

JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP



RIVER IMPRESSIONS

A Record of the Passing of Time
Winter 2016-17

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Let's Rock 'n Roll!

The word is out. The JRVC Board has been aware of a time-line for "Curly's" retirement for several years, and has been planning toward the succession of his leadership. Rev. C. L. Stumb plans to end his thirty years on staff at Johns River Valley Camp on December 31, 2017. A search has been in process for his successor. Telephone interviews will be conducted early in 2017, followed by a selection of personal on-site interviews. In the meantime, Curly is planning for a finalé year of camp programming. A full schedule of classic and outpost camps are in place, including two *Youth-Work-Mission-Camps*. Says Curly, "Let's rock 'n roll in this final year of my active camp ministry. I'll be at the outpost site, program directing the *Caving Camp*. I'll be on the river co-leading river-clean-ups as part of JRVC's work camps. I'll be in the Dining Hall interacting with campers and staff at meal times. I'll be on hikes, photographing experiences, listening to campers, supporting staff. I'll be in the kitchen, planning menus, ordering food, supporting staff, and participating in delivery of inviting and nutritious meals." Send us your campers. We at JRVC work hard to build trust, and endeavor tirelessly to maintain it."



Photo (above right):
Image of Caving Camp,
with Lucy Bennett front and center;
directed by Rev. C. L. "Curly" Stumb



No JRVC ...

I wonder if you can? It's important to camp leadership and many friends of the camp that Johns River Valley Camp continues to provide opportunities for persons to experience creation immersions and growth discoveries in this setting. Camp Board members hope this sentiment is also shared by others. Like most faith-based organizations, JRVC relies on donations for a portion of its financial resources. Donations help to maintain the facilities and keep the cost of attending camp within the reach of families of modest means. At this moment, contributions will also help support the

camp operation during transition of leadership, and provide a new executive director time and resources to build upon the 80 year history of the camp. With your support, Trustees of the camp are confident that JRVC will remain a special place of inspiration,

wonder, spiritual awakening, creativity, community, service, fellowship, and fun for generations to come!

Photo (above left): Canoeing remains an integral part of the JRVC summer program.

A sign for you:

You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. A child is noticed. Gospel readings of the season remind us of this stellar birth. May children and youth -- in all families, churches and lives -- find nurture at spaces, hope on faces, and peace in places of the heart. Epiphany greetings and blessing for the New Year!



Photo (above right): Maye Morrison Abernethy & Raenelle B. Abernethy Bridge Unit, winter of 2011)

* Planning a youth group work (mission) camp trip in 2017?
+JRVC Wk/Msn Camp:s
June 11-17, 2017
July 9-16, 2017
*Spring Work Day:
+Mar. 11, 2017
*Mothers' Retreat:
+April 28-30, 2017

Special edition to friends of Johns River Valley Camp