email or make a secure gift at www.umhcservices.org.

Thank you!

Reimbursements cover about 70% of operating costs. We rely on friends and donors, like you, to fill the hope gap. Can we count you among our Community of Champions?

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Ask for Development Office.



www.umhcservices.org

Email questions to:
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The United Methodist Home for Children, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1917. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of IRS tax laws. The official registration and financial information of UMHC may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. UMHC provides its services and offers its programs to children, youth, and families without regard to race, religion, sex, color, national origin or income levels.



**Christmas at UMHC
begins and ends
with Christian love.**

Sometimes young people are unable to live with their parents through their growing-up years. Many of the kids who come to the United Methodist Home for Children (UMHC) were abandoned or abused. Most were removed from homes by county youth agencies or the court system. Some tried foster care and were unable to thrive.

**When they can't go home,
they come to our Home.**

"Growing up, I never had a Christmas like the ones we had at the Home. The staff made sure we knew the holidays were really about love and caring, but they also helped us feel the joy. It was wonderful."
Former Resident Comment



WHY HELP THESE KIDS?

Many kids arrive at the Home lacking hope. They long to celebrate holidays, birthdays, proms and graduations. Some need medical care, therapeutic treatments, and educational coaching. Few of their families have the resources to meet their needs. Many kids have never known the simple joys of being in healthy relationships.

Your gift card affords them a full-range of care and support—far beyond food, clothes and a bed to sleep in. Gift cards give staff the flexibility to show the true meaning of Christmas to the Home's residents.



*Thanks to you, an old-fashioned Christmas at the Children's Home includes traditional foods, music and holiday gifts.
(Photo—Recreation Hall)*

WHAT DO THE KIDS NEED MOST?

People expect to hear things like shampoo, teddy bears, and basketballs. However, the answer is your outright gift or a gift card.

Kids come to us with unique and specific needs (beyond the basics of food and clothing). Abuse, abandonment and neglect create situations that call for personalized care. Kids who want to be adopted need very different things than those who are exiting the system at age 18 and up. Why do we ask for cash or gift cards? Your cash gift allows us to get what the kids need (without sales tax) and it will generate a tax-deductible receipt for you. Gift cards make great rewards for positive behavior and teach life lessons about spending money.

The cards we use most are:
\$25, \$50 and \$100 Cards

Visa Gift Cards
(for emergencies, special occasions, movies and technology)



\$20 Cards

Sheetz, Target, Kohl's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart

\$10 Cards

Applebee's, Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Wendy's, and Subway





Red Bird Notes

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Eclipse Poverty 21

Hopkinsville, Kentucky is being touted as the "epicenter" for witnessing the total solar eclipse occurring August 21st. We won't experience a total solar eclipse here at Red Bird Mission but we are very much in tune with the idea of eclipsing poverty. Since it's beginning in 1921, Red Bird Mission has poured all its resources into a covenant with the people in the Appalachian mountains to stand between the tide of poverty and its devastating effects.

We have been posting 21 different ways on our website and social media pages that Red Bird Mission is eclipsing poverty leading up to the solar eclipse on August 21st. We are also inviting our supporters to join us in our effort to block poverty and give the families that we serve an opportunity to flourish in the light of Christ.

Of course, it takes financial resources to carry on our life-giving work so we are asking that each person receiving this information give a special gift of \$21, \$210, or \$2,100. Additionally, we are asking that you challenge 21 other people to give with you. We need your continuing support because we'll be blocking the effects of poverty long after the eclipse has passed.

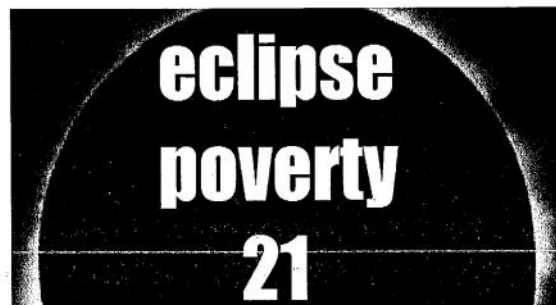
Will you accept the challenge to help us eclipse the effects of poverty? We hope so because your giving is vital to eclipsing poverty in southeastern Kentucky.

If you would like to be a part of this special initiative, please add "EP21" in the memo line.

Red Bird Mission is eclipsing poverty by:

families.

