

Class of 1976 50th Reunion Newsletter

Alumni Weekend June 4-7, 2026

October 2025 Edition



Greetings class of '76 alumni! Juniata College invites us to return to campus in June 2026 to celebrate our 50th reunion. Wow, 50 years already! The Class of 1976 Reunion Committee hopes you remembered to save the dates and plan to join the festivities.

Save the Date When? This June: Thursday through Sunday, June 4-7, 2026

When to Register for Alumni Weekend - Online registration for Alumni Weekend events will open in the spring. Stay tuned for updates at www.juniata.edu/alumniweekend.

Book Reservations Early – Reserve a room using Juniata's special room blocks and rates at several hotels and motels in the area. Or check out vacation homes, inns, resorts, cottages, and cabins that previous groups have enjoyed. For more information on the hotel blocks and links to alternative housing websites, visit: <https://www.juniata.edu/alumni/alumni-events/alumni-weekend/accommodations.php> or use the QR code. Limited on-campus residence hall accommodations are available during Alumni Weekend and can be reserved online in the spring.



Help us keep you in the loop!

Visit www.juniata.edu/update to share changes to your contact information.

Future newsletters will be sent out via email – so be sure we have your updated email address!

Meet the Class of 1976 Reunion Committee – how many names do you recognize?

The 1976 Reunion Committee is working to make our milestone 50th Reunion memorable. With support from Bekah Ford, Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement and Randall Sawyer, Director of Major Gifts, over a dozen classmate volunteers are gearing up for a great reunion and encourage classmates, friends, and acquaintances to attend the reunion and reconnect with Juniata. The Reunion Committee is composed of three sub-committees, each with a focus on different work.

The **Legacy Committee** oversees our 50th reunion gift.

Chair: Brad Sterl, bsterl@bradsterlassociates.com

Members: Elaine (Becker) Jones
Steve Holsinger
Sam Sirianni

The **Social Committee** plans the weekend's activities and serves as hosts when Alumni Weekend arrives.

Co-Chair: Guy Cooper, gcoops3@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Cheryl (Dettmar) Stites, cdettmarstites@gmail.com

Members: Nancy (Nordberg) Glaeser

Diane (Dawson) Lindstrom

Bruce Erb

Mark Francischetti

The **Communications Committee** produces the newsletter and puts together our 50th Reunion Booklet.

Chair: Cindy (Gilbert) Clarke, clarkec@juniata.edu

Members: Cindy (Hill) Valko, geocin@aol.com

Ann Dunlavy

Mary Beth (Campbell) Emmons

Karen (Lotz) Orr

Nancy Preston

Additional volunteers are encouraged to participate. Get in touch with us!

From Legacy Committee - Happy Fall everyone, I hope this note might bring back memories of a beautiful warm and colorful Mountain Day or simply walking to class across a vibrant campus. I'd love to know who found a well-used Centennial JC mug somewhere among your treasures or just stuffed in a closet. It would be fun if those of you who did could bring it along for a mug photo in June. We are planning on a great turnout at our 50th Reunion. Hopefully, you received and read the snail mail we sent from the Class of '76 Legacy Gift Committee indicating that our class gift project has been selected. In case you missed it, our gift will support the existing campus gateway (JC signage) on Moore Street and provide the funds to build a new gateway at the entrance to campus where Cold Springs Road and College Avenue intersect. If you haven't seen it yet, be prepared to smile and agree that it adds a very nice entrance marker to further beautify the campus and provide clarity to walkers, bikers and cars that you are now at Juniata College. Plaques acknowledging the Class of '76 will adorn the gateways. If you would like to make a contribution in support of this project or have any questions about it, please feel free to reach me or any of the other Legacy Committee members or Randall Sawyer, Director of Major Gifts, at 814-641-3114 or rsa100@juniata.edu. -Brad Sterl

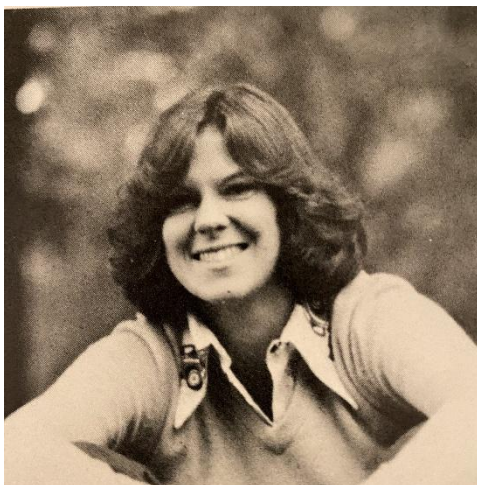
From Social Committee - The Social Committee reminds us to make housing reservations early and asks that we include Thursday in our planning, if we can make the extra day. More info is coming soon!

From Communications Committee - Future Newsletters

This "Class of 1976 50th Reunion Newsletter" is the first of many to come. We intend to offer details, memories, stories, and important information to make our Reunion one of the best. It is our newsletter, so feel free to share photos, ideas, questions, stories, jokes, memories, and news. The October 2025 newsletter is coming to you by U.S. mail. The delivery for the remaining newsletters is email, so be sure to save the address to your email and mark it as not junk so all future messages go to your inbox.

50th Reunion Booklet Questionnaire: We have an opportunity to submit bios in the "Class of '76 Reunion Book" for distribution in June. Classmate bios will be composed into a booklet. This wonderful keepsake offers information and stories on classmates for you to treasure. Once the booklet is complete, a digital version will be available to all classmates free of charge. A printed version of the booklet will be available for purchase as we approach June. Right now it's time for you to fill out your bio to go into the booklet! Take a look at the questionnaire, let us know if you plan to attend the reunion, and send in your bio! You can access the questionnaire at this link: <https://forms.gle/cihnQBxrn1LQmBEAA> or by using the QR code to the right. Cindy offered to share the first reunion booklet bio in this newsletter as a preview. Check it out on the next page! More bios to come in future newsletters!





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Bio - Cindy Gilbert Clarke, '76

I was born and raised in Ridley Township, just outside Philadelphia. But I found my home when I started school at Juniata! I fell in love with the beautiful surroundings, the friendly welcoming atmosphere, and the fact that I was not just allowed to ask questions – I was encouraged to do so!

Upon graduation I married Geoff Clarke, class of '75, and began work as Director of Institutional Research at Juniata. With the exception of 2 years in the Tampa Bay area, Geoff and I have made Huntingdon our home ever since. Most of my working career was at Juniata, helping to provide information that facilitated institutional decision making. Since then, I have joined Juniata's Board of Trustees – so I continue to ask many questions!

Geoff and I raised 2 daughters, Kate and Robin. We are blessed to have them and their children close to us – it's a wonderful privilege to watch your grandchildren (and grandpuppies) grow. When I'm not spending time with them, I like to golf, play pickle ball, garden, and play with flowers. Retirement is wonderful!

I am so looking forward to catching up with everyone at our 50th Reunion!!!

Memories for the November Newsletter – Suggested Topic: Who was your favorite professor and why? (send in by November 10)

Send info, questions, and comments to Nancy Preston, nancyep76@hotmail.com. Love to hear from you!

Check out some photos from the past to get those memories flowing!

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