December, 2007

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. We have incorporated a few changes this month to help streamline the online version, after several comments that it takes quite some time to download this large document. These items will remain in the printed version but in a slightly different format – see the combined Prayer List and Calendar. This month we have included:

1. The Prayer List which now includes the first Sunday of the next month at popular request.
2. The December Calendar
3. Notes & Music from Dennis Piermont
5. Spring Youth Retreat Flyer

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!

Submissions must be in by the 25th of the month or the last working day prior in order to be placed in the packet. Send or email submissions to Tom Oxley at the Presbytery, tom.oxley@miamipresbytery.org.
December, 2007

2 December  Bath United Presbyterian Church located at 4624 Bath Road, Dayton; 75 member congregation with Pastor Janine Wilson.

9 December  First United Presbyterian Church located in Rushylvania; 33 member congregation with Moderator Russell Williams.

16 December  First Presbyterian Church located at 2910 Central Avenue, Middletown; 728 member congregation with Pastor Tim Doty.

23 December  Westminster Presbyterian Church located at 325 West Ash Street, Piqua; 182 member congregation with Pastor Judy Rich.

30 December  Slifers Presbyterian Church located at 2999 South Clayton Road, Farmersville; 171 member congregation with Pastor Karel Hanhart.

6 January  Huntsville Presbyterian Church located at 6490 Fruit Street, Huntsville; 132 member congregation with Pastor Chris Martin.

Please note that we have removed the committees and groups of the presbytery for the moment. As the transition takes place, we will put the continuing committees, new groups and networks on the list. In the meantime, we ask everyone to remember the Network Support Committee and networks of the presbytery in your prayers this month. Thank you.
## December 2007

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>25 Nov</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>1 Dec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>4:30p COM</td>
<td>4:30p SDOP</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>5:00p Trustees</td>
<td>7:00a Agenda</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3:30p Staff Services</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>11:00a PW?</td>
<td>8:00a Council/Docket</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>4:30p Representation?</td>
<td>9:30a CPM</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Office Closed</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Office Closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>1 Jan</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>New Year’s Day (Fed)</td>
<td>7:00a Agenda</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Office Closed</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Display Options:
- Year
- Month
- Week
- Day
- Block
- List
- Condensed
- Abs
- Slide

### Add Events:
- Daily
- Duration
- Periodic

### Calendar Options:
- Search
- Administer
  - This Calendar

---

The Miami Presbytery - Dayton, Ohio

 Calories Net
free online interactive web calendars

First Monday Job Corner
Drop us a line if there is a job opening you need to fill at your church (and please let us know if you want it continued in future months).

Seeking Employment - Organist/Choir Director looking for a substitute, interim or permanent position as organist, keyboardist or music director. I’ve had 20 years experience as a church musician and can handle just about anything. Please call Ken Dunbar (937)879-5837 or email me kendn01@netzero.net. Resume and references available on request.

Youth Minister/Director of Christian Education Needed Loveland Presbyterian Church (of the Cincinnati Presbytery), Loveland, OH, is in need of a qualified Youth Minister/Director of Christian Education. If interested in applying or getting more information on this opening, contact Janice Nye at the church office, 360 Robin Avenue, Loveland, OH 45140.

------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Miami Presbytery is a Member of the Pastoral Counseling Center of Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton
Our Covenant Agreement with the Counseling Center ensures that all members of the Presbytery and their households will have access to the Center for individual and group counseling, at 50% of the $100 fee. A counselor is available 24-hours a day for crisis and urgent needs.

Call 208-6606 for an appointment. Be sure to tell the receptionist that you are a member of the Miami Presbytery.

The Pastoral Counseling Center is also available to Clergy and other Church Professionals for confidential consultation regarding pastoral care and counseling needs.

Please contact a member of the Committee on Ministry for more information.

------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Medicare Part D Training Conference Coming to Fairmont
On December 11, Fairmont and the Health Ministries Team will host a training event for those who interact with Medicare Part D (the drug plan) recipients. We are partnering with OSHIIP, Social Security, Senior Independence, local county agencies plus many more to provide this training. The training will include Medicare Part D Overview, Demonstration of the Medicare Part D Benefits Check Up Tool, Understanding Low Income Subsidy, and a demonstration of the Medicare Part D Plan Finder. It will also include a luncheon discussion session on empowering seniors to use the benefits to which they are entitled. The training session is from 8:30am-12:30am with check-in at 8am. The cost is $15 including lunch and prior registration is required. For more information you can email to FpcHealthMinistries@yahoo.com, or call the church on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11am-4pm at 937-299-3539.

