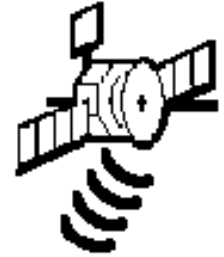


FIRST MONDAY



April, 2010

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**
2. **The April Calendar**
3. **Tom's Thoughts on A New Hero**
4. **Presbytery News – *What's Happening Around The Presbytery.***

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

MIAMI PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST



April, 2010

4 April

First Presbyterian Church located at Beech and Decatur Streets, Eaton; Pastor Wayne Morrison.

11 April

St Luke United Presbyterian Church located at 280 North Breiel Boulevard, Middletown; Pastor Janet Dillaman.

18 April

Bath Church located at 4624 Bath Road, Dayton. An interim pastor is being sought.

25 April

First United Presbyterian Church, Rushsylvania; Moderator Russell Williams.

2 May

First Presbyterian Church located at 2910 Central Avenue, Middletown; Pastor Tim Doty.

The Presbytery committee or group we ask you to pray for: For the month of April, please keep the Committee on Ministry in your prayers.

Thank you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Please keep Kirkmont Church in	29	30 4:30pm - COM	31	1 April Fool's Day 7am - Agenda @ Panera Bread 12pm - Staff Meeting/Lunch	2 Good Friday, Office Closed	3
4 Easter Please keep First Church of Eaton in	5 Easter Monday - Office Closed	6	7 4pm - Kirkmont Group	8 7am - Council 10am - Nominating 4pm - Representation	9	10
11 Please keep Middletown: St Luke in	12	13	14	15 Tax Day 9:30am - Preparation for Ministry	16	17
18 Please keep Bath church in your	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25 Please keep Rushsylvania church in	26 4:30pm - COM	27	28	29	30	1

Let There Be Peace on Earth, And Let It Begin With Me...

As a military history buff, I have developed a pretty full line of heroes in my life, most of whom were military leaders, a few were junior enlisted guys who just did the right thing, something that later was seen as being "above and beyond" the call of duty. My list includes people from both sides of many conflicts, because largely it is their actions in a situation more than their being connected with a power that we consider bad or evil that puts them in my book of heroes. I see many people having stickers or Facebook pages that Jesus is their hero, and I'm not sure my savior should be in that same category, since earthly heroes are still so far below what He did that I don't think the word can even apply to Him.

In the last few days, a new hero has come to mind. A simple man, a chaplain I used to work with, one that I didn't always get along with, but one who I recognized to have a great love for his fellow man and a dedication to serving his Lord. Chaplain Jack Lincoln happened to be a Catholic chaplain, and he had a few eccentricities that might have made people wonder about him. He was compelled to drive an older Lincoln Continental, and when the weather was good, he was seen riding a big Honda motorcycle. Being a short man, he had some interesting times on that big bike, as his feet didn't always reach the ground when he came to a stop. But Jack had this thing for sharing his faith in a way that invited others to ask about it, rather than his asking for their attention. Jack had a cross on the back of his motorcycle helmet, made of luminescent tape strips that seemed to glow when hit by any light source, day or night. Jack was a Vietnam veteran, and for having served over 20 years at the time I knew him, he was still a Major, something that would have seen him retired by then had he not been in a critical shortage faith group. Jack had shared his feelings when he didn't like how things were done, something that didn't always go well on his evaluations. When in the field, Jack and I would start our Sunday services on Thursday, as it was his responsibility to make sure every Catholic soldier in the Brigade had the opportunity to attend his worship service, and having a "circuit rider" type ministry was the only way we could achieve that. We hit the road on Thursday morning, having map coordinates for each company sized unit in the Brigade, and on Friday afternoon, we stopped having Catholic services while we rounded up all the Jewish troops to take to synagogue. Jack was one of those that found it so important to take care of all the troops, not just the ones of his own faith group. It was usually late on Friday evening when we got back to the installation where the field exercise was being conducted, so we usually were given access to one of the chapels and would bed down for the night on the floor there, returning the Jewish troops to their units on Saturday morning and returning to our circuit rider trip to find the rest of the Catholic troops. Our Sunday services usually ended on Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday was our day of rest and refitting, as we refilled the bread and wine supplies for another trip. Jack had been an alcoholic, and was one to take only a very small sip of wine at Mass, but always made sure there was enough to go around for the troops who attended his services. In garrison, Jack kept odd office hours. Our chapel and office was located in the heart of the Brigade area, and troops don't always feel free to visit during duty hours, or are inhibited by being seen as weak by others in their units, so Jack made himself available when the troops might want to see him, and it didn't matter if that was noon or at 2:00am. He made a daily appointment with himself for a nap between 1:00pm and 3:00pm to make up for his late nights.

