



# Protestant Campus Ministry at Bloomsburg University

## Going out with Gratitude, by Rev. Jill Young

### What Makes PCM Unique?

*Protestant Campus Ministry has a minister who works directly with students as well as other Bloomsburg University programs and departments to offer a pastoral and theological point of view on campus. PCM supports the spiritual needs of BU students, faculty, and staff. PCM offers a Vocation Exploration Program to BU students. PCM is an ecumenical, welcoming, and conversational family.*

**Please consider making a donation to PCM and keeping us in your prayers!**

I'll never forget my first few weeks as the Protestant Campus Minister at BU back in Aug 2013. I was so grateful for how Board President Steve Engelhardt and student leaders Meghan, Zach, and Kasey were so kind in orienting me. I still remember that first campus tour that Zach and Kasey gave me, showing me the academic buildings, quad, Kehr Union and other places students hang out, places that became sites of ministry and connection for me over the next almost eight years.

What a joy and privilege it has been to work together with student leaders, interns, work study students, alumni, board members, local churches, denominational bodies and campus partners in building Christian com-



*With Zach & Kasey at BU, Fall 2014*

munity and reaching out on the BU campus with a theological perspective and with God's love.

From our weekly Main Events in the Kehr and Jesus & Java's in the campus Starbucks, to our Vocation Exploration workshops, speaker events and retreats, to off campus service events, hikes and church visits, to faculty-staff prayer, to joint meetings with other clubs such

as Impact and CCM, I witnessed God at work again and again bringing a wonderfully diverse group of people together in the love of Christ. One of my greatest joys as campus minister was watching how beautifully students from a range of denominations, personalities and perspectives respectfully learned from and grew to love each other through spiritual conversations, prayer and laughter together.

Another joy was seeing student leader after student leader grow in their confidence and unique giftings over their years at BU...and then spread their vocational wings and fly. What a blessing during this last year and half of ministry amidst the challenges of Covid-19 to

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## From Call to Call, by Pastor Kelly Kocher-Ross



Hello new friends!  
I am so excited to begin as the new Protestant Campus Minister. As a child I always "knew" that I would be a famous actor and singer. I also "knew" that I would become a missionary. The old saying is that we make plans, and God laughs. I never became famous in the eyes of the world,

but I did and still get to use my gifts to sing and teach worship arts to children.

I also realized a gift that

God gave me that led me into the world of process management. I had a career throughout the 90's in process management starting in travel management in the beginning of the internet in Philadelphia area and Columbus, Ohio. It was an exciting time that allowed me to travel and experience countries and places I

could have never gone without that connection. In addition to several islands and provinces, I have been to 48 states, parts of Asia, and several European countries.

It led me into the world of book manufacturing where I met my husband. Combined, we have 5 children, 2 lovely daughters who were young adults when I met them, 2 wonderful sons now at Millersville University, a sweet daughter getting ready to be in 11th grade and our fluffy yorkie Jack. I was blessed to take time and be a full-time mom to our 3 children.

I walked with God and served him most of my life. I answered

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### PCM Shares Faith, Hope & Love in Easter Eggs

by Lauren Sattesahn, PCM Student Leader



On March 20 a group of PCM students and alumni, along with Pastor Kelly and Pastor Jill, gathered together at Trinity United Methodist Church in Espy to fill plastic Easter Eggs for an campus outreach event.

In each plastic egg we put key-chains with three charms: faith, hope, and love. The eggs were also filled with information about PCM for BU students who would find the eggs.

While filling the eggs, we enjoyed pizza and soda, laughs and fellowship together.

Then during Holy Week we had fun hiding the eggs all around campus. It was fantastic watching the eggs disappear from their hiding places. We pray that they brought some smiles and some “faith, hope, & love!”



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have many of the students I worked with over the years come together as alumni for weekly Zoom gatherings. Alums such as Craig and Tim, now seminary students, have helped lead these gatherings with the depth of what they are learning in their classes.

Personally, I am thankful beyond words for the blessing that PCM students and alumni were to my family. My husband Matthew delighted in opportunities for conversations with students and

alumni, and we loved having them in our home. Even more, our kids, Grace and Jack, were included, loved, appreciated, and taught by many college students and alumni, who were big brothers and sisters to them. Their lives are forever impacted. PCM even got to be part of some family milestones, like when Jack, just under a year old, took a few of his first steps during a Jesus & Java!

Another source of thankfulness is God’s provision of a place for PCM when BU no longer had an office space for us. Fr. Howell Sasser not only welcomed us and provided an

office, but also designed liturgically rich monthly worship times for PCM students.

