



In Office Staff

Gay Mothershed, Executive
Presbyter - Chief Administrator of
the Presbytery and head of staff.
Interpreter of Presbytery and
Synod missions and resource
person to Presbytery committees.

John Bolt, Stated Clerk - Chief
ecclesiastical officer of the
Presbytery, parliamentarian and
custodian of Presbytery's records

Lois Coffey, Financial
Administrator/Treasurer - Handles
all financial matters of Presbytery.
Helps develop Presbytery's
budget. Notifies churches of their
financial commitments to the
Presbytery and mission.

Margaret Bolt, Office Administrator
- Manages office. Works with
COM, CPM and CDC. Keeps all
Minister information up-to-date
with the GA, Synod and Board of
Pensions. Assists Stated Clerk.

Karen Robinson, Resource Center
Director - Oversees Presbytery's
Resource Center.

Terry Cunningham, Associate
Presbyter for Older Adult Ministry -
Provides workshops and articles
on older adult issues. Consults
about social and financial
resources available to older
adults.

Erica Panaro, Administrative
Assistant/Bluestone Secretary-
Handles registrations for
Bluestone Camp and Retreat.
Assists Financial Administrator,
Associate for Educational
Ministries, AP for Older Adult
Ministries and Executive
Presbyter.

Sherri Walker, Information Services
Director - Computer Technician for
the office. Website maintenance.
Newsletter editor. Prepares
reports for Presbytery meetings,
Prepares Presbytery minutes and
Manual.

Exploring New, Expanded Communication Tools

Do you [Twitter](#)? Ever read or written a
blog? Been "friended" on [Facebook](#)?

Or is ink-on-paper your preferred
medium of communication and you have
no idea what that previous sentence is
talking about?

Technology is changing most things in
our world today, none more so than the
way we communicate. But the challenge
is that we are in a time of transition
when the ways people communicate
cross a broad spectrum, meaning that
reaching everyone you want to requires
you to use many tools, be they paper or
bytes.

And, frankly, communication is one of
the most important functions a
presbytery can fulfill. That's because we
are most certainly people of the story,
people with a story, and people who like
a story.

Many congregations within the
[Presbytery of West Virginia](#) are engaged
in valuable, meaningful mission in their
community and beyond, no matter their
size. Some of our smallest churches as
well as our largest churches are daily
involved in tending Christ's sheep,
whether they be inside their walls or not.

The presbytery, supported by your per
capita and mission giving, is also
engaged in significant work - whether it
be through the [West Virginia Ministry of
Advocacy and Work Camps](#), the
partnership with the [Presbytery of Nyeri
in the Presbyterian Church of East
Africa](#), the [Congregational Development
Committee](#)'s work with individual
[congregations](#), the training of elders and
confirmands by the [Christian Nurture
and Worship Committee](#) or any number
of other programs and missions.

And finding and sharing these stories
broadly serves at least two functions: it
affirms the work they are doing, and
inspires others to undertake their own
unique missions.

The *Stream* is the new experimental
newsletter for the Presbytery of WV and will
be an online publication. It will be emailed
every month and much more information will
be available via links to websites and in-
depth online articles. We ask that you
share your email address with us if you are
not already on the Presbytery of WV E-
News list, in order to receive the newsletter,
but if you do not have email access and
would like a paper copy you will need to
subscribe by contacting the Presbytery
office at 304.744.7634 or by email at:
office@wvpresbytery.org

So, again, communication is one of the most
important functions a presbytery can fulfill.

How to do it effectively has been a
continuing challenge, and one we have often
fallen short of meeting.

But that doesn't mean we are giving up, and
the document you are reading is our newest
effort to increase and improve the
communication between and among West
Virginia Presbyterians.

With this experiment, which we are calling
The Stream, we are transitioning away from
a printed newsletter to an online newsletter.
Look for an article in the next issue on how
the name, *The Stream*, was chosen.

We have recently launched a "[Facebook
Fan Page](#)" at [http://www.facebook.com/
West.Virginia.Presbytery](http://www.facebook.com/
West.Virginia.Presbytery) and we are in the
process of updating our website to make it
more informative and user friendly.

An important element of this experiment is
your participation as well in sharing your
stories that can inspire others, so we look
forward to the conversation.

This will allow us to devote more resources,
both human and financial, into providing you
more frequent, broader and deeper
communication. As always, we welcome
your feedback.

Submitted by John Bolt

Out of Office Staff

Mark Miller, Bluestone Camp and Retreat Director – Oversee the implementation of summer camp and retreats.

Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministries - Assists and supports congregations, educators, and pastors in the areas of Christian Education and Youth Ministry, including teacher training, program development and evaluation, officer training.

Carolyn Arbuckle, Hunger Action Enabler/Staff Resource for Quadrant 3 - Oversees Cents-Ability program. Assists congregations in addressing hunger needs in their community. Oversee the pastorless church process and assist the churches in providing pastoral care. Shepherd to church professionals and their families. Work with churches in conflict situations.

Peter Vial, Associate for Congregational Development/Staff Resource for Quadrant 2 - Staffs the Congregational Development Committee and relates to the entire Presbytery on matters relating to strengthening our congregations' missional identity, vitality and transformation. Oversee the pastorless church process and assist the churches in providing pastoral care. Shepherd to church professionals and their families. Work with churches in conflict situations.

Mary Jane Knapp, Special Presbyter for Quadrant 1 - Oversee the pastorless church process and assist the churches in providing pastoral care. Shepherd to church professionals and their families. Work with churches in conflict situations.

Frank Mansell, Jr., Staff Resource for Quadrant 4 - Oversee the pastorless church process and assist the churches in providing pastoral care. Shepherd to church professionals and their families. Work with churches in conflict situations.