1. Preparing Christian leaders for post secondary education and life.
2. Feeding the hungry through food pantries.
3. Creating safe and healthy housing through home improvement.
4. Clothing those living in poverty and just above the poverty line.
5. Preparing three and four-year olds for school success.
6. Facilitating family gardening and agribusiness entrepreneurship.
7. Developing local crew leaders to improve community housing.
8. Marketing crafts across the United States to help families making crafts.
9. Teaching students to serve God through serving others.
10. Maintaining a clean water kiosk and providing clean water education.
11. Building Christian character and leadership in children and youth through safe, educational, after school and summer programs.
12. Repairing and replacing failing septic systems for



13. Providing nutritious meals, home care, and personal care services to isolated, frail, and aging residents.
14. Building a brighter future for students and our community through post secondary scholarships.
15. Promoting positive parenting skills through training and providing vital basic needs for mothers and their babies.
16. Providing furniture and household items to families experiencing catastrophic loss.
17. Providing case management to assist residents in building resiliency skills for self-sufficiency.
18. Creating economic opportunity for women and families through educational assistance and economic development initiatives.
19. Resourcing the construction of new homes for low-income landowners through partnerships.
20. Fostering local leadership through employment of teachers and staff.
21. Working towards creating a sustainable community that requires minimal charitable giving from outside our community.

Kari's Corner **A Covenant Kept**

In 1919 the Illinois Branch Women's Missionary Society was the first of three branches of the Evangelical Church to request that the church begin work in the Appalachian Mountains. In 1921, God guided them to this place in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, and it was here that they began to build ministries and resources to empower individuals through education and health care.

Today, Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic, as National Mission Institutions, have a direct Covenant with the National Office of the United Methodist Women. We are measured in how we live in Covenant through our day-to-day actions.

With the loss of jobs in the coal industry and logging, God's path for Red Bird Mission has continued to evolve since its early beginning. In one of the most beautiful places on earth, the lack of jobs, education, and hope have continued to exist under a veneer of progress.

For nearly a century, Red Bird Mission has been living out its Covenant by receiving people from all walks of life and from all areas of the country. Those serving at Red Bird Mission come to live in Covenant through daily service with the people. HE has plans. HE has led Red Bird Mission to empower and prepare the people for the hard times that were yet to come, and to become aware of the blessings and joys yet to reap.

Alumni teachers live in Covenant with students by returning to pay forward to the next generations of children the exemplary education they received at Red Bird School. Leaders that have come up through the ministries of Red Bird Mission live in Covenant to make a lasting impact on the area's joblessness. Two-thirds of the Leadership Team are from the Red Bird area. With more than 80 employees, Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic have become the largest, and virtually the sole employer within the communities we serve. Over 80% of the Red Bird Mission employees were born and raised in this part of Appalachia. One hundred percent of the Red Bird Clinic employees are local.

This is the face of grass roots growth, of community empowerment, of sustainable change. And yet, in the heart of this creation, His creation, we struggle. With diligence, we apply and receive funding through grants and foundations. We seek out funding sources that will allow Red Bird Mission and the surrounding Community to maintain this important bastion of employment and hope for the future. This is our Covenant we live out day-to-day with our Community.

We are blessed with the Covenant of faithful support from persons across the United States, individual churches, and women of the Church, yet we struggle to maintain the jobs necessary to provide quality education, vital family services, and health care to those in need. In times such as these, our resources are dwindling, and charitable giving is down. But, still guided by those insightful, spirit-filled, mission-minded women of the Missionary Society in 1919, we continue to have faith! Please join us in supporting God's work as we strengthen the opportunities and future for the people of the Red Bird valley.

Kari Collins
Executive Director

Women to Work in Appalachia Applicant Gets Better Scholarship



Red Bird Mission recently received a Call to Prayer and Self Denial grant for a new initiative, Women to Work in Appalachia (WWA), that will provide scholarships for

women needing education or further training to improve their earning capacity. Natasha Day approached Red Bird Mission for scholarship assistance through WWA but found more assistance through another program.

Following is an interview with Natasha.

Q: Why did you register for the Paths to Promise program?

A: *I had first tried to apply for the Women at Work in Appalachia scholarship here at Red Bird, but before I could do so I had to first check my eligibility for the Paths to Promise program. I wanted to seek assistance with expenses related with college in order to achieve the goals I have set for myself.*

Q: Since you are part of the expanded group what types of services are being provided to you through the Paths to Promise program?

A: *I am being provided financial assistance for things I would not be able to fully afford on my own. This assistance covers my full tuition, all my books, scrubs, and gas. Without this program these needs would not be met without me going into a tremendous amount of debt for student loans.*

Q: You said this program would help you meet your goals. What are the goals you have set for yourself?

A: *I am a 2nd year nursing student at Lincoln Memorial University. I am currently pursuing my Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree. Once I have completed my ASN I plan to work as a Medical-Surgical Nurse while continuing my education. My goal is to complete my Bachelor of Science in Nursing, then my Master of Science in Nursing, then finally my Doctorate in Nursing with a specialty in primary pediatric care.*

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Red Bird Clinic, Inc.