More recently in 2019-2020 when I faced breast cancer treatment, PCM Board President Steve Cureton, along with the board, were so gracious and supportive, and brought on my dear colleague and friend Pastor Kelly Kocher-Ross to help me. It made such a difference for my recovery and I’m ever grateful.

So now with much gratitude I pass along the torch of this ministry to Pastor Kelly. I anticipate with much joy how God will use her ministry gifts and vision to bring PCM into the next season of outreach to students at BU.

As Matthew, our kids, and I move into our new lives in Washington State, we take the PCM fam with us in our hearts.



*Advent Gathering at Youngs home, Dec 2017*

### Has your church included Protestant Campus Ministry in its benevolence budget?

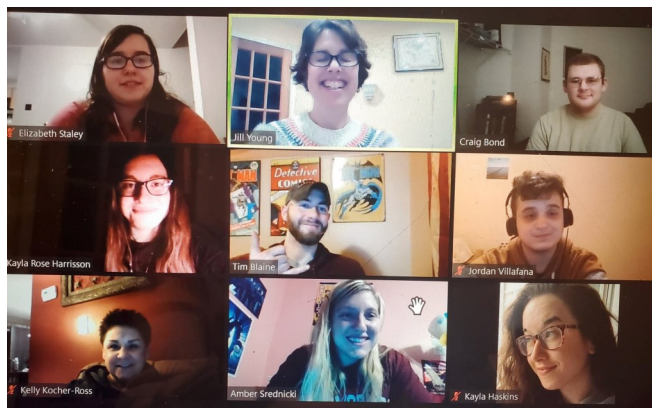
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### Luke, Acts & Christian Community via Zoom

During Spring semester PCM dug into the Book of Luke together. We timed it with Lent and Easter so that we got to the resurrection stories by Easter week. That meant a steady pace of at least three chapters a week, but President Elizabeth Staley kept us on track with a calendar of facilitator assignments. Student leaders and alumni did an excellent job taking turns each week to give an overview of segments of Luke and then look more closely at certain passages. Our Zooms together included prayer for one another, Bible video clips, teaching, conversation and hanging out afterwards. Once we finished Luke, students and alumni alike were interested in con-



tinuing this two-part work. So we began a study of Acts which is continuing into the summer months. Thanks PCM alumni for keeping us going!

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different calls to ministry throughout my life, but it would be a call in 2008 as I went through cancer that led me to become a United Methodist Licensed Pastor. Today I joyfully serve a church in Espy (a town in Bloomsburg) named Trinity. I am actively involved in the United

Methodist Susquehanna Conference, the Bloomsburg Ministerium (consisting of several Christian denominations), and several community service outreach resources. I am also currently attending Lancaster Bible College and Seminary to receive a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies.

**I believe that God has and continues to work in me to create, shape and repurpose all my experiences to meet and lead people to Him.** No one is exempt from the great love He has to offer. It is my prayer everyday that I see others as He sees them and that I can open scripture and a relationship to all seeking Him.

PCM is intended to be a safe place for all people to be in relationship with the Lord. I hope that God uses my continued desire to seek Him, my past, and my present to continue that intent and to bring scriptural understanding, spiritual prayer, and loving fellowship.



Orientation Worship Service, Fall 2019

### Did you know...

*that Protestant Campus Ministry is not funded by Bloomsburg University? Support for PCM comes from local churches and some of their governing bodies, from parents, alumni, and community members. Bloomsburg University generously gives us free use of meeting rooms and equipment for our campus events, but for everything else—books, study materials, food, office supplies, transportation, printing, and salaries—*

***we are dependent on you!***

### Pray for PCM ...

- For Pastor Kelly and the student leaders in this time of transition.
- For BU students struggling with physical and psychological challenges, especially after this challenging pandemic year!
- For the spiritual growth of our students and alumni in their journey with Christ.
- For financial provision for our ministry.
- For our growing vision for a hospitality and spiritual wellness ministry at BU to reach more unchurched students in need of Christ's love, hope, and truth.

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## About PCM...

Protestant Campus Ministry (PCM) is a multi-denominational fellowship that offers members of the university community opportunities for exploration and growth in the Christian faith. PCM is staffed by UMC minister, Kelly Kocher-Ross, and is also led by a committed team of student leaders, interns and alumni. In addition, PCM provides vocational discernment opportunities to Bloomsburg University students through our Vocation Exploration Initiative.

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- People Like You!

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