One of the key things that make Jack Lincoln a hero in my book was his desire for peace on earth. Jack wasn't much of a singer, and with his strong Boston accent, wasn't always easy for this Midwesterner to understand, but at the offertory of his worship service, the song, Let There Be Peace On Earth, was always the song of the

moment, and you could hear Jack belting it out from anywhere in the chapel or in the field service area, always including "and sisters" to be inclusive, not because of any Army regulation, but because he truly wanted to include everyone in his message of hope for peace.

I got to work with Father Jack for just over a year while we were at Fort Knox, Kentucky. I transferred to another unit, and shortly after I left, Father Jack received orders for Heidelberg, Germany. Some time later, we learned that Jack suffered a heart attack and died in his office while trying to finish his worship bulletin draft. It would seem even at that moment, he couldn't put his own needs ahead of taking care of his duties as a church leader. He missed that one thing, that in order to be a good leader and take good care of others, you must first take care of yourself.

Putting others first is what makes a hero. In that regard, Chaplain (Major) "Jack" Lincoln became one of my heroes. I'm just sorry it took me so long to recognize that.

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother (AND SISTER)
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

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).

Bookkeeper (Part-Time): Fast-paced downtown church office. Must be detail oriented. Computer skills required. Responsible for tabulating and posting A/R, A/P and payroll. Send letter & resume Attn: Craig, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402, FAX: (937)223-9085, craig@westminsterdayton.org. No phone inquiries please.

Job Posting for Director of Youth Ministries, First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston, Ohio (www.scharlestonfirst.org)

Youth ministry is a vital part of our congregation's mission to share Christ in our community. God has given us an exciting setting for life-transforming ministry among youth. Ours is a 'one-building' school district of approximately 800 students. First Presbyterian Church is located within blocks of the district's facilities. And our congregation possesses an exceptional commitment to youth ministry as evidenced by our programs for youth from kindergarten through high school. We offer youth ministry both at our church 'campus' and off-site in our youth center. First Presbyterian Church is a community Bible church, an evangelical and Reformed congregation in the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are located in central Ohio, mid-way between Dayton and Columbus. We enjoy the quiet pace of a small town and the assets of opportunities offered in major cities nearby. We are seeking the fulltime, employment of a non-ordained person to serve as director of youth ministries. The position is available starting in the Summer of 2010. Interested candidates may contact Bill Reisenweaver by email (heypastorbill@sbcglobal.net), or mail (PO Box P, South Charleston, Ohio 45368). Please send a letter of interest, application and resume. Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2010.

Job Posting for Church Secretary, First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn (firstpresbyterianfairborn.org)

We are seeking a competent, organized, friendly, and humor-filled person who desires to help us in ministry through administrative church functions. Strong computer skills are a must, as we are increasingly using the web-based systems to promote church activities. Responsible discretion is also highly important, as this person will function as a communication hub for congregational information. Weekly duties of bulletin production and general administrative tasks are also a major part of the daily work. We are a mid-sized, imperfect, multi-generational congregation that characterizes itself as an extremely welcoming, embracing, and forgiving community of Christians in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We are located in the small city of Fairborn, northeast of Dayton, Ohio, and adjacent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The church secretary position is a part-time position (24 hours/week, four days a week) with competitive hourly pay. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply. Please send letter of interest and resume to the church ATTN: Church Secretary Position.

Kirkmont Presbyterian Church is seeking a Youth Fellowship Coordinator. Interested candidates should get in touch with me (937-426-8292 or pat@kirkmont.org).

Please note that the Presbytery website also lists some area job hunting assistance. If you know of somebody in your congregation that needs some help looking for their next job, please share that information with them.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Training: Many young men and women are returning to our congregations with PTSD and other combat related problems. There is help out there for those who are interested in getting training to help those who have PTSD or who have loved ones suffering from it. For more information, look at <http://www.militaryministry.org/families/ptsd/>.

To See Your Church News Here, email ready to print articles to tom.oxley@miamipresbytery.org by the 25th of the month (or last working day prior if that will fall on a holiday or weekend). Thanks for taking your time to read First Monday and for telling others in your Church family.

