

Historic Rogers House:

Home of the WVU Campus Ministry Center

Time flies when you are having fun! It is hard to believe it has been two years since we last updated you on the preservation efforts of the Rogers House and the programs that call the center home.

This year's newsletter will highlight not only the preservation work completed in the last two years, but also the new programs and staff that have joined the work of the center.

The University Christian Council has been hard at work preserving the building. In 2011, thanks to private donations and generous grants from the John Mathew Gay Brown Family Foundation, George D. Hott Memorial Foundation, and The Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust, the board engaged the Mills group in a comprehensive preservation and long term use plan, AND had the exterior of the house sanded, scraped, and painted and the flat roofs repaired.

This fall we are awaiting the arrival of custom storm windows for the first floor of the center thanks to generous grants from the Hott and Brown foundations. Helping to seal the house in the winter with historically appropriate storm windows was one of the first action items outlined in the Mills group plan. The board will be seeking donations and grant funds to offset the cost of future preservation work recommended by the Mills Group including: storm windows for the second floor, central air conditioning, and a wired fire alarm system. Rogers House staff are also in the process of revamping our website; check back in the coming weeks as we roll out a new site. There is also an article highlighting our summer garden project with the Presbyterian Child Development Center.



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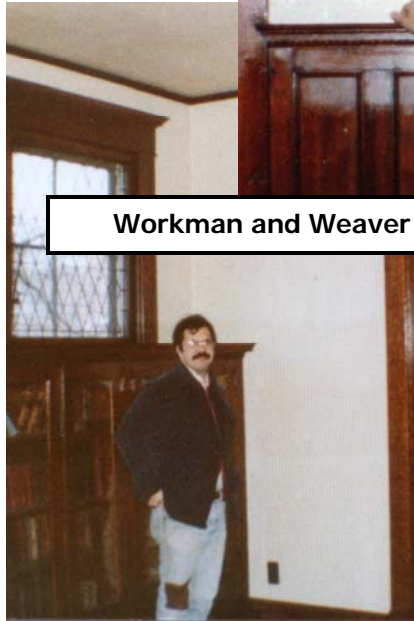
In addition, the board and staff welcomed two new programs to the center: Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF). You can learn more about their work in this newsletter. CASA and IVCF moved into offices vacated by the United Methodist Student Movement and Mountaineer Campus Ministries who moved into new program space at Wesley United Methodist Church on High Street. Finally, we welcomed three ministry interns into the house. They will help serve the overall ministry of the center and specifically the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at WVU.

Enjoy catching up on our work!

Shelly Barrick Parsons, Director

Rogers House Historical Highlight by Debra Blum

In 1984 West Virginia University graduate students Beverly Weaver and Michael Workman agreed to research the history of Rogers House and develop a preservation plan. County courthouse searches turned up plot maps from 1904 and 1911, indicating changes to the property over time. Michael added a plot showing the layout as it looked while they were working. Analysis of paint chips from the house determined the current color scheme, cream and green. The students photographed the property, inside and out, documenting the condition of Rogers House as the basis for a preservation plan. They also made interior decoration recommendations, to be implemented over time, as finances allowed. You can read this plan and their architectural description and see their photos of the house on our website, www.wvucampusministrycenter/rogershouse.



Workman and Weaver

serving students at the University out of the house. In addition to groups that meet in the house, we have three resident ministry interns, Ashlee, Jordan, and Morgan. They help with the

ministry, keep an eye on Homer the cat, and lend a hand with maintenance. Our other new tenant this year, CASA for Kids (Court Appointed Special Advocates) keeps University student intern

Lauryn busy with projects. Bev and Michael should be pleased.

To help support the long term and major preservation projects of the Rogers House please make donations and pledges to:

The Rogers House Preservation Fund
293 Willey Street
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

These funds will help offset the cost of major planned projects such as storm windows for the second floor, installation of central air conditioning, and hard wired fire alarm system.

Michael and Bev were following other WVU students, who had a connection to the Rogers House. The Rogers family periodically took in college students as boarders, as was common for Morgantown families at the turn of the last century. The last family member, Bradford Laidley and his business partner and brother-in-law, Harlan Selby, were students at the University as well. (Mr. Laidley was awarded the Order of Vandalia in 1979.)

