



# The Stream



A Monthly Newsletter of the Presbytery of West Virginia December 2009

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## Welcome to the New Office Administrator

Gay Mothershed



On Monday, November 30, Diane Lunsford began her work as the Office Administrator of the Presbytery, succeeding Margaret Bolt whose last day in the office is Tuesday, December 8th.

As Office Administrator, she will be accountable to the Executive Presbyter and to the Presbytery through the Personnel and Administration Committee. Her duties include supervising the non-exempt staff, oversight and administration of all general office activity. She will serve as support staff to the Presbytery Council, the Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Stated Clerk and the Self-Development of People Committee.

We greet Diane with gladness as she joins our staff team and as she serves us in the days to come. Welcome her and extend the generous hospitality of WVP as you visit or call the office or attend meetings! She is eager to know you as friend and colleague in ministry. [read more...](#)

## Mission Work

Substance abuse affects so many families in West Virginia. Many lives are destroyed, families broken, spirits afflicted, and churches affected. Crossroads Recovery Home for Women in Gilbert, West Virginia is trying to alleviate some of the suffering and mend some afflicted spirits with the volunteer support of Gilbert Presbyterian Church. A member of the Church donated an office building and property to renovate a recovery home for women. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please visit [stopwv.org](http://stopwv.org) or call Amy Turner, Executive Director, at 304-664-3986. If you would like to email Amy directly, she can be reached at [aptpresbyterian@verizon.net](mailto:aptpresbyterian@verizon.net). [read more...](#)



## Changing Times, Changing Church: Constant God

The 2010 Festival of Faith, Saturday, March 27, will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Charleston. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the General Assembly, will be the keynote presenter. A variety of workshops will be presented by various presbytery committees and staff members. Information and Registration materials will be sent to churches in mid-January.

## Lay Academy

The Authorized Lay Preacher/Commissioned Lay Pastor Coordinating Team is excited to have the Lay Academy begin in January. The Biblical Interpretation course will be taught at the Bridgeport Presbyterian Church on January 9, from 9 am – 4 pm. This same class will also be repeated on January 16 at Beckley Presbyterian Church and on January 23 at the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Hurricane.



Courses will continue in February, April, May, September, October and November, on a variety of topics, all offered three times in three places across the presbytery. All courses are open to anyone interested, whether you choose to attend one or more. However, those interested in becoming Authorized Lay Preachers or Commissioned Lay Pastors are required to attend and participate in all of these courses, unless limited exceptions are approved in advance. Please pre-register for each of these courses, or for all of them, using the registration brochure found here [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org), click on **Ministries** and then on **Lay Academy**. Pre-registration is important so that reading assignments can be sent and received with sufficient time for them to be completed. For more information, contact Susan Sharp Campbell, 304-645-4568 or [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com).

## 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium



For Such a Time as This! is the theme of the to be held July 20-July 24, on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. The cost per youth will be \$425; for adults, \$125, which includes transportation. Young adults who will be 19-22 years of age on July 20, 2010, are

encouraged to apply to be part of the Triennium Work Crew; space is very limited for Work Crew, so interested persons are encouraged to apply immediately. We have reserved 78 spots for Triennium, and anticipate that we will be able to take all interested youth and the appropriate number of adults, a 1 adult for every 10 youth ratio. Complete information should be received in church offices in early December. The registration deadline for those wishing to attend as part of our presbytery delegation is Monday, February 22. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium website has a great deal of information about the event, you will find it at [www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org). For more info about the presbytery delegation, contact Susan Sharp Campbell, 304-645-4568 or [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com). [read more...](#)

## Younger Youth Retreat

The Presbytery's Younger Youth Retreat, for youth in grades 6-8 and their adult advisors, will be held March 5-7, 2010, at Cedar Lakes Conference Center. Planned and led by the Presbytery Youth Council, the focus of this retreat will be the Stewardship of Creation, caring for the earth, ourselves, and others. Carl Horton, a Presbyterian Minister from Louisville, KY, and seasoned retreat leader, will be the keynote presenter. The Presbytery's Stewardship of Creation Ministry Team is a co-sponsor of this event. The cost per person will be \$60. Complete information and registration details will be sent out in early January.

## Presbyterian Youth Triennium Ambassadors

– **NEW for 2010** – a Mentor Ministry for senior adults and young people at the Triennium Sharing Stories - Sharing Faith - Carrying Christ to the World, Together.

Triennium Ambassadors are senior adults (age 55 and older) who would like to attend the Triennium and be teachers and students of young people. They will stay together in reserved housing (apart from the youth), be assigned to a small group, and can attend all Triennium activities. They will have a special booth in the exhibit hall where they will take part in Faith Sharing activities each day with the youth delegates. Ambassadors also will have their own custom-designed small group study and prayer activity focusing on helping the larger church celebrate and understand the younger church. If space is available ambassadors are welcome to travel with our delegation or to travel on their own. If you are interested in participating, go to [www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org) and click on participants and then PYT Ambassadors because youth ministry isn't limited to the young.

All links are available on Presbytery's Website at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org) then click on **The Stream**.

