



# Good News

VALLE CRUCIS CONFERENCE CENTER • FALL 2002

DEEPLY ROOTED ON SACRED GROUND



**You cannot help but feel God's power... when you gaze upon this splendor.**

## SACRED GROUND IN VALLE CRUCIS

Recently a friend asked me why we sometimes use the phrase "Sacred Ground" to describe the Valle Crucis Conference Center. This person expressed her belief that the whole world is sacred ground.

"When I put my feet on the floor in my own home each morning, I feel I touch sacred ground," she went on to say.

Now I must agree with her, for the whole world is God's creation and all God has touched and brought into being is, indeed, sacred. Is the ground here in Valle Crucis any more sacred than her floor or your yard or the side-walk in New York City? No, I think not. It is all from God and of God. However, I think that we often are blind and deaf to the sacredness that surrounds us.

The real gift of a place like the Valle Crucis Conference Center is that it offers a place and time away from the busy-ness and usual-ness of our lives; it offers a place and time for meditation, relaxation, renewal and community. For some of our visitors that means sitting in a rocking chair; for others it means hiking to the waterfall or through the forest; for others it means using the Center as "home base" as they go out into the

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

community to repair roofs or offer concerts at a retirement home. Regardless, it is "sacred ground" because it opens eyes and ears to fully realize how God is working in the world and in our own lives.

Why does that happen here? I don't really know but I believe this happens for two reasons. One is the incredible physical beauty of this valley and these mountains. You cannot help but feel God's power and presence, both in creation and in your own life, when you gaze upon this splendor. The other reason is the history of this place. This land was set aside for a special purpose in 1842 by Bishop Ives; that purpose has evolved over the decades but the purpose still remains to purposefully be a place of God.

Why does that happen here? I don't really know but I certainly hear enough personal "testimonies" from people of all ages who visit here. It is not I as the director or the staff or the board who have termed the Conference Center as "sacred ground." It is you who come and stay and rock on the porch and break bread in the dining hall and share retreats and celebrate family reunions and do work in the community. You are the ones who name and claim this place as "sacred ground."

Over six thousand lives were touched by the Valle Crucis Conference Center last year. Only it wasn't really us it was – God touching hearts and changing lives as they came to be with us, if only for a day or a weekend or a week. Thanks be to God for sacred places that open our ears and eyes to God's goodness that surrounds us all the time!

—Tom Eshelman,  
Executive Director

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

—Winston Churchill

*"She needed to listen to this: prodigal summer, the season of extravagant procreation. It could wear out everything in its path with its passionate excesses, but nothing alive with wings or a heart or a seed curled into itself in the ground could resist welcoming it back when it came"*

—Barbara Kingsolver  
*Prodigal Summer*

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In memory of Debbie Mountford LaPut  
by the Abbeville Grenadier Pipe Band  
For my son, Thomas Joseph Johnson,  
who sacrificed his life for a friend  
by his mother Martha B. O'Brien

## OTHER GIFTS

Memorabilia from the Valle Crucis Mission  
by Bert Atkins from the collection of the  
Rev. J. Norton Atkins  
Love seat, sofa and matching chairs and  
rocking chair  
by Bill and Shirrelene Seaver  
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by Anne Korff  
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by Bob and Polly Capps  
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*"...the servant-hood to God's creation  
is becoming the most important  
responsibility facing humankind..."*

The 1998 Lambeth Conference

# BITS & PIECES

## It's that time of year AGAIN

It is the time of year when every day brings a request from a worthy non-profit asking you for your financial support. Where are we called to give what we have, what we have earned, what is ours? There are many, many biblical references to guide us but one worthy of a look this year is Paul's second letter to the Corinthians: "...excel in this grace of giving" (2 Cor. 8.7). Paul doesn't just ask that the Corinthians give a little or if they will "consider" a gift, but he asks them to **excel** in giving. Can you imagine what the world would look like if, rather than focusing on excelling at what we have and what we get, we focused on excelling at what we **give**? Regardless of our resources, God gives us the grace and the opportunity to excel in giving. The Valle Crucis Conference Center strives year-round to excel in what we give to those who visit; we appreciate your **excellent** support to continue our mission of God's work in this little corner of the world.



Heidi Herrmann and Temple Throneburg

**Heidi Herrmann has joined our kitchen staff** as the new assistant food service director. Heidi is a recent graduate of Appalachian State University and has worked for the Conference Center for the past 3 years learning all aspects of the kitchen operation. We know Heidi will do an excellent job in her new position. Heidi has a winning smile for all our guests. Please welcome Heidi on your next visit to the Center.

