

# johnsonburg

*"A place apart where all people can experience God's love within a welcoming Christian community".*

Dear friends,

Walking the grounds of Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center in the fall is a special treat. The brightly colored leaves are falling, the breeze has freshness in it and the air is crisp. I think of all the people who have walked these grounds over the past 50 years. I have found a spot on the property where the presence of God seems especially powerful and this has become my sacred place.

How many of you have hiked the camp's trails and found your sacred place? Is it down by the lake or on the Red Trail Bridge? Maybe it is at the Labyrinth or the Old Chapel. Wherever it is, you can feel God's closeness and you are able to communicate like nowhere else with your Creator.

Camp Johnsonburg, through its many programs, ministers to a diverse group of people who have experienced the sacred while visiting camp. Perhaps while here they encountered God for the first time or rededicated their lives to Jesus. Many have met someone special here who they can talk to whenever they have a problem or celebration to share. For them, God's presence is evident not only in the peace and beauty of the campsite, but in the camp community as well.

Sacred places like Johnsonburg are becoming endangered. Our Board and our staff understand the importance of preserving what makes the camp program and facilities so unique. We are in the midst of making plans for the future of this ministry and through this letter I am asking you to join us.

With your generous donation, we can keep moving forward with new and exciting programs while insuring that the sacred spaces we all know and love will be here for generations to come. This is your opportunity to make a profound difference in someone's life. Will you answer the call to help? I pray you will.

His servant,

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