Senior Services Fair Coming to Fairmont!!!
On December 11 from 1pm-5pm, we will be hosting a Senior Services Fair. Agencies that serve seniors will be bringing displays, providing contact information, answering questions, and helping in any way they can. We will also have massages available, stations set up online to help seniors re-evaluate or sign up for Medicare Part D coverage, and flu shots will also be available. This is a good way to get information on what services are available to seniors (we will have representatives from both Greene County and Montgomery County present as well as state and national agencies) and who to talk to about questions or concerns. We encourage seniors, professionals who work with seniors, caregivers, and those who want to be informed before they become seniors to attend. If you would like more information, or would like to sign up for a flu shot, please call the church office at 937-299-3539 on Mondays or Wednesdays from 10am-4pm. Or email FpcHealthMinistries@yahoo.com.
Christ the King Lutheran Church
Centerville OH
presents
"Joy-bells to the World!"

A Christmas concert of Quiet Joy and Triumphant Peace
presented by
Handbell Soloist Kristine Stout

Solo handbell ringing is a fairly rare, graceful form of musical expression. Kristine plays three octaves of Malmark English Handbells all by herself. Employing a unique combination of choreography and traditional handbell weaving techniques, Kristine has her own special style of solo ringing that is sure to overwhelm your musical senses.

Christ the King Lutheran Church
50 Nutt Road, Centerville
Saturday, December 1, 2007
7:00 PM Concert, fellowship following
Whose Birthday?

Two women were having lunch in an elegant hotel. They were approached by a mutual friend who asked the occasion for the meal. One lady replied, "We are celebrating the birth of my baby boy." "But where is he?" inquired the friend. "Oh," said the mother, "you didn't think I’d bring him, did you?"

In many ways, this is how the world treats Jesus at Christmas. We shop and wrap; and wrap and give. We receive and unwrap; and unwrap and party. As E. B. White wrote in The Second Tree from the Corner, “To perceive Christmas through its wrappings becomes more difficult every year.” And often, it is because of those wrappings that we sometimes fail to remember just whose birthday it is we are celebrating.

We need to ask ourselves, “What will we give Jesus for his birthday?”

The Christmas season allows us witness to the community and the world at an extraordinary moment – a time of confluence and crossing of both sacred and secular celebrations – that while we are indeed in the world, we need not be of the world. This is the time, amid all of our traditional gift-giving and celebrating, when we who are called to be followers of Jesus can speak to the secular world free from so much of the typically jaundiced perspective of how we are viewed the rest of the year.

This is the time when small ordinary acts of ministry – acts like welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, looking out for the rejected and dejected –
may be understood by our community and world around us as being of the *essence of our faith*, rather than as some kind of *obligation of our identity*. And if our ministries testify to all the world that “this is what it means to be Christians,” then we truly shown the miracles that God enables in the ordinary.

And that would be a pretty good birthday gift.
Noonday Carol Sing: Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton will be hosting their Noonday Carol Sing on Wednesday, December 19th, 12:10-12:40 PM. At 12:00 Noon, there will be Music for Handbells presented by the Adult Handbell Choir of Westminster Church, Jerry Taylor directing; Choral music by the Spring Valley Academy Choir, Gail Hall directing, John Neely, Organist. A quick lunch will be served for a nominal cost following the carol sing. For more information, call 937-223-7285 or go to www.westminsterdayton.org.

Concerts and Programs at Kettering Adventist Church Kettering Adventist Church invites you to their concerts and programs on December 2d at 7:30; December 7th at 7:00; December 9th at 2:00 or again at 4:00; December 15th at 7:30; December 17th at 7:00; Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00, and December 21st at 7:00. For more information, call 937-298-2167 or go to www.ketsda.org.

The staffs of the Miami Presbytery and Kirkmont Center wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, spirit-filled, safe and peaceful New Year. It has been wonderful to work with and serve you over the past year, and we look forward to continued service over the year to come.

Dennis Piermont          Doris Arnett Whitaker          Ed DeLair
Martha Keil             Tom Oxley                  Jeanne McIver
Ruth Price              Joyce Routzohn              Toni Cox
Pat Kelly               Deborah Harshbarger-Shreve  Tenia Johnson
Willard Scheifele       Sandy Lockwood
God Has Sown Salvation's Seed Within the Earth

But "God has sown salvation's seed within the earth," So the
But we know that God by providence supplied with as-

prophet's call was heard. "From the root springs forth God's
nature's prideful bent. For we sought without ces-
surging love, this call. So the promise nurtured

blossom of the light as it flowers in the promise of the
salvation of our greed; we were captive by the thrall of our in-

sion throughout all time and the grace of God's creation is re-

Copyright © 2007 Dennis H. Piermont
Permission for Congregational Use Granted
SAVE THE DATE!

An invitation to the Miami Presbytery community:

The Annual Spring Youth Retreat will be held April 4-6, 2008 at Kirkmont Center!
All youth, grades 7-12, and adult advisors are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Registration forms and more details will be sent to your church in the next few months.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact any of the advisors below:

Mario Bolivar: mario@fpctroy.org
Gregg Johnson: youth@bellefontainepres.com
Kristie Marcum: marcumkl@muohio.edu