March, 2004

First Monday is a monthly mailing to Church Professionals in The Miami Presbytery from the Presbytery Staff including information of events and news of interest as submitted by appropriate Presbytery entities. Publication of such information does not imply presbytery endorsement of the views and opinions expressed or implied. This month we have included:

1. News and Reviews from MacRead and MacView in the Resource Center.
2. The March Calendar.
3. The Prayer List.
4. Information on the Job Positions.
5. Presbytery News.

Please let the Miami Presbytery office know if you would like to switch to e-notification of the First Monday posting to the Presbytery web site!
News and Views from MacRead and MacView
March 2004

A digest of some new or timely resources and information that might be of interest to church professionals and their congregations.

The Miami Presbytery Resource Center is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

You are welcome to visit us and browse during regular hours or call us at 258-8118 (1-800-270-8118 within Miami Presbytery) with your questions or requests. If you are unable to visit us during these times, we will be happy to mail resources or arrange for you to get them in another way.

The Miami Presbytery Resource Center
Resource Center Staff:
Terry Biers
Pat McLaughlin
Ruth Price

The Miami Presbytery Resource Center is located at 1541 South Smithville Road
Dayton, Ohio 45410-3242
937-258-8118
1-800-270-8118
www.miamipresbytery.org

The Office of the General Assembly and the Worldwide Ministries Division have been referring inquiries about Mel Gibson’s movie, The Passion of the Christ, to two websites.

One is the NCC website which will provide you with a bulletin insert that can also serve as a teaching/preparation tool: http://wwww.nccusa.org/interfaith/passionfilmresources.html. While at this site, check out other resources that may be useful.

The other is the ELCA website — www.elca.org — which, although not Presbyterian, is reformed! Type “Passion of the Christ” in the search box to find several resources.

There are several other good websites: A review by Ed McNulty can be read at www.pcusa.org/today/passion/index.htm.

Another helpful website is www.beliefnet.com.

And yet another great source would be... hmmm. How about the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John! If a church group is going to see the movie, consider reading and discussing the Passion Narratives in the gospels before attending.

A folder of some articles from the above-mentioned sources has been prepared and is available in the Resource Center.

Photo source: http://www.passion-movie.com

The Bible Jesus Read by Philip Yancey
...is an 8-session adult study which takes a look at the Old Testament in an attempt to refute the belief of some that all Christians need is the New Testament. The Resource Center has the kit which includes a videotape, participant’s guide, and the book. We also have ten copies of the participant’s guide. Those taking the course will need to purchase their own copies of Yancey’s book.

FREE Downloads for Older Adult Week can be accessed at www.pcusa.org.

Click on “Search pcusa.org”
Type in “Older Adult Week”
Scroll down to the “Older Adult Week Planning Guide”

Next Miami Presbytery Meeting
March 13 (Saturday) Dayton: Memorial

Open House in the Resource Center
Visit us downstairs!!
**Looking Ahead…**

March 5 — World Day of Prayer  
April 4 — Palm Sunday; Holy Week  
April 4 — Daylight Savings Time  
April 11 — Easter Sunday  
April 18 — Health Awareness Week  
April 22 — Earth Day  
May 2-8 — Older Adult Week  
May 9-15 — Christian Family Week

**Let us help with your planning!**

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**Let Us Pray:**  
Reformed Prayers for Christian Worship  
edited by Martha S. Gillis  
...includes prayers written by current Presbyterian pastors and theologians representing a diversity of approaches. Includes prayers of confession, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving as well as assurances of pardon, litanies, and calls to worship.

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**Vacation Church School Materials from the PCUSA!!!**  
...designed to allow children ages 4-10 (preschool-grade 5) to explore the wonderful world of mission, this curriculum is all-inclusive in the Director’s Guide (PDS #614900, $35.00). In the Director’s Guide is leader information, a resource pack, audiocassette, and information for downloading postcards, registration forms, clip art, patterns, and other helpful ideas from the www.pcusa.org website.  
**God Calls Us: Around the World in 5 Days** will take your children and their leaders to the Philippines, Guatemala, Malawi, Pakistan, and Peru. Get on board now... this is a fun set of curriculum materials, Reformed and Presbyterian, and a bargain!!  
**Available NOW in the Resource Center**

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**FREE**  
Downloads for Christian Family Week  
(May 9-15)  
can be accessed at  

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**Pentecost Party**  
...a videotape from the “Bedbug Bible Gang” telling stories about the “first” Pentecost, the fruits of the Spirit, and Philip and the Ethiopian.

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**The Garden of the Good Shepherd:**  
A Sticker Calendar to Count the 50 Days of Easter  
by Tomie de Paola  
...a “countdown calendar” for young children helping them count the days from Easter to Pentecost. Includes a laminated landscape board, stickers, and a booklet containing a short story/mediation for each day.

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**Handbook for Multi-Sensory Worship**  
by Kim Miller and the Ginghamsburg Worship Team  
...provides solid, practical aids for celebrating various seasons of the church year.