**Bishop Johnson Hall** is fast becoming a reality as the footers have been poured, the concrete block walls are going up and the building is taking shape before our eyes. We are looking at a late Spring 2003 completion date for this new addition to the Valle Crucis Conference Center.



The concrete block is laid for Johnson Hall



Morton Builders erecting our new Maintenance Building

**Our new maintenance operations center** was constructed in late October by a crew from Morton Builders of Fletcher, NC. This new building will allow us to move much of the maintenance equipment out of the Annex basement. The walls, roof and the floor have been completed on this new building and we will be working on the plumbing, interior walls, and electricity over the next few months.

*"...the food prepared by your kitchen was probably the best part of our retreat."*

Peter Vandenburg, ASU  
Office of Conferences  
and Institutes

Due to a very long and dry summer, our sorghum cane crop was not what we have come to expect. We were only able to squeeze enough juice this year to produce **13 gallons of that delicious liquid gold** for our kitchen. There will be limited supplies for sale in the office, but we will reserve plenty for use on those hot home-made biscuits and rolls that our kitchen staff bakes during your stay.

Even though the cane crop did not produce as well as we would have liked, both our garden and that of ASU produced bumper crops of fresh tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers, and other produce for use in our kitchen.

**It is not too late to think about booking your ski group at the Conference Center.**

We still have a few openings left and The Inn is available for the weekend of Jan. 10-12. • In addition, we have an unusual opening for the Inn for the weekend of August 22-24 which would be perfect for your family reunion or church gathering.

**And on our mailer cover...** Francis & Sibyl Pressly bring the 40th reunion of the Brazilian Peace Corp to Valle Crucis

# Our Heritage



Abel Herman (1851-1918)  
Great Grandfather of  
Board President, David Yates

## The Pennsylvanians are coming ...and coming and coming!

by *Ralph Tilden*

In my study of the history of Valle Crucis and Watauga County, I have been impressed with the large number of settlers of our beautiful mountains who migrated from the state of Pennsylvania. What was it about William Penn's sylvan woods that has made its inhabitants long for the mountains of North Carolina? It was not until a conversation with my friend, Mike Herman, that the reasons became clear, at least for the early settlers in the eighteenth century: Philadelphia was the most popular port of entry for European immigrants, and there existed a wagon trail at that time

through the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, connecting Pennsylvania to piedmont North Carolina. Among the early settlers of Valle Crucis, three families stand out: the Masts, Shulls and Hermans. Of interest also are two missionaries, Bishop Spangenburg of the Moravian Church, and our own Bishop Ives. Of those Pennsylvanians who made contributions to the life of Valle Crucis in the early and mid-twentieth century, Father Kent and the Schenk/Stroehmann family become apparent to this writer. And now in the twenty-first century, our own two outstanding church leaders have their roots in Pennsylvania – Tom Eshelman, executive director of the Valle Crucis Conference Center, and the Rev. John Zellner, rector of Holy Cross Church!

Our readers will know of others who hail from the "Keystone State," and it is hoped

that they will inform me of their names. For the sake of clarity I have organized this study into three chapters.

- I. Missionaries and Early Settlers of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries
- II. Early and Mid-twentieth Century
- III. Twenty-first Century

### CHAPTER I.

#### Missionaries and Early Settlers

The Moravians, under the auspices of Count von Zinzendorf in Herrnhut, Germany, began to colonize America in 1735. The town of Bethlehem, PA, soon became the center of their missionary work. Bishop August Gottlieb Spangenburg was sent from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1751 for the purpose of purchasing suitable land for a Moravian colony in North Carolina. Accompanied by a small group of "brothers," they traveled by horseback down the eastern seaboard to Edenton, NC, and turned westward hoping to find their utopia of rich farmland west of the "expensive" land already claimed. They followed a trading path to the Catawba River and then entered the "bush" (wild, unchartered land) heading northwest when they intended to travel northeast. After much difficulty and discouragement, the disheartened party reached the New River near what is now Boone, believing it to be the Yadkin River. They endured treacherous weather from Dec. 5 till Dec 12, 1752, and, convinced that God surely had a better place in mind for them, they set out eastward toward what is now known as "Wachovia," a fair and pleasant land in Forsyth County! Although the Moravians were not so

favorably impressed with our beauty and climate as those who followed, they are nevertheless part of our early history!