Mobile Equipment & Dental School Collaboration Expand Dental Clinic Outreach



Dr. Bill Collins' tireless advocacy and grand vision for Red Bird Dental Clinic have already paid off less than one year after his arrival as Dental Director. A grant to purchase mobile dental equipment and an agreement that enables clinical rotations for dental school students are expanding the reach and capacity of the clinic.

Avēsis, Incorporated, a managed care dental benefit provider, awarded a grant to Red Bird Clinic, Inc. to purchase mobile dental equipment that will allow Dr. Collins and the staff to take dental services to senior centers, schools, and even to homes of people needing critical dental care. "This generous grant will help us deliver a desperately needed service," said Dr. Collins. "It will provide necessary dental care to needy children and disadvantaged adults currently not receiving it."

A van from the Red Bird Mission fleet will be equipped with a dental chair, a dental unit for basic exams, a mobile x-ray unit, an autoclave, dental hand pieces, and other necessary equipment. The equipment and supplies will also make simple restorations and extractions possible. Patient screening through blood pressure checks, A1C blood tests, and BMIs, done prior to treatment, could identify and refer those needing more extensive health care to medical doctors.

A collaborative agreement with the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and Red Bird Clinic, Inc. this year places as many as six dental and dental hygiene students in clinical rotation at Red Bird Dental Clinic. These rotations in the isolated, rural, economically stressed area that the clinic serves will provide valuable experience for the students and allow more patients to receive care each week since the clinic is only open Thursday through Saturday.

The various students coming to Queendale have been well received by staff and patients. Dr. Sam Glick, the first to rotate after the collaboration began, said, "It's an honor to be invited to come down to help out, to see as many patients as we can, to help as many people as we can, to get people out of pain."

2017 Graduating Class Continues Tradition of Post Secondary Education

As the new academic year began at Red Bird Christian School and the Class of 2018 enters its last year of secondary education, the portraits of the Class of 2017 are still displayed on a bulletin board with their plans after graduation. The emphasis given for students to continue their education and training after graduation has resulted in 98% continuing to further their education or joining the Armed Forces for the last three years. Such a rate is rarely seen in most schools, let alone in the area served by Red Bird Mission that has been cited as one of the worst areas for quality of life because of poor educational opportunities.

We celebrate our 2017 graduates because they hold so much hope of demonstrating the school motto to the world - Enter to Learn. Leave to Serve. As a community, we partner with families, donors, and staff to achieve this kind of preparation. Your unwavering, continued support makes this possible.

Anjuli is heading to the University of Kentucky to study marketing. She had this to say about RBCS, "Red Bird has been a sanctuary for me. It is a place where I found God, safety, and peace in a crazy world."

Leah has chosen Lincoln Memorial University to study as a Veterinarian Tech. For her, "RBCS is a place where everyone welcomes you no matter who you are or where you come from. Red Bird has taught me to overcome adversity with courage and strength."

Chandler is continuing his education at Hazard Community College this fall. For him, "Red Bird means much more than a school to me. It gives me a place to worship God and be with my friends in the process."

Rodrigue cited this scripture in his senior biography, "True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life." - Proverbs 22:4

We pray that the class of 2017 will stay rooted and grounded in their preparation at RBCS and experience the blessings of Proverbs 22:4.

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Inside the Mission

As a native of North Carolina I grew up in a series of small towns. After graduation from Wake Forest University with a major in Sociology I became an American Red Cross Recreation Worker in the military Hospital at Ft. Knox, KY. Subsequent work experiences have included terms as a seamstress, an insurance agent, a secretary, a tutor, and a piano teacher.

My parents were both employed as railroad Agent/Telegraphers. My father was a choir director and my mother was a pianist/organist, so all those years growing up in the church sparked my interest in missions.

Widowed in 2001, I first became a volunteer at Red Bird Mission in 2002. Finding other opportunities on the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) website, I also was blessed to serve in Louisiana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, New

Mexico, Montana and North Carolina. Now in my 70's, I am a full-time volunteer, once again at Red Bird Mission finding fulfillment in serving those who serve others in practical ways in Appalachia.



Of all the verses tucked into my heart, Ephesians 3:20 brings me the most encouragement - "Now glory be to God who by *his* mighty power at work within us is able to do *far* more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinity beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes". (TLB – emphasis mine)

Judy Brant now lives at Red Bird Mission and serves as a full time volunteer in Crafts Marketing. Begin exploring the opportunities to be a full

time volunteer by visiting our website, www.rbmission.org/volunteer.

29th Van Received from Campbell's

Final call for labels – December 1, 2017

Red Bird Mission will soon receive its 29th, and final, van from Campbell's Labels for Education Program. Thank you to all that continued to send labels over the past year in spite of miscommunication that led many to think that the program ended in 2016 with the announcement that Labels for Education would be changing.