As part of the Campus Ministry Center, WVU students are more involved with the Rogers House than ever. The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship joined the Presbyterian Student Fellowship group this year in



Roof work 2011

Changes by Ron Latimer

If one were to visit, walk, or drive by Rogers House after having not done so in the last year or so, one would easily see that big changes have happened—changes in the house exterior, changes in the landscaping, changes in the yard, and changes in the people that reside and work at Rogers House. Most of these changes are addressed elsewhere in this newsletter, but I too want to write about some of these changes.

Summer and early fall 2011 was a busy time around here for University Christian Council (UCC) and Rogers House.

EcoStructures, a local company owned and operated by John Garlow, did extensive rehab work on the back porch roof, the soffit and fascia around much of the house and the downspouts, cut and removed two trees from the yard's west side, and re-roofed all the flat sections of the roof. The results look great; the back porch roof is no longer swaybacked on the east side! Thanks to John Garlow and EcoStructures.

Time since the last paint job and the 2010 snow damage made it necessary to paint Rogers House. Dun-Rite Painting scraped and ground the old peeling paint from the entire exterior. They also did rehab work on many windows and doors as well as re-grouting some of the masonry. This work was no small job. The job was completed in September 2011 having taken longer than expected due, in part, to the 2011 late summer rains. The primary painter almost became one of our Rogers House family as he seemed to be here all summer and into the fall. The painting job was complicated by the previous colors having been discontinued by their company, but we believe that Sherwin-Williams did a good job in matching those colors with their Hunt Club and Vanillin. Rogers House looks fabulous, and we have received many positive comments.

The summer of 2012 saw more changes with the initial yard work by Mary Lucille DeBarry, a WVU Extension Master Gardner Volunteer. Mary Lucille has been working hard trying to tame the yard and its abundant and sometimes jungle-like plants. Another Master Gardner Volunteer, Mary Ellen Brady will be working on an overall garden design in the coming months. The yard also has new vegetable and flower gardens that provide tasty food and wonderful colors.



Painting prep 2011

A most eagerly awaited coming change is the delivery and installation of new and historically appropriate storm windows for all twenty-one first floor windows. This summer UCC ordered the storm windows from Allied Window, a historical window specialist. These non-standard sized windows are currently being built and painted Hunt Club at the company's Ohio site. They are soon to be shipped

and installed by their Morgantown dealer, Allegheny Restoration, a leader in preservation work on historical buildings.

Yes, changes are happening, some big and some small. They are ever-present and ever-ongoing. The more things change, the more things stay the same. The house lives on; the Campus Ministry Center lives on; and the needs live on. UCC continues to diligently work at being a good shepherd for Rogers House and the Campus Ministry Center at WVU.

If you would like to help support the day-to-day operations of UCC-either big or not-so-big, including minor repairs, utilities, cleaning, staffing, and programs please make donations to:

University Christian Council
293 Willey Street
Morgantown, WV 26505.

Rogers House Financials by Ron Latimer

University Christian Council 2012 Budget

The UCC budget is composed of standard and on-going operations for both expenses and income.

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$20,618.00
Office Expense	\$2,500.00
House Maintenance	\$4,790.00
Utilities	\$6,717.00
Insurance/Fees/Etc	\$3,525.00
Total	\$38,150.00



INCOME

Rents (six offices)	\$22,800.00
Endowment Distribution	\$15,350.00
Total	\$38,150.00

Rogers House Preservation Fund (UCC/RHPF) Extraordinary Items 2012 Budget

The UCC/RHPF budget is for extraordinary items and is determined by the needs and available funds.

EXPENSES

Storm Windows (1st Floor)	\$12,121.00
Allegheny Restoration/Allied Windows	
Total	\$12,121.00

UCC /RHPF spent \$33,000 in 2011 on the following three items:

1. Mills Group Preservation Plan
2. Ecostructures (roofing, exterior rehab)
3. DunRite Painting/Sherwin-Williams

INCOME

John Mathew Gay Brown Family Foundation	\$5,000.00
George D. Hott Memorial Foundation	\$5,000.00
RHPF (Donations from other organizations & individuals)	\$2,121.00
Total	\$12,121.00

The 2011 and other earlier work was funded by three 3-years grants of \$15,000 each by three granting organizations: Hazel Ruby McQuain Foundation; John Mathew Gay Brown Family Foundation; George D. Hott Memorial Foundation to the Rogers House Preservation Fund.