World Mission Challenge 2009



October 9 - October 16

For the second year, Presbytery of WV will be among the 150 presbyteries participating in the PCUSA emphasis "[Mission Challenge '09](#)."

During the week of October 9 – 16, The [Reverend Dr. Nuhad Tomeh](#), Associate General Secretary of the Middle East Council of Churches, will be in West Virginia to share stories of the incredible work that God is doing in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and the Gulf. Dr. Tomeh is in charge of the Iraq relief and rehabilitation program which is part of the ecumenical relief services of the MECC. The effort is focused on relief supplies and assistance in rehabilitating schools, health care centers and other community centers.

Dr. Tomeh will arrive on Friday afternoon, October 9 and will depart early on the

following Friday. The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee is coordinating his schedule.

Congregations are encouraged to invite him



to speak at luncheon meetings, evening fellowship/family night suppers, peer/colleague groups or discussion groups on campus or in the community. He will be available to preach on Sunday morning, October 11.

To invite Dr. Tomeh to come to your church, send an e-mail to Erica Panaro at epanaro@wvpresbytery.org or call 304.744.7634 with at least two suggested dates and times. We will need to provide overnight accommodations and meals during his stay. Such arrangements can be negotiated as dates are confirmed for his visits.

Submitted by Gay Mothershed

Rock Lake Community Life Center



Rock Lake Presbyterian Church in South Charleston celebrated a "Claim the Land" worship service at its Rock Lake

Community Life Center on May 25th. The Center is at the former Rock Lake Pool site that the church acquired in 2006. The church is now making its Rock Lake Community Life Center available to other churches in the Presbytery for events. There is one large and three smaller indoor meeting areas with a kitchen, as well as two acres of lawn area for outdoor activities with parking. For details and to reserve the Center, contact Rock Lake Church at 304-768-4141 or at rlpc@wirefire.com. To read more go to wvpresbytery.org/thestream

Submitted by Scott Hamilton

Mission - Africa

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In 1994/95 the Presbytery of West Virginia began a partnership with the [Presbytery of Nyeri Kenya](#). The covenant was for a 4 year period and renewed every four years. During those 4 years we were to pray for each other and develop a friendship with one another. Also we agreed to fund 4 projects for those four years. The partnership has continued and this covenant will come to an end December 2010. Our four projects to be funded to the tune of \$25,000 are:

Kiawaitanji Girl/Boys Academy Gaaki Parish, Honi Farms, Mathakwa Clinic in Thgenge Parish, Haruma Orphanage in Riamukurwe Parish

Please continue to send your mission dollars to help fulfill this commitment with our Kenyan friends, and pray for their country as they pray for us and our country. All funds are to be sent to the Presbytery of WV and they will be sent to those projects.

Bwana Asafiwi (Praise the Lord)

Submitted by Richard Thomas



The Presbyterian Leader

www.thepresbyterianleader.com

The Presbyterian Leader is an online resource for pastors, educators, elders, deacons, worship and other congregational leaders as they go about their ministry. It will include the *Presbyterian Worship Planner*; devotional materials for meetings; certificates; articles on Presbyterian doctrine, beliefs and faith statements; catechism materials; social policy summaries; as well as studies and articles on leaders and leadership. All site content will be available for the annual fee of \$99, renewable at \$75. Individual resources will also be available for download for a per-item fee. Sample articles on The Holy Spirit and Hospital Visitation can be downloaded from the website at no cost.

“RESHAPED. REVITALIZED. REFORMED.”

Describes our denominational curriculum for fall 2009 and beyond. Below you will find information on Wee Believe and We Believe curriculum for all ages. This is material written by and for the Presbyterians in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Highlights include:

- NEW *Wee Believe* curriculum for toddlers (18-38 months) and preschoolers(3-5 years)
- Revised *We Believe for Younger and Older Elementary*
- *We Believe: FAQ (Faithfully Asking Questions)*, a quarterly curriculum for younger youth, based on questions collected from Presbyterian youth from around the country and “The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version.” This material is adaptable for broadly graded youth as well.
- *We Believe: Faith Questions* are mini-courses of four-six weeks each, developed around the marks of membership and questions posed by older youth, though can be used for broadly graded youth study.
- **FOR SUMMER: *Mission Stories for Children* and *Mission Stories for Youth and Adults***, focused around Presbyterian mission work around the world, are designed for summer study, though could be used at other times as well.
- *Real Life, Real Faith* study materials for young adults
- *Believe* books for adults for individual or group study

You will find samples of this material at www.pcusa.org/webelieve. If you have questions, or would like assistance in reviewing and choosing curriculum, contact Susan Sharp Campbell, Associate for Educational Ministry for the Presbytery, 304-645-4568 or susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com.

Stewardship of Creation Ministry Team



A subcommittee of the [Social and Ecumenical Ministries Committee](#) has been formed to become a resource for those within the

Presbytery seeking to become better stewards of God's creation. Our page on the Presbytery of WV website describes the role of [Stewardship of Creation](#) Enablers, Marcia Leitch and Robin Blakeman. The webpage offers links to various organizations dedicated to caring for creation. You can access this resource by going to the website at www.wvpresbytery.org, clicking on

Social and Ecumenical Ministries, and then Stewardship of Creation.

The subcommittee meets regularly through conference calls. Current efforts include connecting with leaders within the Presbyterian Church/Ecumenical church community, exploring energy audits for churches, establishing a resource list for congregations within the Presbytery, and developing educational efforts to raise awareness of ecological stewardship.

- ◆ If you want to share what your church is doing in the areas of environmental stewardship,

conservation, or advocacy.

- ◆ If we can assist you with getting started with a project or educational program in the area of Stewardship of Creation.
- ◆ If you are interested in being added to our email list.

Please contact us:

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Submitted by Barbara Romfo

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