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# Campus Ministry Sunday



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*Please give generously.*

## Helping students seek higher learning and a higher purpose

On college campuses is where many young people begin to “decide what their faith in God means to them,” says the Rev. Dan Lebo, a church pastor and Coordinator of Spiritual Life at Lebanon Valley College. “We are invited into their lives as they make sense of...their transition into adulthood.”

Lebo’s team provides listening ears and caring hearts, while overseeing vital student ministries that include weekly worship services, group dialogues, Bible studies and fun but formative field trips and social events. They also work with supportive congregations to offer students “home-away-from-home church connections.”

*“I encourage us all to give generously to support campus ministries and to be in touch with campus ministers, so together we can find ways to engage in ministry with gifted, called young people who can lead our church and our society into a future with hope.*

*Campus ministry needs the local church. And more than they know, local churches need campus ministry. Our future depends on it.”*

Bishop Peggy Johnson, a proud alumna of Lebanon Valley College



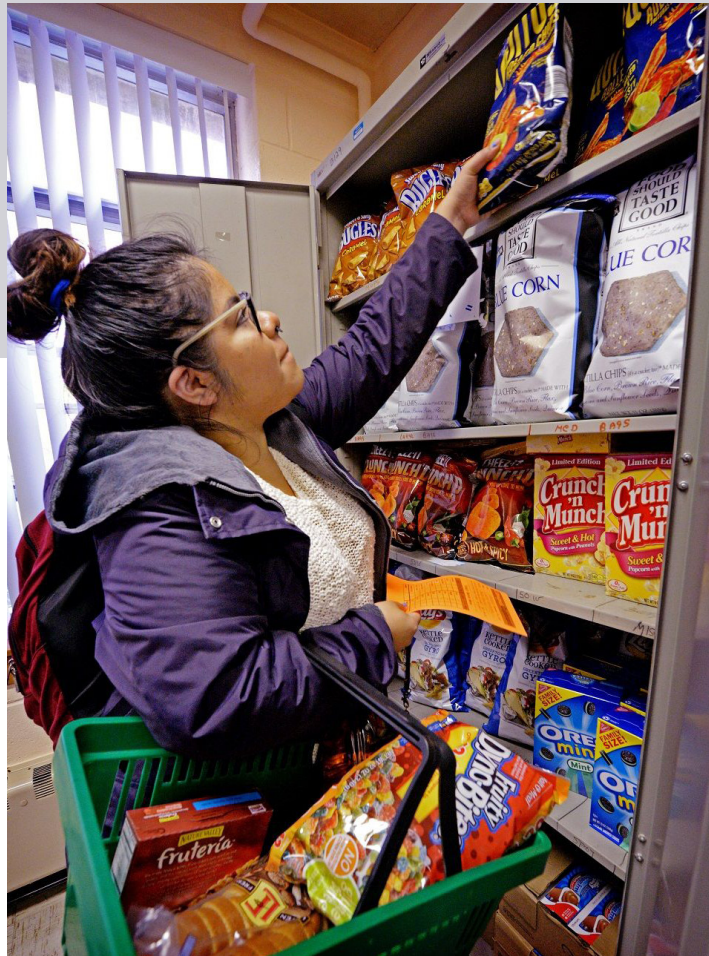
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*Drexel University's Campus ministry in worship. Photo by John Coleman.*



*Millersville Univ. Campus Ministry's Campus Cupboard. Photo by Blaine Shahan, LNP.*

“Teaching the meaning of life to first-year students” is among the Rev. Paul Clark’s plans for campus ministry at Albright College this coming school year. He’ll add to that pastoral and spiritual counseling, an International Day of Peace celebration, a new volunteer center and training students to seek justice through nonviolence.

At Millersville University Ed Weber coordinates United Campus Ministry (UCM), a network of ecumenical campus ministries that connects the university community in prayer, fellowship and cooperative service. The ministry operates the Campus Cupboard, which provides supplemental food items and a weekly community meal to respond to the growing problem of food insecurity among college students.

And UCM’s The Hub is a busy multipurpose student center where students gather to do homework, play games, plan activities, forge friendships and build community.

### **Campus Ministry: It’s about relationships and religion**

At Drexel University’s Open Door Christian Community, the Revs. David Piltz and Diana Esposito work as a team to provide opportunities for students to “share their thoughts and feelings about faith.”

Weekly worship services begin with food, fellowship, faith-talks, and occasionally, campus-wide events like cookouts to broaden interest. And interest is growing, as even non-Christian students have come seeking help with struggles over their faith, sense of purpose and identity.

Campus ministers help students seek not only higher learning but also a higher purpose, grounded in faith, discipleship and supportive community. Campus Ministry is as much about relationships as religion. These are the lives we help nurture when we give to the offering that supports their ministries.

Celebrate and support their efforts on Campus Ministry Sunday. And help your students connect to campus ministries at the colleges they attend. Your church may use half of its offering to support its own outreach to college students and remit the remainder to the Conference Treasurer’s Office to support campus ministry across our conference.

Our campus ministers and conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry thank you!