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The last newsletter was supposedly for July and August but when I looked back at all that happened in July and the messages I wanted to get out to the region, I decided not to wait till September.

In July I attended a book study group at **Falling Spring Presbyterian Church**. The group consists of mostly "younger" women, some babies, and a few more seasoned ladies like your Regional Associate. We are reading Lineage of Grace by Francine River, a historical fiction work about Tamar, Rahab, Bathsheba, and Mary. I enjoy meeting with small groups within the churches, and especially ones in which I get to interact with a different demographic. Tammy Blose does a great job at leading this group.

Since the last newsletter, I worshipped with the folks at **Mt. Olivet, Warfordsburg, McConnellsburg, Lower Path Valley, Wells Valley and Upper Path Valley**. The **Lower Path Valley** worship service was a church picnic at Cowen's Gap State Park and Pastor Donna Ryan enlisted my help to do a monologue about **Princess Jehosheba** (look it up – 2 Kings 11)



It was a great month for Bible School. I made it to three VBS experiences at **Lower Path Valley, Upper Path Valley, and Mt. Olivet**. Beverly Powell, from Mt. Olivet, used familiar tunes and composed all new lyrics for their Bible School stories about Moses. Burnt Cabins also had their first VBS in years and 18 children were a blessing there. All the volunteers at the three churches were tireless, imaginative, and fun loving. The pictures from top left to bottom right are: Upper Path Valley (singing one of their favorite songs), Mt. Olivet (Pharaoh's soldiers consumed by the Red Sea,) Lower Path Valley learning a Bible verse, and finally UPV again during aerobics doing the "dinosaur walk." Can you spot Pastor Meagan Boozer? Next year, I hope to join in on the fun at some other churches.



Deborah Sweaney, RA from the Carlisle/Camp Hill Area, and I were the guests of the **Presbyterian Women** at Derry Church in Hershey for their summer gathering. We did a presentation on "Weaving in the Threads of Community." As we all know, Presbyterian Women practiced "connectionalism" long before it existed in modern lexicography. Thanks for inviting us!

I spent additional time visiting Pastors, attending committee meetings, an RA meeting, and delivering the new Book of Order to the churches in the Region.

I also visited with the Mercersburg (**Upper West Conococheague**) deacons on "First Friday" in August. They opened their church doors to community members participating in Mercersburg "First Friday" with an Ice Cream Social, which included hot dogs, chips, lemonade, and a cake walk.

This week a "Webinar" is being hosted by **Warfordsburg** on the New Form of Government, "NFOG for Dummies" with Dan Williams. A webinar is a video presentation like a virtual seminar. The presentation was produced by Presbyterian Outlook magazine. It will be our first foray into this sort of educational event and I am looking forward to seeing it and evaluating this sort of presentation for the future. Thanks to **Ed Blank**, pastor at Warfordsburg, for suggesting it and to the church for hosting.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I need the names and email addresses of contact persons for mission committees, church and society, or the group that addresses mission in your church.

Please email those to bdrov-er@carlislepby.org.

If your church is looking into **web site design**, I recently visited the synod's web site and there is a link to some reasonably priced packages. The link is: <http://syntrinity.org/index/documents/PrmoFlyer-MediaPostPackages-Combined.pdf>. Even a very small church can achieve web presence with a one page web site. I would really like to see every church with some sort of web site. If you would like to send me information on Facebook for posting, search for **Region E of Presbytery of Carlisle** on FB. This would be a place for events postings or prayer requests. You can make your own privacy settings for prayer requests.



Check your calendars Oct. 1, 3, 4, and 5th. The churches in our region have an opportunity to hear about mission in the Republic of South Sudan, the world's newest nation which achieved independence on July 9th. As part of Presbytery's World Mission's connection program, Nancy McGaughey, who is serving in South Sudan, will be available to speak on those dates about her experiences. ***I am looking for a church to host a small group discussion instead of a large forum.***