Three prominent Valle Crucis families, perhaps of stronger stock, did find their way to the Watauga River in the late 1700's and 1800's, and stayed! All three had immigrated to Pennsylvania from central Europe, but made the enlightened decision to head for North Carolina. The wagon trail through the Shenandoah Valley "dumped" all three pioneers in the foothills just east of the Appalachian range, but after a generation or two all three families knew that Watauga County (and particularly Valle Crucis) was the place they wanted to live, prosper and start their large families.

In 1750 John Mast, age 10, arrived in Pennsylvania from Switzerland with his father and mother. At age 20 he walked the wagon trail, settling in Randolph County. In 1780 his son, Joseph, and his wife set out with their children for higher ground. They were able to purchase fertile land along the Watauga River where the Mast Farm Inn stands today. By 1795 records show that he owned 490 acres and that by 1815 he owned 1390 acres. The legend exists that the industrious Joseph traded his rifle, his dog and a pair of "leggings" for over 1000 acres of rich bottomland along the river!

In 1728 Frederick and Maria Shull sailed to Philadelphia from Bavaria. Their son, John Frederick, traveled down the same trail to Lincoln County, NC. By 1793 his son, Simon, had purchased a large tract upriver from the Masts, and with his family settled that choice land.

Also in the 1700's Wilhelm Herrmann immigrated from Kassel, Germany to Reading, PA. His sons, William and George Herman (note the anglicizing of the name), heard that there was good farmland in Catawba County, NC, that could be owned by "laying claim," and set out by horseback along the same trail to investigate. They liked what they saw, were able to procure the land, and within two years the family had joined them. Generations later (through William, Peter and Matthias) brothers Abel and James in their youth enjoyed riding horseback to Watauga County to hunt and fish. They were so impressed with the beauty of the area, that before 1880 the entire family

made this their home. Land was purchased at Laurel Fork, up the mountain from what is now the intersection of NC105 and Broadstone Road. Abel married Nancy Townsend and they raised nine children. Although Lutheran from his German heritage, Abel walked with his children to Holy Cross Church, probably five miles one way across the mountain. Later the family purchased land in Valle Crucis by the creek between the upper and lower valleys, and subsequently a larger tract from Clark's Creek Road to the top of the mountain. This land contained a handsome house where the family lived for several generations. Abel's sister, Betsy, married Jackson Townsend, and became the matriarch of the Valle Crucis and Banner Elk Townsends. Descendants Floyd Townsend and Ernestine Glover (from Betsy), Mary Mitchell (from James), and Rebecca Herman (from Abel) are presently communicants of Holy Cross Church. Abel's grandchildren, James, Roberta and Reba, who live in nearby counties, enjoy bringing their children and grandchildren to Holy Cross and "The School" to show them their roots. Abel's great-grandson, David Yates, serves presently as president of the VCCC Board of Directors.

Our own Bishop Levi Silliman Ives also had Pennsylvania connections. In 1826 and 1827 he was co-rector of three parishes in Lancaster County – St. James, St. John's and Christ Church. Four years later he became the second bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

....to be continued



Making hay in the Valle Crucis valley in the 1940s.



# PROGRAMS 2003

MARCH THRU AUGUST

VALLE CRUCIS CONFERENCE CENTER  

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AT THE HISTORIC MISSION SCHOOL

*Join us for one or more of these programs  
being offered here at the Center.  
You can come away for a day of quiet or  
a longer workshop.*

## PROGRAM DAYS

### BURNOUT PREVENTION SERIES II RELATIONSHIPS & BURNOUT

Burnout prevention studies point out that when we neglect to nurture ourselves, we neglect nurture of our relationships. If we choose to become fully human, we can not survive or thrive without the companionship of other supportive spirits to whom we both give and receive love. Virginia MacLeod will once again lead this series of workshops dealing with burnout prevention. Each session will offer experiences in profound listening, practice of compassion through non-judgement, a different view of prayer, and deep relaxation. Sessions are planned to stand alone, but have common themes based on the following books: Anderson, *The Power of Love*, Braden, *the Isaiah Effect*, and *Walking Between the Worlds*, Katie, *Loving What Is*.

