February, 2008

First Monday is a monthly mailing to Church Professionals and committee members 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. The Prayer List which now includes the first Sunday of the next month at popular request.
2. The February Calendar
3. Notes from Dennis Piermont
5. Spring Youth Retreat Flyer
6. Thibault Workshop Poster/Registration Form

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.

Happy New Year!
February, 2008

3 February  Jamestown Presbyterian Church located at 61 West Washington Street, Jamestown; 86 member congregation with Pastor Michael Helling.

10 February  United Presbyterian Church located at 5091 Hamilton-Eaton Road, Collinsville; 55 member congregation with Lay Pastor Mike Gabbard.

17 February  First Presbyterian Church located at 20 South Walnut Street, Troy; 508 member congregation with Pastor Richard Culp.

24 February  College Hill Community Presbyterian Church located at 1547 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton; 298 member congregation with Pastor Robert E. Jones.

2 March  Faith United Presbyterian Church located at 5555 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights; 133 member congregation with Pastor Norman Godfrey.

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 Committee On Ministry in your prayers this month. Thank you.
# The Miami Presbytery

*The Presbyterian Church (USA) in Ohio’s Miami Valley*

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The Miami Presbytery- Dayton, Ohio

[Calendars Net](http://my.calendars.net/miamipresbytery/d01/02/2008?display=M&style=B&positioning=A) free online interactive web calendars
Meet George Jetson

When I was growing up in the 1950s, life in the year 2000 was going to be *The Jetsons*. In truth, Buck Rogers would probably be more accurate because *The Jetsons* did not air until 1962. But whatever life was to be called, it was certainly going to involve rocket cars and household robots and all sorts of devices to make life easy and enjoyable. The future was simply going to be a continuation of the linear process by which progress had been seen and measured for more than a century. Mechanization allowed distances to be travelled further and faster. The horseless carriage supplanted its equine forerunner. The airplane allowed travel across and between continents to be measured in hours rather than days or weeks. And in light of this linear progress, there was no doubt among my contemporaries that at the turn of the millennium we’d all be driving rocket cars as we zipped along, no longer in an only-earthbound world. Well here we are, seven years into that millennium (remember technically, the year 2000 was the last year of the twentieth century), and there are no rocket cars in sight, and I am pretty disappointed.

Some place along the progress continuum things took an unexpected turn. But if we really look carefully at where that turn did indeed take us, we might be rather pleasantly surprised – and amazed. Because even without *George Jetson, Jane (his wife), daughter Judy, his boy Elroy* we have travelled faster and further than most anyone could have foreseen five decades ago. We’re just not doing it in rocket cars. Progress’s unexpected turn brought us into a world of lightning speed communication – a world in which our ability to share information, even bad information, requires that we forever rethink so much of how we teach and learn, and of what it means to be in community with one another.
Let’s go back to all the hoopla surrounding the millennium. There were lists galore – the most important people, the most important events – compiled by universities, think-tanks, media. What emerged pretty much universally at the top both lists were Johannes Gutenberg and his invention of movable type in 1439. All of the extraordinary changes in the world during the last fifth of the millennium, changes wrought during the Industrial Revolution, had nowhere near the profundity of the revolution brought about by this printer and goldsmith living in a suburb of Strasbourg.

Beginning in 1455 as a 42-line “edition” of about 180 copies, the *Gutenberg Bible* ushered in an era in which God’s word was available to be read by everyone, not just the chosen few of an ecclesiastical hierarchy, and ushered out an age of church domination that at times was corrupt, condescending and corrosive, culminating in the beginning of the Reformation 62 years later on a church door about two hundred miles to the northeast.

Now six and a half centuries later, because of our detour in our progress-process journey, we too are ushering in an era that will shape our world because of how we share, understand and create information. Where do we, as part of Christ’s church, want to be as this era unfolds?

More importantly, where is God asking us to be?

Dennis H. Piermont
Executive Presbyter
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.

