

THE SEMINARY NEWS

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SUMMER STATE PARK CHAPLAINCY OPPORTUNITIES



The Pennsylvania Council of Churches is looking for some students who might be available for summer ministry in one of 22 Pennsylvania State parks. Summer campground ministry is a great opportunity to test and develop skills in worship, preaching, pastoral visitation and management while enjoying ecumenical ministry.

Full-time chaplains are paid \$3,100.00, and half-time chaplains are paid \$1,550.00. They are reimbursed for mileage in performance of the ministry and provided with housing and utilities if they live away from home.

Mrs. Gail Tillotson will be on campus for interviews and to accept applications on Thursday, December 10. She will be located in the old "Commons Room" across the hall from the mail boxes from approximately 11:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Please sign up for an interview in the faculty secretary's office.

If you find that you cannot meet with Mrs. Tillotson on December 10, you may call (717) 545-4761 and make an appointment at a more convenient time.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SENIORS

Persons about to graduate and begin the process of seeking a pastoral position in the United Church of Christ are required to prepare a profile. Copies of the packets are available from the Office of Contextual Education.

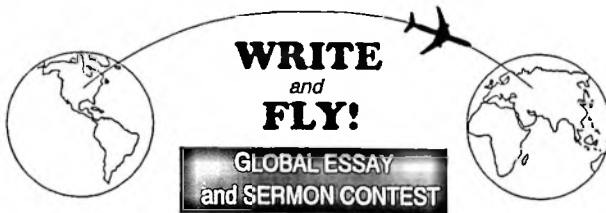
On December 16, anyone interested in learning about the best ways to complete a profile and to circulate it effectively are invited to meet with the Rev. Felix Carrion, from the national staff of the Office for Church Life and Leadership, the instrumentality which circulates profiles and administers the placement process for the denomination. His title is minister to the Middle Atlantic Region and for the Ministry of the Laity. His office is in Collegeville, PA. He will be here on Wednesday, December 16, and will meet with you from 1:00 until 3:00 or so to give his advice about profile preparation and protocol and to answer your questions. See next week's SEMINARY NEWS for more detail.

Thanks from Allen Kroehler to those seniors who responded to his request for help in finding a good time for seniors to meet. The time selected was the only time in December when any of your choices coincided with Mr. Carrion's availability. Hope that many of you can take advantage of his presence on the 16th.

THIRD WORLD THEOLOGICAL FELLOWSHIPS

Each year the World Ministries in the U.S. Program offers three partial fellowships for theological study in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Pacific and Middle East. Third World Theological Fellowships will enable students of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to experience life, church and study in a different cultural context.

For more information, contact Professor Belva Brown Jordan (L34).



A two-week visit to a partner church anywhere in the world will be awarded to the writer of the most objective, dynamic and insightful essay or sermon on the importance of global communities of faith and their impact on us.

Writers must be members of the United Church of Christ or the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Laity and clergy are encouraged to participate. Well-written pieces will be included in a book.

Deadline April 1, 1993

Entries should be typed, double-spaced and may be submitted in original languages. Length should not surpass 15 pages. A panel of readers will look for creativity, uniqueness and clarity. Winner will be announced at the General Synod & Assembly in July.

Send your entry to: World Ministries in the US
United Church Board for World Ministries
700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1100
Phone: 216-736-3210, Fax: 216-736-3259

For more information, contact Professor Belva Brown Jordan (L34).

THANK YOU...

to those who took time to complete the non-campus-resident questionnaire before the Thanksgiving holiday. The challenge now is to analyze your input and formulate the results so that findings can be incorporated into our upcoming architectural projects.

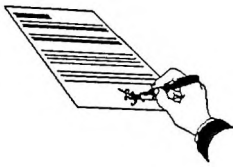
- Jay Ellison

REPORT FROM JAY ELLISON

On November 18 I attended a day-long seminar on Campus Sexual Assault at F&M. The material gathered will hopefully lead to a "Survivor's Guide" for sexual assault victims as well as other general information for students and victims, plus guidelines for faculty, staff and students who may be called upon to support a sexual assault victim. I would like to have the final product available by January. I'll be working with members of the Worship and Community Life Committee to develop and finalize this information. If you have any specific recommendations or needs, please let me know before Wednesday, December 16. Speakers are available for programs on this subject. Would sometime during the spring term be suitable? Let me know.

