



The Newsletter of Pleasantville Camp

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. —Philippians 3:14

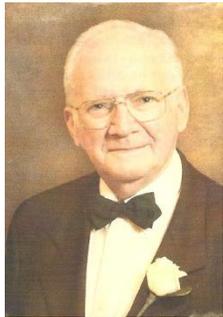
Fall 2012

Saying Good Bye....

This summer Pleasantville Camp said goodbye to two former board members who had a huge impact on our camp. **Clinton Hepler** worked for Joseph Reid Gas Engine Co., Cooper-Bessemer and National Transit (making cylinders for ships in WWII) before becoming a farmer, a lumberman and owner of Seneca Hardwood. He was a member of the camp board in the 1970s when it became apparent there was a need for a new tabernacle. His expertise and generosity contributed greatly to our having the fine facility we have today.



Clint taught Sunday School and quietly and generously served at Oil City First Church and the Van FM Church. He was also responsible for the rebuilding of the current Van Free Methodist Church with all its beautiful and various woodworks. Clint was 94.



George Oglesby was a part of Pleasantville Camp for probably all our various lives. He began pastoring in 1939 and was ordained by the Free Methodist Church in 1943. He pastored numerous churches throughout the years and was elected Conference Superintendent in 1966 serving in that position for

10 years before returning to the pastorate. He served on the Pleasantville Camp board throughout the 70s and was also a part of the board that voted to build the new tabernacle. He was an active participant in all that went on. Board minutes from September 8, 1975 reflect that "Rev. Oglesby suggested that we use the posts from the Old Tabernacle to build a bell tower for the camp bell." There are often references that we find a way to "repurpose" something that was being replaced or discarded. We will greatly miss our friend George and his vast historical library of people, places and things, which he kept with him at all times. George was 92.



Going Forward

One of the things I like to do is to read old minutes and reports and see what kind of things our predecessors were dealing with. Many of these issues are cyclical and require attention yet today. Others, like our new metal roofs, have been cared for hopefully "once and for all." We try to build on the past and appreciate all the sacrifices made on our behalf, **BUT Now we are the ones charged with preserving this sacred place for future generations.** Our time and financial resources are important offerings unto God. Some made huge sacrifices this spring and summer so that we could get the grounds prepared and to make sure everything was safe for our guests. This summer was especially busy. (Did you see a few motorcycles on the grounds?) Family Camp is just one small portion of Pleasantville Camp and without numerous other bookings and rentals and pledges and gifts from you, we cannot pay our insurance, taxes, utilities and other regular maintenance costs. We need everyone to participate (volunteer, financial gifts, prayer) if we want to preserve Pleasantville Camp for our children, grandchildren and future generations. There are a number of ways listed in this newsletter that you can be a blessing to Pleasantville Camp. See what you can do.

Fall is here and soon the grounds will be covered with leaves. We need lots of folks to pick a nice day and bring a friend to the campgrounds for an old fashioned raking party. (Don't forget the gloves if you've become a bit soft lately.) The grounds have a different beauty at each and every season and the folks you meet and work with just further enrich your experience. I'll look for you on my next trip to camp (my 13th 360 mile RT this year.)
-Dennis Anderson, Executive Director



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all who opened your cottages for the CMA program in early August. This was a great event and was a financial help to the camp. CMA will return for a second year July 25-28, 2013 and we will need more cottages, AND also additional help in preparation, cleanup, and various tasks during this event. IF you believe in the ministry of our camp, sharing Christ with others, and serving the Lord, then please prayerfully consider helping in this and other events planned for PC.

In The Works

NEW RV LOTS? - Work is being done with donated topsoil to level areas on the west side of the current RV Park. This could allow for additional sites. If you would be interested in 'leasing' one of these potential 'new' lots, please let someone on the board know, as your interest will help determine the need and if steps should be taken to install basic services to that side. (Details on leases are yet to be worked out.)

New doors are being purchased and installed on Thomas Hall. The old steel doors are rotting from the bottom and small critters have found easy access. The new doors will also help save on heating the building. We would also like to install a new heat system for Thomas as funds allow.

Additional roadwork needs to be done next spring and we need to continue work on repairing and updating our **sidewalks** (especially around the tabernacle.)

Several camp owned buildings need to be painted and their electrical updated.

Leaves to rake, leaves to gather!!!!!!

The board is looking at ways we might expand the use of our facilities. One idea that is under discussion is to once again promote several Sunday afternoon or evening concerts at PC. If you would like to see this happen and/or be willing to work with Skip Roberts in putting together ideas, making contacts, etc. please contact Skip, one of our new board members.

Contact information for all camp personnel are on page 4.



We're **updating the camp owned cottages** and we need your help. Perhaps you'd like to make this a Christmas gift to the camp. Contact Nancy Tock if you could provide any of the following for one cottage:

- Dishes-min. set of 4 (DW and microwave safe)
- Stainless flatware-at least 4 to a set
- Pots and pans
- Dish towels and cloths—darker colors
- Sheets and bedspreads of any size in good condition—especially matching twin spreads
- Matching curtains (do you sew?)and new rods
- 4.cu ft. or larger refrigerator/freezer
- Small gas stoves (two needed)
- Matching colored bath towels/cloths (min. 2 each)
- Install electrical outlets and update wiring
- Perhaps some would like to collaborate and adopt a cottage to provide these updates



Investing in the Future

The following cottages are for sale. Why not check them out and invest in our 'cottage community.'



Feil cottage is totally remodeled, including dishwasher and new porches. It is listed at \$10,000.



Brown cottage is spacious and could be one floor living with lower bed and bath. Two upper bedrooms.



Hamrick cottage is great for entertaining. Fire ring and new back porch. Listed at \$7000.



Just listed for \$5000. Beautiful exterior. TLC for inside. Pray for **Martin and Janet Smith** as they must sell due to health reasons.

Jeff and Barb Watson are selling their cottage. Asking price is \$3000.

Dates for 2013

Camp work week April 8-15

Camp opens April 15

Christian Motorcycle Association

July 25-28

Family Camp

August 3-11

Due to the change in Treasurer's this year, some cottage bills were late in going out. Please send your payment (if not already done) to Dave Andrews, 17150 North Main St., Pleasantville, PA 16341. The deadline to avoid late fee is extended to October 15th this year. Thank you for your prompt attention!

If you would like to help with CMA next year (bathrooms, grounds, housing, registration, snack bar, dining hall, etc.) please let me know this fall. If you would like to make your cottage available for rent, I'd like to know that too. (Cottages must have working appliances and be easily accessible.) All who participated this year were truly blessed by the wonderful CMA folks. -Dennis

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Nominating Team for 2013

2013 Teresa Snyder	2014 Deb Roos	*chair
2013 Jeff Watson	2015 Kathy Dale	
2014 Mark Chamberlain	2015 John Bush	