Square foot vegetable beds, zinnias, and strawberries (above) grace the yard thanks to our garden project with PCDC

Summer Garden Partnership by Debra Blum

High-pitched voices and smiling faces populated the Campus Ministry Center gardens again this summer, as enthusiastic four year olds planted, harvested and watered their garden beds. For the second year, the preschool class came over from the Presbyterian Child Development Center to learn the basics. They learned how to transplant, seed directly, gently water and “pick with two hands.” Marked off in the square foot style, the beds hold a variety of plants, including purple beans, tomatoes, sweet peppers, herbs, flowers, peas, lettuce, radishes, squash, melons, and cucumbers. Sunflowers grew as tall as the children and the zinnias seemed to be in a race to get as tall.

Once a week, the children gathered on the front porch for a story about gardening and sometimes an activity before going into the garden. They learned the parts of a plant, made rubbings of different types of leaves, and searched the yard for flowers fitting the Fibonacci sequence. The very hot, dry summer presented challenges. Since the soil was getting too hot for many seeds to sprout, by mid-summer, the children planted seeds in cell packs, which we could keep in partial shade. When the little plants grew a few leaves, they

were gently transplanted into the garden squares. A hot, dry summer provided lots of opportunity for the favorite activity, watering. Milk jug “rain makers” worked overtime keeping the new transplants moist. A few shoes got wet in the process, but soon dried. Hunting for ripe strawberries among the leaves was great fun.

The preschoolers also learned about the creatures living in and around the gardens. Bumble bees, honey bees, and mason bees pollinated flowers. Birds of all kinds ate insects that might eat the plants, but they also sometimes ate garden seeds, so we filled bird feeders to attract them elsewhere. A solar water fountain provided water for the birds and bees.

Time for kindergarten to start came all too soon, and the children presented Shelly and Debbi with a booklet of drawings of the garden and activities. Each child took home a strawberry plant from the big bed, complete with planting directions. The garden is still growing, with lots of tomatoes and beans coming on. It is a little too quiet, though. It waits for next summer and a new class of smiles and high voices.

Ministry Interns

This summer, the Campus Ministry Center welcomed three ministry interns: Ashee Filkins, Jordan Gunnoe, and Morgan Neccuzi. All three women are students at West Virginia University. Ashlee is a senior Political Science major from Point Pleasant, WV. Jordan and Morgan are from Charleston, WV. Jordan is majoring in Secondary English Education; Morgan is studying Elementary Education.

The interns dedicate up to ten hours of service a week to the center and its work. This year the interns work will primarily focus on supporting the Presbyterian Campus Ministries. They will help with set-up, leadership, and clean-up of the weekly program. In addition, they will plan and lead the entire program twice each semester, and teach one adult education class at First Presbyterian Church, Morgantown.



Meet the interns: Jordan (far left), Morgan (third from left), Ashlee (second from right)

They will spend time reaching out to students on campus and raising the visibility of the ministry on the WVU Campus. They will support the ministry of the center by helping with snow removal in the winter and other office tasks as needed.

Court Appointed Special Advocates by Deb Guillot

Court Appointed Special Advocates are volunteers for abused and neglected children in the court and child welfare system. A CASA speaks for the best interest of the child and works to ensure that every child is safe and achieves permanency. Volunteers review court records, research information involving the case, interact with all parties involved, and ultimately work with the children themselves. CASA volunteers submit their recommendation to the court, regarding what he or she considers is in the best interest of the child. Judges rely on these recommendations in order to reach an informed decision about the child's future.

The volunteer's involvement creates a direct, lasting impression on a child's life. Our most important goal is assuring the children have the best life possible, and to ultimately make a difference. CASA 4 Kids began in Monongalia County in 1994, as a program under the Monongalia County Youth Service Center, and expanded into Preston County in 1997. Our program has the full support of the circuit court judges in both counties. We are funded by grants, founda-

tions, and donations. Every penny counts. The money is used to train and recruit volunteers, to stand up for children of abuse and neglect. Currently, we are serving 112 children in the abuse and neglect court system.

At this time, CASA has 30 active volunteer advocates. There is still a need for more CASA volunteers as there are still approximately 45 children in need of a CASA. To become a CASA, a person must be at least 21 years old, pass a criminal and DHHR background check, commit to at least one year of service, complete 30 hours of initial training, and above all, have a passion to make a difference in a child's life.