WELCOME!

Bob Cook has accepted a part-time maintenance/custodial position at LTS. Bob is the husband of seminarian Barbara Cook. Please welcome him to our staff.



President's Page

Advent and the New World Order

When the Iron Curtain came down in Eastern Europe, followed by the collapse of the Soviet Union, we experienced the end of the old world order. I use such a phrase because we are now supposed to be in the new world order. The old world order was characterized by radical polarization of East and West, the fear of nuclear holocaust, the alternation of hostile and friendly relations between the superpowers, and the rest of the world choosing sides and/or even engaging in smaller struggles of power (cf. the Falkland Island War).

The new world order usually refers to an alternative structure, but is yet to be realized. Instead, the world order that has emerged out of the end of the Cold War is not much different. In fact it may be worse, since there appears to be no order at all. The number of wars appears to be increasing, terrorism and political violence continue, the world AIDS epidemic is getting worse (some project that certain African nations will lose up to 30% of their populations), and starvation is relentless in such places as Somalia. There is also an increase of racial, religious and ethnic prejudice, resulting in open violence (e.g., in the U.S., Germany, Great Britain and Yugoslavia).

If all of this is not enough to arouse sympathy or moral outrage, add the suggestion that we are now in a new world order. The very thing so obviously lacking is order of any kind, let alone a world order, and especially one that is new. It sounds like the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

We need to free ourselves of the illusion

that these events are recent or the result of the current administration in Washington. American foreign policy for 40 years has been based on the twin principles of military threat and economic/political advantage. In theoretical terms this is called political realism. The polite and seemingly neutral expression of this view is that we must operate according to national interests. The blunt form is simply: "What's in it for us?" When you add to such realism the notion of short-term planning and payoffs, then the only thing that concerns political realism is short-term military and economic gains.

I venture such frankness, the week after Thanksgiving and the first week of the cultural festival of happiness called Christmas, because it is the only way I can explain the current situation, which cries out for a new world order. How else do you explain the disinterest and passivity to the rape, killing and torture in Yugoslavia, the hundreds of thousands starving in Somalia, the killing of nuns in Africa, or the violence in our own country? What drives me to repentance is that such world disorder is not an accident, but the inevitable consequence of our operating principles.

Which brings us to Advent. This is not the first week of Christmas, but the first week of a month of hope. If you cannot think of anything for which to hope, read the papers. This is not a time to scoff at the idea of a new world order, but a time to pray for it, hope for it and work for it. It is a time to admit that we do not have it, that we are not even close and that major changes will be required if we expect to see even its beginnings. But alas, given our track record you wonder if it is possible. Advent is not only a test of our imagination, it is a test of our faith. Advent means believing in a seemingly impossible new world order because of that One who makes all things possible. Peace.

Peter Schmiechen

LIBRARY NEWS

The annual library Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 17, 3-5 p.m. All are invited to attend. Bring some cookies, chips, cheese or other snack to share, and enjoy some time together in the Library.

Advent/Christmas music will be played in the Library beginning this week. The music will be loud enough to be heard in the front part (Circulation, card catalog, lounge areas) of the library, but not too loud to prevent study. The music will hopefully remind us of the purpose of this holy season. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."*

AN INVITATION 22 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

The Office for Development and Seminary Relations has the solution to all your shopping problems. **WHY WORRY ABOUT THE SIZE OR THE COLOR!** As an alternative to buying gifts for each other, the ODSR Staff will be making a contribution to **Big Brothers\ Big Sisters of Lancaster County** this Christmas. We invite the Seminary community to join us! Contributions are being accepted by Karna Burkeen through December 18th. It's the thought that counts!