*Virginia is a psychotherapist, a workshop leader, and teacher, who seeks to apply timeless truths to struggles in our lives. She has a deepened commitment to serving healers and leaders and helping them create self-styled paths of renewal.*

#### • PROGRAM DAY WITH VIRGINIA MACLEOD

Tuesday, March 4, 2003 / 10am-3pm

**Freeing the Heartstrings:** Our love and care for children, aging parents, or others for whom we are responsible, now or in the past, binds us in subtle ways. We will explore new information from electromagnetic studies which guide us into deeper love and acceptance of our purpose in these most primary relationships.

Cost: \$35 / includes lunch.

#### • PROGRAM DAY WITH VIRGINIA MACLEOD

Tuesday, April 1, 2003 / 10am-3pm

**Partners in the Pleasures of our Differences:** We will identify control patterns which mask our fears about ourselves and limit freedom in our most intimate relationships. We will begin to explore lessons and gifts of a life shared on a deep level as we see our partners as teachers and playmates.

Cost: \$35 / includes lunch

#### • Program Day with Virginia MacLeod

Tuesday, May 6, 2003 - 10 Am - 3 PM

**Managing Day to Day Relationships:** The people with whom we differ, have arguments, or just plain don't like are in our lives and in our faces for profound learning! We will begin this journey by identifying a common thread, which could lead you to some hidden treasures!

Cost \$35, includes lunch

## PROGRAM DAYS

#### • Program Day with Katerina Whitley

Monday, April 7 / 10am-3pm

**Who is Saint Paul?** We will look together at the most misunderstood of all the apostles the first and greatest missionary of all times. What is the new scholarship on St. Paul? What does the interpretation of Paul and Empire have to do with us? How does this change our limited concept of Paul as the preacher of "justification by faith"? And most especially: What does St. Paul really have to say about women? What relationship do the pastoral epistles (to Timothy and Titus) have to do with St. Paul's opinion of women? We will explore all these questions and more: I Cor. 7:1,8, 10-11; I Cor. 14:34-35; 11:3, 5; Eph. 5:22-24; I Tim. 2:12.

Cost: \$35 / includes lunch

*Katerina is a noted author and teacher. Her books include *Speaking for Ourselves* and *Seeing for Ourselves* in which Biblical women tell their own dramatic stories.*

#### • Program Day with Jaan Ferree

Monday April 28, 2003 / 10am-3pm

**Clutter Clearing:** Clutter is stuck energy, energy that has far reaching effects — physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. During this day you will examine the real reasons for clutter, and discover useful suggestions for clearing away those blocks. You can then create an environment which inspires your inward journey.

Cost \$35, includes lunch

#### • Program Day with The Rev. Susan Sherard

Monday May 5, 2003 / 10am-3pm

In the spirit of the Easter season, we will explore the lives of the Biblical women and men who encountered the Risen Christ and discuss questions and hopes that arise out of our own experience of the Resurrection. This day is especially for those who have questions about the Resurrection and what it means to us in our lives today.

Cost \$35, includes lunch

#### • Program Day with The Rev. Liz Canham

Monday, March 17, 2003 St. Patrick's Day

A Celtic Celebration for Lent. Come and join us for this day of quiet reflection, creativity and gentle listening to God's heartbeat. Celtic poetry and imagination will become windows into the mystery and wonder of our soul journey.

Cost: \$35 / includes lunch



## PROGRAM DAY

### • Program Day with Our Labyrinths

Monday, May 12 / 10am-3pm

Please come and join us for a day spent in looking at the history of labyrinths, walking our three labyrinths and taking some special quiet time to rediscover this ancient meditative tool of relaxation and talking with God. Tom Eshelman will facilitate this day.

Cost: \$35 / includes lunch

## FIFTH ANNUAL AFRICAN DRUM BUILDING WORKSHOP

May 9-11, 2003

Come spend a weekend immersed in the sights and sounds of building your very own African Drum. Under the expert guidance of master drum builder Tom Harris you will spend the weekend sanding, staining, oiling, wrapping, shaving and playing the drum of your choice. This is one of our most popular workshops and Tom will delight you with his knowledge of African Drum building. No previous woodworking experience necessary and all ages are welcome!

Cost: Ashiko \$300; Sangban \$375; Dun Dun or Djembe \$400 (includes all materials to build your drum, 2 nights lodging, and all meals)

- **The drum you make is yours to take home with you.**
- Limited commuter space is available: call for prices
- Class size is limited so please register early
- Except for the Djembe whose shell is imported from the Ivory Coast please indicate choice of wood on your registration form. (Black Walnut, Heart Pine, Ash or Cherry)
- Deposit of \$100 is required for this class

## WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP WITH NOYES LONG

August 7-10, 2003

**Journey Into Self:** This workshop will be a hands on exploration of the personal, emotional, and spiritual bases of art-making. This workshop sold out in 3 weeks last year so we highly recommend signing up as soon as possible. Space is limited to 14 persons and preference will be given to previous attendees.

