



Protestant Campus Ministry at Bloomsburg University

What Makes PCM Unique?

Protestant Campus Ministry has an ordained campus 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.

But we need your help.

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

A Lesson on Science and Faith, by Madelynn Staley, PCM Student Co-President



On March 29, in partnership with the Department of Physics and Engineering and through our Vocation Exploration Initiative, we had the pleasure of hosting Dr. William Phillips for a lecture on science, faith, and vocation, entitled "Ordinary Science, Ordinary Faith." Dr. Phillips is a Nobel Prize winning physicist and a committed Christian, breaking stereotypes about both scientists and people of faith.

He discussed his experiences growing up in the Methodist church and life as a scientist, giving the audience of 135 a space to ask honest and important questions.

While science and religion are often thought of as being diametrically opposed, Dr. Phillips sees them as different windows into life, just like philosophy, music and literature. He explained that while science focuses on observation and experiment, religion focuses on intangible life questions and

phenomena. Science poses questions like "how do things work?" or "what was the sequence of events?" Religion, on the other hand, is more interested in answering "what is the relationship between God and creation?" or "how should we behave towards others?" "The problem," Dr. Phillips said, "is when you pose the wrong question to the wrong discipline. This isn't to say that Dr. Phillips

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What's Next for our Graduating Seniors



Our graduating seniors (from left to right): Lily Frost, Kate Coniglio, Leslie Coopriider, Holly Smith, and Amber Srednicki)

Lily Frost

Major: PreK-4 and Special Education

Hometown: Boiling Springs, PA

What PCM has meant to me: While in college, PCM has always been a safe and inviting

space for me to decompress and to socialize with college students who have the same values as I do. Pastor Jill creates such a warm and comforting space where

college can feel like a home away from home.

Plans after Graduation: I will be teaching children with various intellectual disabilities at a public charter school called St. Coletta of Greater Washington, located in southeast DC.

Kate Coniglio

Major: Special Education (PreK-8)/Early Childhood Education (PreK-4)

Hometown: Camp Hill, PA

What PCM has meant to me:

PCM has always been a place I felt comfortable discussing faith and all the topics that relate to it. I am not much for voicing my opinions in large groups, and PCM's small group made me more vocal about my faith. I also felt like I would never be judged for my beliefs since we had so many different denominations welcome in PCM. I have experienced many of these different Christian traditions and discussed topics I might not have

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thought of on my own, and I think I am a more well-rounded Christian as a result.

Plans after graduation: I am currently applying for teaching positions in school districts near my hometown for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. Ideally, I will be employed in an elementary school setting.

Leslie Coopridner

Major: Business Management with a double minor in economics and marketing.

Hometown: Williamsport, PA

What PCM has meant to me:

PCM means the world to me. PCM has helped me explore my faith without judgment in community with others exploring their faith as well. I've made lifetime friends at PCM and I wish I was staying an extra semester to spend more time with them!

Plans after graduation: I am moving to Altoona, PA to take

on my new role as an Accountant Executive for Complete Document Solutions—Xerox. I am also adopting a dog.

Holly Smith

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Graphic Design and Special Education

Hometown: Easton, PA

What PCM has meant to me:

Being in PCM allowed me to reconnect with my faith when I started here at Bloomsburg University. I was able to make a group of friends that respect me for who I am and do not try to change me.

Plans after graduation: After I graduate, I have a full-time job as a teacher lined up in an early childhood center working with kids; exposing them to the arts and much more. I will also be doing Graphic Design work on the side.

Amber Srednicki

Major: Secondary Education and Spanish

Hometown: Bloomsburg, PA

What PCM has meant to me: PCM has meant a lot to me over my college years. I started attending the Main Event in my freshmen year. I made some friends that I hope will stay with me for lifetime. There's a lot of good that has come from this club, including spiritual care. Pastor Jill has helped me in my spiritual needs and to get me to where I am now in my faith. I am very grateful for PCM and Pastor Jill.

Plans after graduation: After graduation, I plan on becoming a high school Spanish teacher.

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is without his doubts. Like any Christian, Dr. Phillips has difficult questions that cannot be easily answered, and he was honest about this with the audience. He was also candid about the joy that comes with faith, even getting emotional while discussing the lyrics to one of his favorite hymns.

PCM Board member and Physics professor Dr. John Huckans was instrumental in making this lecture a reality, as he was able to connect us with his longtime mentor. We thank him, the Physics and Engineering Department, and the Lily Endowment, Inc. for their support in making this possible.

"Jesus Supports the Buddy System"



PCM, in collaboration with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, passed out over 300 pretzels and waters labeled "Jesus supports the buddy system" during Block Party on a sunny Saturday in April. We helped spread positivity and care, seeking to do our small part to discourage the negative choices made by college students on this "party" weekend. Thanks to Outreach Coordinator Leslie Coopridner for leading us!



Sending off our graduating seniors with prayer at our end-of-semester bonfire.



Camp Krishlund and Board President Steve Cureton join us for a Main Event discussion of denominations.

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

Your congregation can give needed ongoing support to PCM by including it in their annual benevolence budget. Please check with your mission committee about supporting our mission on the university campus!

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PCM's Spring Semester Highlights



Our first annual "Kick the Cold" Cook-off, held at St. Paul's. Thanks to all who participated!



Serving the community by participating in BU's Big Event.



Leading worship at Wesley UMC.



Carrying the cross during the ecumenical Good Friday Crosswalk.



Serving at the Community Friendship Meal with volunteers from First Presbyterian.



Theological lessons from the soil at Princeton Theological Seminary's Farminary on our Vocation Exploration Retreat.



Ash Wednesday at St. Paul's Episcopal



Foot-washing during our Holy Week Agape meal.



Building up our leadership team on a retreat at Camp Krishlund.

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 growing numbers of students to benefit from our vocation program and fellowship group.
- For the spiritual growth of our students in their journey with Christ.
- For students struggling with physical and mental illness, as well as in environments unwelcome to their faith.
- For BU faculty and staff.
- For continued financial provision for our ministry at BU.



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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 the Reverend Jill Young, an ordained Presbyterian minister, and is also led by a committed team of student leaders and interns. In addition, PCM provides vocational discernment opportunities to Bloomsburg University students through our Vocation Exploration Initiative.

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- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- The United Methodist Church
- The Presbyterian Church
- The Episcopal Church
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