Anyone who is interested in more information can contact program staff at 304-599-1087, or email moncasa4kids@hotmail.com. Program staff include: Deb Guillot, Program Director; Melissa Garcia Webb, Monongalia County Volunteer Coordinator; and Katrina Liddle Futrill, Preston County Volunteer Coordinator.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship at WVU by Shelly Barrick Parsons

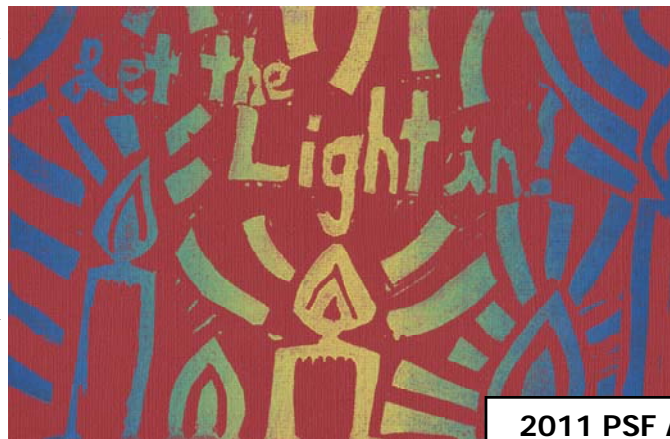
Each Wednesday night members of the PSF gather for dinner, fellowship, prayer, and a program at the Campus Ministry Center (CMC). Most weeks students are treated to a home-cooked meal at the start of the Wednesday night fellowship. Often in the fall, the meal is supplemented with fresh vegetables grown in the garden started by the children in the summer.

The fall semester programs kicked off with worship and communion the first week, and a 'Surviving College' panel discussion and remembering our baptism the second week. In September and October program themes include: The Gospel in 7 Words, and two intern led programs. The PSF will continue the tradition of creating their own advent devotions that are sent to over 100 students during exam week. Last year students learned block printing. This year's cards will use the same method.

The PSF continues to serve the WVU community by participating in the pancake breakfast at First Presbyterian Church Morgantown at least twice a year. There are two PSF designated Sundays a year. However, in the past years when other teams have needed extra help many students have signed on for another week.

In January, the PSF at WVU will join other students for their sixth trip to the College Conference at the Montreat Conference Center in NC. Close to a thousand students from Presbyterian Campus Ministries across the country gather for several days of prayer, worship, small groups, hanging out, and fun.

Throughout the year PSF members enjoy trips to the Pittsburgh zoo and camping along with other informal programs sponsored by resident interns.



2011 PSF Advent Card

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship by Karla Myers



Labor Day Camping Trip to Cooper's Rock

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is an interdenominational evangelical campus mission serving students and faculty on the WVU campus.

IV is new to the Campus Ministry Center this fall. We have two chapters for students here at WVU. Our Multi-Ethnic InterVarsity chapter seeks to serve students, faculty, and staff in the areas of loving God, loving his Word, his people of every ethnicity and culture, and his purposes in the world. We meet every Thursday night at 7:30pm in room 334 in Percival Hall on the Evansdale Campus. We also have various events, small groups and outreaches that happen throughout the week.

Our Global InterVarsity chapter is a hospitable community for international students and scholars at WVU. With a focus on student leadership, we help Christian students grow in their faith and introduce Jesus to those who are interested. We meet every Friday at 6pm at the Campus Ministry Center for Dinner and Bible Discussion. We also meet regularly for prayer gatherings and outreach events.

We have four InterVarsity staff that serve the two chapters here at WVU. Nicole Carline and Samantha Pierson staff our Multi-Ethnic chapter and I staff our Global IV chapter with my husband Jeremy.

Global InterVarsity has really enjoyed the use of the CMC so far. Many international students come from cultures where hospitality ranks high and this includes joining together over food. International students come to the states, and unfortunately, they may never see the inside of an American home or make many American friends. The CMC allows for us to provide a good, hospitable space for internationals. We have been using the kitchen to prepare dinners each Friday, where we allow students to prepare dishes from their own culture. The meeting space is great to share meals together and later to discuss the Bible. Right now we divide into two groups on Friday evening for our Bible discussion, one for those who are Christians and one for those who are not-yet Christians, who want to learn more about Jesus and the Bible.

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The Rogers House is located on the corner of Price and Willey Streets in downtown Morgantown and is owned by the Westminster Foundation of WV, Inc. The house was built in the 1850's and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Rogers House is home to the Campus Ministry Center. The University Christian Council manages the house as both an historic landmark and an ecumenical campus ministry center. The Campus Ministry Center is home to organizations that commit to providing a united Christian presence and witness on the West Virginia University campus and programming or support services in the local community.

Want to learn more?

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