

## **Year-end Updates from Bluestone**

We're not far from closing out another year at Bluestone. The majority of camp is winterized, except for two of our recently remodeled cabins which we will keep open through the winter... which means... *Bluestone is now officially a year-round retreat center!* We encourage small groups of up to 20 people to consider coming to Bluestone this winter for a weekend retreat. There'll be a cabin for guys and a cabin for gals; a fire in the hearth up at the lodge, and plenty of good food and fellowship. It's entirely doable folks!! Cheryl and I have made it through many a winter :-)) and if we can get in and out of Bluestone, y'all can too!! We're excited at the prospect of offering Bluestone hospitality during the first quarter of the year. Please be in touch if you're interested!

To follow up on Send-A-Kid to Camp news, I had announced to presbytery back in August that we hoped to recover about \$2,200 in outstanding balances for 8 campers we invited to camp. Since then we have received \$1,160... thank you so much! We are still hopeful to recover another \$1,000 by December 31, but if not, we will write off the remaining balances. We will be grateful for any additional amounts before year end. If you or your church are able and would like to contribute, please make checks out to Bluestone Camp & Retreat and note "Send-A-Kid to Camp 2015" in the memo line. You can mail it in to either the presbytery office or Bluestone. Keep in mind that your church will soon receive letter inviting your participation in Send-A-Kid to Camp in 2016. We hope you will consider this opportunity for outreach and evangelism that is "close to home" as your involvement will most definitely impact the life of a child in deep and meaningful ways.

Finally, we anticipate the opening of registration for Summer Camp 2016 by January 1 via our online process which is being redeveloped during the holiday season to become more user friendly and mobile friendly. Our web page is also in the process of receiving some similar tune ups. In the mean time, these are the dates for camp this coming summer:

**June 12 – June 18**

**June 19 – June 25**

**June 26 – July 2**

**July 3 – July 9**

We will be releasing our Summer Camp eBrochure by the first of the year as well. The full printed version will be ready by mid February and distribution will begin at the winter presbytery meeting at Beechwood Presbyterian Church in Parkersburg on February 20.

Cheryl and I wish you all a joyful holiday season, a blessed journey through Advent, and a very Merry Christmas... peace and God bless!

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