DINNER AT FIRST REFORMED

Help us prepare a holiday dinner for families and individuals in need at First Reformed Church on Sunday, December 6. Please come for either the 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. shift. Bring your own potato peelers, knives, mashers and elbow grease. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the lower level of Lark near the mailboxes. We're praying for a group of 300 hungry people to feed, and your help is important!

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Our campaign on behalf of the United Way of Lancaster County continues through Friday, December 11. To the many who have made their gifts and/or pledges for 1993, thank you from our neighbors. If you wish to make a contribution, or have any questions, please speak with Don Cooney in ODSR (Schaff 206).

COMMUNITY LUNCH MENU TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Fish Chowder
Turkey, ham & cheese platter
Greens, rice salad
Beef stew and veggies
Fruit and surprise

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Vegetable soup
Turkey, ham & cheese platter
Greens, potato salad
Chicken pot pies
Fruit and snickerdoodles

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Navy bean soup
Turkey, ham & cheese platter
Greens
Meat loaf, mashed potatoes;
kidney beans & rice
Assorted pies

Menu may vary without notice

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As Advent begins, worship at LTS will take on an Advent tone as well. The four Advent candles, one lit each week, will help lead us through the season of light and anticipation. On Tuesday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m., the whole Seminary community is invited to participate in a service of lessons and carols, featuring special music, dance, readings and prayers of the season. Save the time on your calendar, and invite your family and friends.

CHAPEL LEADERS FOR DECEMBER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, ELAINE WARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, BOB CRANE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, BELVA BROWN JORDAN
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, DAVE MEARS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, CATE VINCENT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, BARB TURPISH
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, JOANNA WHITE, DON FREEMAN AND COLLEGIUM
(*Last Chapel service of the fall semester*)

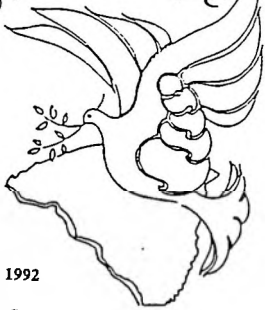
Remember the special service of Lessons and Carols, Tuesday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m. The whole community of the Seminary and friends are invited.

CHRISTMAS DANCING

Anyone interested in dancing at The Community Christmas service, please meet with Shelly Moe following chapel services on Tuesday, December 1. Very simple! No dance experience required!



Festival of Hope



Friday
December 11, 1992
Lancaster Square
7:30 p.m.

A COMMUNITY
CELEBRATION OF ADVENT:
THE COMING OF CHRISTMAS

• SPONSORED BY THE LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES •
With Support of First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster
&
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In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at First Reformed Church, E. Orange St.

POTLUCK SUPPER/TREE TRIMMING PARTY

All members of the LTS community are invited to attend a holiday potluck supper in the Refectory on Tuesday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. Bring a main dish or salad or dessert. What you bring is what we eat. If such loose organization makes you nervous, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

If you have a song, story, joke or talent that you would like to share as entertainment following the meal, please speak to Brent Price so he can schedule you.

This is family affair. Spouses, children and significant others are encouraged to attend. Trimming the Refectory Christmas tree will be a high spot of the occasion. Please donate ornaments and lights for the tree to the Refectory or the Business Office.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

To ensure the freshness of your Christmas tree, cut your own for only \$15.00! Hundreds of pines, firs and spruces are available to choose from. Please come on Saturdays only, during daylight hours. Saws will be provided. Directions: take King Street east out of Lancaster. Turn left onto Route 340 East (at Weis Market). Stay on Route 340 East through Bird-in-hand, Intercourse, White Horse and Compass. Don't miss the turn when Route 340 turns left at the blinking yellow light in Compass. Proceed four miles after this turn and look for mailbox #282 on the right. See Jerry Smith if you need transportation.



- Bob Crane (215)384-1818

HELP WANTED

Christian woman or couple to stay with handicapped individual while family member is hospitalized. Possible free room and board with small weekly salary. Duties include one cooked meal per day and laundry. Send personal information and references to P.O. Box 63, Christiana, PA 17509.



"I always make potato salad for potlucks. Do you think that's a sign of spiritual stagnation?"