December 1, 2017 is absolutely the final call for those still collecting and holding Labels for Education bar codes. We must collate all labels and postmark them to Campbell's no later than January 2, 2018. We'll use these labels collected before December for other equipment that can be used at Red Bird Christian School.

Ways to Support

Secure online donations - www.rbmission.org
Donations by phone - 888-726-3459 (toll free)
Donations by bank transfer - 888-726-3459 (toll free)
Copy paper & USB drives for school

Furniture & household items
Make RB Mission or RB Clinic your Amazon Smile charity
Tyson A+ labels, Bostons for Education
Sponsor an Appalachian Craft Fair in your church

For a more complete listing of needs, click "*Ways to Support*" on our home page

Make Me Kind

**It's easy to be kind and sweet
To people whom we seldom meet,
But in my home are those who see,
Too many times, the worst of me.**

**May no one stumble over me
Because your love they fail to see.
But give me, Lord, a life that sings
And victory over little things.**

**Give me your calm for every fear,
Your peace for every falling tear.
Make mine, O Lord, through calm and strife
A gracious and unselfish life.**



Why We Need To Be On Campus

Protestant Campus Ministry has been an important presence on campus. Students face real-world stresses that include family life, school work, and career choices. They also desperately need to know the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Other students don't have anyone to talk to, to let them know they are genuinely cared for. By being present on campus we are transforming students' lives through the love of Jesus Christ. We greatly appreciate the support of our local churches and denominational affiliations that allows us to be in ministry with the students at Lock Haven University.

QR Code: Google Map of the church locations.



Albright United Methodist Church

Covenant United Methodist Church

Dunnstown United Methodist Church

Great Island Presbyterian Church

Greenburr Trinity United Methodist Church

Liberty United Methodist Church

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Swissdale United Methodist Church

United Evangelical Lutheran Church

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If you know a student at LHU,
ask them about this ministry.

**Protestant
Campus
Ministry
At
Lock Haven
Univeristy**



Purpose

Protestant Campus Ministry (PCM) at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania is the sharing of the love of God through Jesus Christ. It provides an ecumenical presence on campus and endeavors to work in unity with other campus ministries and churches that support Protestant Campus Ministry. PCM provides a source of compassionate concern and dynamic fellowship, as a supportive resource to the students, faculty and staff of the Lock Haven University community.

We aspire to...

- To provide a source of Christian fellowship
- To provide opportunities for faith-filled service to others
- To address major social issues to stimulate spiritual, intellectual and moral growth
- To encourage students to participate in the life of local churches and bring them a "home away from home" atmosphere with the local churches
- To bridge and unite the Lock Haven community, university and churches
- To bring faculty, staff, administrators and students together in a common quest for religious faith
- To provide opportunities for spiritually enriching and physically active mission experiences
- To be available to counsel with and to connect students to the people and services who can provide personal and crisis support

Protestant Campus Ministry at Lock Haven University is excited to announce have hired a new campus chaplain, Rev. Elizabeth Taylor, who began in January 2017. Rev. Taylor is an Ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church and is currently serving two churches in Loganton, PA. She will be on campus for 10-15 hours a week. Her goals are to connect with the students, create worship opportunities and/or outreach activities that develop their faith life, and to connect them with the local churches.

Worship Opportunities

We offer Ashes-to-Go on Ash Wednesdays. We set up outside of the cafeteria from mid-morning to mid-afternoon.

We also offer a weekly worship service every Thursday at 5:30 pm. Students will have the opportunity to worship, take communion and be in fellowship with one another.

Outreach Activities



A couple days a week the campus chaplain allows students to stop and "Take a Break and Color." We provide religious coloring sheets and colored pencils, and students can stay to color, or take a sheet back to their room with them.

We also have a pizza party at various points in the school year, thanks to the work of our Campus Events Coordinator, Cindi Blazina.



The campus chaplain also likes to connect with other groups on campus to teach spiritual disciplines, like how to use Protestant Prayer Beads.



Kid's Corner



ELIMSPORT VALLEY UNITED METHODIST PARISH

Worship Schedule:

Elimsport UMC

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

St. John's UMC

Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am

Parish Youth Group

Check weekly Bulletin for current schedule and events
(at Elimsport)

Parish Bible Study

Varies according to the season.

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Our Mission Statement at Elimsport UMC



We gather together as a community of Christian believers to worship, fellowship, and to learn more about God. By the unity of the Spirit and the support of each other, we are able to reach out to the community and the world.

Our Mission Statement at St. John's UMC



The purpose of St. John's is to both evangelize and nurture. We are called to show God's love in our world by giving aid and by spreading the Good News of Christ. We in turn provide an atmosphere for nurturing where Biblical truths are shared enabling people to become spiritually enriched. By providing this, people will learn and through learning, become more effective witnesses.