We are offering a **Financial Peace University** course at First Presbyterian Church in South Charleston. The class begins on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30pm. The course runs for 13 weeks. Topics include: *Savings *Cash-Flow Planning *Dumping Debt *Credit *Mutual Funds *Tuition *Real Estate *Giving. The course features (by dvd) nationally known financial expert Dave Ramsey. On average, families during this 13-week course pay off over \$5,000 in debt and save over \$2,500. We are happy to welcome anyone in the presbytery to attend this course. The cost is \$100 for a membership kit (per family/single person). (Alumni of FPU can attend free.) One may enroll by contact me (heypastorbill@sbcglobal.net) by March 28th or online directly at www.daveramsey.com.

Kirkmont Center (operated by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley) at Zanesfield, Ohio:

-is seeking applications for college-age **summer staff persons** (paid) or for **volunteer counselors** (age 18 or older) - see more information on the website: kirkmontcenter.com

-is entertaining new "**partners**" who will identify prospective campers (3rd - 8th grade) and staff from urban areas to attend an Urban Explorers Camp, June 27-July 2. Funding is already in place. Contact director@kirkmontcenter.com

-is offering **Work Camp Training** for churches or individuals who are planning for a future work camp, to share experiences, learn from each other, and do "hands on" experience, all or part of the week of June 6-11, 2010 (adults and youth grades 7-12). Contact director@kirkmontcenter.com

The Scioto Ridge Boys Gospel Quartet, along with pianist Betsy Paster, will be at **Central Presbyterian Church**, 4699 Lamme Road, Dayton, Ohio, on April 25, 2010, at 7:00 PM. Our very own praise band, The Central Message, will be performing from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. This is a free concert. During the past seventeen years since they began singing the praises of the Lord, many have heard their witness and message to the Lord Jesus Christ. They began singing in their home church in Hilliard, Ohio. They also have sung at the Ohio and Indiana State Fairs, Lancaster Campgrounds, the Lakeside Association at Hoover Auditorium, Governor Voinovich's Prayer Breakfast in 1994, as well as numerous churches and community events throughout Ohio. The Scioto Ridge Boys blend traditional southern gospel as well as more contemporary southern gospel in their concerts. Audiences enjoy the joyful, enthusiastic, humorous yet serious witness they deliver in their performances. Be sure to mark your calendars now so you won't forget to attend this wonderful evening of music praising our Lord and Savior.

Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia is from April 16-19. Sunday April 18th, hundreds of congregations throughout North America will join with hundreds of congregations and people of faith in Colombia to pray for the peacemakers and justice seekers in that war torn land. Will you join with them?

You can do as little as say a prayer during worship service, have a Minute for Mission on Colombia, and/or have a sermon about Colombia and how the Presbyterian Church is involved. You can ask the congregation to sign a letter to President Obama, asking him to help Colombia in different ways and/or get involved with the "Face the Displaced" program.

Check out the website for a sample of prayers, sermons and scriptures to use and other ideas for this period : www.witnessforpeace.org/peaceincolumbia



Africa Medical Mission Network Planning Kenya Trip in June

The Africa Medical Mission Network of the Presbytery of Miami Valley is sending a mission team to Kenya, East Africa in June 2010. If you are interested in being part of the team, we invite you to join us for an organizational meeting on Sunday, January 31 at 4 p.m. at Lebanon Presbyterian Church. We especially need doctors and nurses to conduct a medical outreach at the clinic that we helped to establish in the village of Ng'undu, outside of Nairobi.

Also, we hope to construct a maternity ward for the clinic, visit a well-drilling project that will provide clean drinking water for Masai Presbyterian Churches, visit an AIDS orphanage, and conduct a games day for local children. Even if you're not a medical professional, we hope you come with us. We will meet in the narthex of the church located at the front entrance. For information call Lebanon Presbyterian Church at 513-932-2751.

Catch the Building Spirit

Presbyterian and Catholic Churches Partnering Together
with Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity

Once again the Catholic Churches and the Presbyterian Churches are teaming up to build a Habitat House in Dayton in 2010. This will be our 17th year working together.



This is last year's house on Stratsburg Avenue in Dayton.

This year we will again be building on Stratsburg Drive in Dayton. We plan to have our Blitz week starting on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend, May 29 and running through Friday, June 4.