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**Bread, Bread, Bread**  
by Ann Morris  
...a beautifully illustrated children’s book celebrating the many different kinds of bread and how they are enjoyed around the world. An excellent resource for a children’s sermon or to supplement a young child’s class about the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

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**One great hour of sharing**

...supplement what your church is doing to participate in the one Great Hour of Sharing by checking out the video, “Sharing our Blessings” and/or by using the worship resources at  
http://www.pcusa.org/oghs/worshipre.htm

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**Just Wives?**  
Stories of Power and Survival in the Old Testament and Today  
by Kathaine Doob Sakenfeld  
...explores the stories of eleven women in the Old Testament, relating their struggles to the struggles of women today. Includes study questions for group discussion.

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**Use the Resource Center’s on-line catalog to search for resources. It’s on the presbytery’s website:**  
(www.miamipresbytery.org).  
**Click on Resource Center and then webrary.**  
Search by title, subject, or author.

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**E-mail the Resource Center at**  
Resource.center@miamipresbytery.org
MIAMI PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST

March, 2004

1 March  Kirkmont Presbyterian Church  located at 3377 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek; 315 member congregation with Pastor Eric Laverentz.

   And please remember the Committee on Nominations in your prayers.

8 March  First Presbyterian Church located at Beech and Decatur Streets, Eaton; 440 member congregation with Pastor Wayne Morrison.

   And please remember the Synod Commissioners and General Assembly in your prayers.

15 March  St. Luke Presbyterian Church located at 4311 Walton Court, Middletown; 86 member congregation with Pastor Janet Dillaman.

   And please remember the Committee on Representation in your prayers.

22 March  Bath United Presbyterian Church located at 4624 Bath Road, Dayton; 120 member congregation.

   And please remember the Presbytery Ministries Committee in your prayers.

29 March  First United Presbyterian Church located at 136 South Sandusky Street, Rushylvania; 35 member congregation with Pastor Robert H. Clark.
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**What's happening around the presbytery:**

Begin or expand your health ministry with the **2004 Encircling Care Conference Nurturing Congregations Through Health Ministry** March 14-18, 2004 in partnership with Spalding University, Louisville, Ky.

Is your congregation ready to begin parish nursing, health ministry or congregational care teams? This comprehensive four-day conference, designed to address the "nurturance and spiritual fellowship of the children of God," will provide the guidance you need to begin this important ministry.

Learn more and register on-line for this conference at:
http://www.pcusa.org/health/usa/index.htm

Patricia K. Gleich, Associate
Health Ministries USA

**Presbyterian Today posts "The Passion of the Christ" resources online**
By Jerry L. Van Marter

LOUISVILLE - Presbyterian Today, the magazine of the Presbyterian Church (USA) today posted a review and discussion guide for "The Passion of the Christ" on its website.

The controversial Mel Gibson film premiers today in theaters nationwide.

The review and discussion guide were written by the Rev. Ed McNulty, editor of the film guide Visual Parables and author of Praying the Movies and Praying the Movies II, published by Geneva Press. McNulty regularly reviews movies with religious themes for Presbyterian Today.

In his review, McNulty cautions that adults see the film before deciding whether to take their youth groups. Numerous critics have noted the extreme violence and brutality depicted in Gibson's movie. It is rated "R."

The Presbyterian Today resources are available at www.pcusa.org/today.

**Meeting God in Worship: The Heart of Reformed Spirituality** – The 2004 Gathering will be held at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI July 21-23. The Full Conference Registration Fee (including all meals except breakfast) is $200. A copy of the brochure can be made available from the office at the Presbytery.
SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dayton, Ohio

POSITION DESCRIPTION: YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR (Part-time)

PURPOSE:
To assist in creating and executing a vibrant youth ministry program at Southminster Presbyterian Church.

ACCOUNTABILITY:
The Youth Ministry Coordinator reports to the Associate Pastor for Nurture and Discipleship.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
1. Build relationships with youth towards the goal of leading them to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. Provide staff support for ministry with the middle school and senior high youth including:
   - Planning, communicating and participating in church youth activities.
   - Assisting with recruiting and equipping adults for leadership of youth.
   - Assisting with planning and coordination of Wednesday evening Ark and God Squad programs.
   - Working to develop spiritual growth of youth by application of Biblical principles in everyday life.
   - Assisting with developing the Biblical literacy of youth.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:
1. Has a strong commitment to Christ and enthusiasm for sharing his/her faith.
2. Is energetic, outgoing and approachable.
3. Is available for retreats, conferences and travel adventures with youth.
4. Exhibits good interpersonal, planning and teaching skills.

RELATIONSHIPS:
The Youth Ministry Coordinator will work in close cooperation with the Associate Pastor for Nurture and Discipleship as well as the Christian Education Council, the Youth Ministry Committee and the adult advisors for both the Ark and the God Squad.

EVALUATION:
The Personnel Committee will formally review performance and salary on an annual basis.
Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dayton

invites you to attend a
Care Team Training Session

Led by
The Rev. Debbie Lewicki, a Presbyterian pastor and hospital chaplain from Columbus, Ohio

Saturday, March 20
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Westminster Dayton is located downtown at
125 N. Wilkinson Street.
(1st & Wilkinson)

Free parking is located directly across from the church on 1st Street.

Everyone is welcome and
congregations are encouraged to send as many persons as possible.

The cost is $10 per person which includes materials and a continental breakfast.

Space is limited!
Please register by no later than
March 11, 2004
Sorry, we cannot offer refunds for cancellations after March 11.

For information contact:
Janice Matthews, Parish Nurse
Church: (937) 223-7285