Cost: \$210 includes 3 nights lodging, all meals and workshop. (Does not include materials)

- Limited commuter space available at \$160

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*"Continue your excellent hospitality! May God continue to bless all the staff and enable you to continue providing a Christ centered meeting space."*

Tim Smith, Head Coach  
West Orange High School Football Team

## WEEKEND WORKSHOP WITH THE REV. BRIAN SUNTKEN

August 15-17, 2003

Spend this weekend just talking about God and our experiences with God. Can we find new ways to relate to God in our generation? Brian will take us on a journey of faith through stories, humor and his obvious love of God and the Bible. More details in our spring newsletter.

Cost: \$170 includes 2 nights lodging, all meals and workshop  
- Commuter space available at \$130

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*"We think you're doing a great job - keep it up and we'll let everyone know how loving you are."*

Lucy Gunn  
Diocese of Western North Carolina ECW

## Scholarships

If you wish to apply for a limited number of scholarships which are offered for some of our programs please call for more information.

*“Seventy percent of Americans visit malls each week, more than attend church or synagogues”*

—Ministry of Money

## GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

• **Class Size:** We are committed to keeping our class size small as we believe it is in the small group environment that learning and spirituality flourish. Because class sizes are kept small, classes fill quickly. Early registration is encouraged!

• **Price and Room Policies:** Listed prices for programs include room, board, tuition and materials. Most accommodations are double, triple or quadruple occupancy. If you prefer a single room, we will try to accommodate you though we cannot guarantee this until check-in when the final availability of single rooms can be determined. Please notify VCCC in advance if you have any medical needs such as diet or disability accommodations. We are unable to accommodate pets or provide childcare. Smoking is not permitted in any building.

• **Meals:** We serve home-cooked, nutritious meals. The fare is hearty. Our kitchen staff will try to accommodate any special dietary needs if they receive 14 days prior notice. If you have any dietary questions, please give us a call.

• **Timing:** Unless otherwise noted, conferences begin with registration and check in at 4:00 p.m. on opening day, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

They close after the 12 noon lunch on the closing day. To assist our housekeeping staff, we request that you complete your check out prior to lunch closing day.

• **To Register:** A nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of \$50 is required for each course **except for single day programs when a non-refund-able payment in full is required.** Please mail your check with the completed registration form.

• **Directions:** You will receive directions to the conference center with your registration confirmation. We are easy to find and are located just 9 miles outside of Boone, NC (2 hours from Winston Salem; 2-1/2 hours from Charlotte). The closest airports are Hickory, NC, and Johnson City (Tri-Cities), TN, both approximately 90 minutes from the Center.

• **Commuters:** A limited number of spaces are available in each program for commuters not requiring lodging. The fee does include three meals per day as mealtime is an important part of the program's fellowship. Those who choose to commute are encouraged to make a commitment to full participation in all meals and community activities.

REGISTRATION

*(Feel free to copy this form but please use one form per person)*

Event for which you are registering: \_\_\_\_\_

Starting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Faith Tradition: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* I would like to room with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I will not be staying at the Conference Center but will commute

\_\_\_ I am coming for a Program Day and will not need lodging

(if you wish to arrive the night before a Program Day, please call to check on room availability)

Enclosed: \_\_\_ Nonrefundable, nontransferable deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

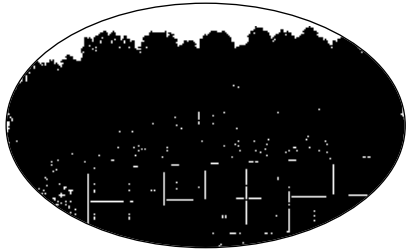
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Please return this complete form with your check (payable to “VCCC”) to the address below.

You will receive a registration confirmation with any further information necessary.

VCCC, PO Box 654, Valle Crucis, NC 28691

\*\* When requesting a specific room mate(s), registration forms and deposits should be mailed together.



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## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Valle Crucis Conference Center is to inspire, by loving example and service, those who break bread with us and share in the quest for spiritual renewal, Christian community and stewardship of this sacred place.

The Right Reverend Robert H. Johnson  
Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina

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