Any churches that are interested in participating either with labor or financing

Please contact: Hank Baust, Presbyterian Coordinator for "Catch the Building Spirit"

hbaust@woh.rr.com

or call (937) 429-0360.

You may also sign up directly at the Dayton Ohio Habitat Website and receive email information on the upcoming build. <http://daytonhabitat.volunteerhub.com/Events/Browse.aspx>

To find out more about the builds read our newsletters at:

<http://www.daytonhabitat.org/ctbs/newsletters.html>

**2010 MEN'S CONFERENCE
IN
BEAUTIFUL
CROFT HOUSE
@
KIRK MONT
CENTER**



May 14-15, 2010

**“THE HISTORY OF
JESUS REVISITED”**

Keynote Speaker

Dr. David Hawley

Questions? Contact Kirkmont Center Staff @
1-800-572-1747 or 937/593-2141
E-Mail: Kirkmont@embarqmail.com
or visit our Web-Site: www.kirkmontcenter.com

Non Profit Organization
US Postage PAID
Zanesfield, OH 43360
Permit No. 5

“A Place for All People in All Seasons,” Kirkmont Center is located on 277 acres amidst the rolling hills of Logan County, about 4 miles SE of Bellefontaine, in between Zanesfield and East Liberty. Approximate drive time from:
Columbus via I-270 & US 33 W & CR 10 = 45 minutes
Dayton via I-70 & US 68 N & CR 25 & CR 10 = 50 minutes
Delaware via US 36 W & US 33 W & CR 10 = 40 minutes
Findlay via US 68 S & US 33 E & CR 10 = 1 hour
Lima via SR 117 S & US 33 E & CR 10 = 45 minutes
Marysville via US 33 W & CR 10 = 25 minutes
Sidney via SR 47 E & US 68 N & US 33 E & CR 10 = 45 minutes
Springfield via US 68 N & CR 5 & CR 10 = 45 minutes

KIRK MONT CENTER
P.O. BOX 128
6946 COUNTY ROAD 10
ZANESFIELD, OHIO 43360

“The History of Jesus Revisited”

will include discussions of how Jesus dealt with the subjects of forgiveness of sins, and loving one's enemies.

Come prepared to relax, learn, share, and to spend time with other Christian men. Bring a group from your church or a friend or two!

Our speaker, Dr. David Hawley,

is currently the pastor of Indian Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. He's a former faculty member at United Theological Seminary, teaching Greek and New Testament, a lecturer at the University of Dayton and other colleges, and serves on the Board of Trustees at Wilmington College and various community organizations.

David is a friend and former member of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, having served as moderator in 1991. He holds degrees from Louisville Seminary, UTS-PSCE in Richmond, Virginia, and Defiance College.

We are delighted to welcome David to this year's Men's Conference. His presentations are very informative as well as entertaining.

Croft House was named for

the Scottish word “Croft” which barn. A 2-story, timber-frame lodge designed for adults. Croft House is handi-cap accessible and contains a Great Room with wood-burning fireplace, loft with spiral staircase, carpeting throughout, 4 bedrooms with 6 beds each, and a finished basement.

Each bedroom has a private restroom with shower, and complete bed and bath linens are provided. 2 more bedrooms are available in Dunaway Lodge which is located within a short walking distance to Croft House.

DIRECTIONS TO KIRKMONT CENTER

FROM THE DAYTON AREA

Take I-70 to US 68 at Springfield and follow US 68 N through Urbana to the north edge of West Liberty. Turn right onto CR 5 and drive about 7 miles into Zanesfield, bearing right at the edge of town. Proceed straight through the Stop Sign 2 blocks. Turn right onto CR 10 (also called Bristol Ridge). Kirkmont Center is located about 2 miles up the hill on the right. Travel time from I-70 is about 50 minutes.

FROM THE LIMA/FINDLAY AREA

Take US 33 E and at the 3rd Bellefontaine Exit (CR 10), turn left. Travel 2 miles into the Village of Zanesfield. At Stop Sign, turn left and then immediately right (staying on CR 10). Travel 2 miles up the hill. Kirkmont Center's entrance is on the right. Travel time is about 50 minutes.

FROM THE TOLEDO AREA

Take I-75 to Findlay and exit onto SR 15 (signs pointing to Columbus). Exit SR 15 to US 68 S, passing through Kenton. Exit US 68 turning left to US 33 S when nearing Bellefontaine. Follow US 33 to CR 10 Exit; turn left at Stop Sign. Drive into Zanesfield. Turn left at Stop Sign and then make an immediate right. Kirkmont Center is located about 2 miles up the hill on the right. Travel time is about 2 hours from Toledo.