PRAISE/WORSHIP LEADER (Part time)-To provide vision, leadership and direction for the weekly Sunday Praise Service, Monthly Saturday Service, Sunday Children’s Worship Time and the Sunday youth music time. Requires a person of Christian faith who has the ability to engage the congregation. Will have strong vocal/musicianship skills and be comfortable in the leadership role of a worship service. Will be able to inspire, instruct and develop skills of present and potential musical groups; strong knowledge of contemporary, traditional and world music. Desire a bachelor’s degree with a major/emphasis in music or equivalent strong experience as a music leader. For information about Fairmont Presbyterian Church, see our website at: www.fairmontchurch.org or call Charles Chamberlain (937) 433-9211. Send your resume, together with a cover letter to: Music Leadership Position, c/o Charles Chamberlain. Chair, search committee, 6650 Green Branch Dr., #6, Centerville, OH 45459 or email to Greenbranch6@sbcglobal.net. FAX: (937)299-5974

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.

New Hours for the Resource Center: Due to changes in staffing, the Resource Hours are changing. The Resource Center will be open and staffed from 10-2 on Tuesdays and from 12-4 on Thursdays. The Resource Center is available anytime that the Presbytery office is open, Monday through Friday, 9-5, by stopping by the office for a key.

Support the Troops: Several young men and women from the Miami Presbytery area are serving in places around the world. If you know somebody you would like to mention for prayers, letters or packages, please share the word with us so we can get the word out to all our churches. Our troops deserve the best support we can offer, wherever they are. As we accumulate a list, if your church would like to add these men and women to your own prayer lists, or would like to send letters or packages to show your support, contact Tom Oxley at the presbytery office. Those of us who have served know what it can be like, and we are thankful for your kind words and prayers.
African American History Month Programs at Trinity Presbyterian Church
The month will be celebrated at Trinity with the following programs:
   1. First Sunday will feature our pastor, Rev. Lutrelle Rainey.
   2. Second Sunday Mrs. Ola Mathis will speak she is from Humbolt, Tn.
   3. Third Sunday Rev. McCorry will be the speaker.
   4. Fourth Sunday Miss Mobley (daughter of Dr. Evelyn Mobley) will be the speaker.
This will be followed by an African Ngoma. The meal will be of Sudan flavor with a touch of Guiana. There will be three authors present to sell and autograph their books. And we will have on display many articles from Africa that have been brought back by a member of ours who travels there for business regularly. Many of the members will be dressed in African garb. The menu will be Ethiopian chicken, rice pilaf, Zulu cabbage, maharagwe, sweet potatoes, corn muffins, bread pudding with pumpkin sauce and mixed fruit. Everyone is invited to all the services as we will have a grand time learning about African American heritage and tasting these foods. Our newsletter, called News and Notes, will feature short expressions of persons in our congregation about experiences had by themselves and/or their families.
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
Coming to Otterbein Lebanon
February 28 and 29

Dr. Jane Marie Thibault
Gerontologist, Clinician, and Author

Highly recommended by previous presenters,
Dr. Richard Gentzler and Dr. Richard Morgan

Dr. Thibault will present two workshops, both based
on her acclaimed book
10 Gospel Promises for Later Life.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 3-5 p.m.
“Dedicated Suffering,”
primarily for older adults.
Cost $5, free for Otterbein residents.

Friday, Feb. 29, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
“Creating a Spiritually Healthy Approach to Aging,”
primarily for church leaders, pastors, chaplains, and
other caregivers. Cost $20, including lunch.
Some scholarships available. Call for details.

Register by calling Alan Carroll, 513-933-5468, or completing the
form on next page.

Otterbein is located at 585 N. State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036.
For directions, go to http://www.otterbein.org/leb/map.htm
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**Please note here if you have special dietary concerns:

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Make check payable to “Otterbein Retirement Living Communities.”

Send to  Alan Carroll
Otterbein Retirement Living Communities
580 N State Route 741
Lebanon, OH 45036

Registration deadline is Monday, February 25, 2008.