FROM THE COLUMBUS AREA

Take I-270 to US 33 (Dublin). Go west on US 33 to East Liberty Exit and turn right (north on 347). Go 1 mile and turn left onto TR 154. Travel 1/2 mile to Stop Sign and turn left into the Village of East Liberty. Turn right onto CR 10 (Pop's Pizza on corner). Travel 3 miles on CR 10 and Kirkmont Center is on the left. Travel time from I-270 is about 45 minutes.

Registration Deadline Monday—May 10, 2010



REGISTRATION FORM

Men's Conference @ Kirkmont Center
May 14—15, 2009

PLEASE PRINT. THANKS!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE & ZIP _____

DAY PHONE WITH AC _____

EVENING PHONE WITH AC _____

E-MAIL _____

HOME CHURCH & TOWN _____

COST INCLUDES MEALS, MATERIALS, FULL BED & BATH
LINENS FOR OVERNIGHTERS.

OVERNIGHT COST \$70

COMMUTER COST \$45

OPTIONAL SATURDAY OVERNIGHT WITH DINNER
IS \$20 ADDITIONAL

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS OR DIETARY NEEDS?
PLEASE DESCRIBE _____

Please return registration form & check to:
Kirkmont Center
P.O. Box 128
Zanesfield, Ohio 43360

MEN'S CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010

6—7:45 P.M. CHECK-IN @ CROFT HOUSE

8 P.M. OPENING & TRANSITION TO RELAXATION

8:45 P.M. VESPERS

9 P.M. RECREATION

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010

8 A.M. BREAKFAST

9 A.M. KEYNOTE & CONVERSATION

10:30 A.M. BREAK

11 A.M. KEYNOTE & CONVERSATION

12:30 P.M. LUNCH

FREE TIME—INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION, JOURNALING,
LABYRINTH, TRAILS

2:30 P.M. KIRKMONT CENTER UPDATE

3 P.M. GATHERING OF COMMUNITY

4 P.M. CLOSING WORSHIP

5 P.M. CONFERENCE CONCLUDES

OPTIONAL SATURDAY OVERNIGHT WITH DINNER
IS \$20 ADDITIONAL.

An Announcement

The Craft for A Cause (CFC) Network is having their 3rd Annual Baby Shower. The purpose for this Baby Shower is to collect items needed by three of the programs supported by this Network.

The shower will take place at Corinth Presbyterian Church in the education building next to church. At 4269 Corinth Blvd., Dayton, just two blocks east off South Smithville Rd.

This is not your normal Baby Shower. There will be no games played (there will drawings and raffles) and no one is having a baby. So, what is the Baby Shower for? Three of the organizations we support need more than what we can make. As an example, we cannot make baby bottles, baby lotions or diapers, etc. The Natal Intensive Care Unit of Miami Valley Hospital needs these and other items. So, we thought a Baby Shower would offer an excellent opportunity for us to get more people involved in Craft for A Cause's efforts.

The more of us that shop and simply purchase one item the more families this ministry can support. Miami Valley Women's Center, Miami Valley Hospital NICU (Natal Intensive Care Unit) and Social Work Unit will be the primary beneficiaries. A list of items to shop for is attached.

Invitation for you to attend:

**Craft for a Cause
Third Annual Baby Shower
May 1, 2010
Between 12:00pm and 1:00pm
Corinth Presbyterian Church
4269 Corinth Blvd, Dayton**

There will be a short presentation about those we support
and how it impacts their programs.

Please come to see our facilities hear what we have been accomplishing
We would love to see You.

Craft for a Cause

**List of Gift Items
Craft For a Cause
Annual Baby Shower**

Unopened Pampers diapers swaddler, newborn or size 1
Dr Brown bottles & nipples (the taller skinny bottles)
Vent Aire bottles & nipples
Bathing items – body wash, lotion, q-tips, etc.
Soothie pacifiers
Wipes
Diaper Bags
Burp cloths
Bibs
Hats
Socks/booties
Onesies
Outfits – tops, bottoms, sets, clothing
Sleepers
Gowns
Blankets
Receiving blankets
Afghans
Towels and washcloths
Bassinet sheets
Crib sheets
Bernat baby yarn (pink or blue)
Soft baby toys

Please purchase one or more items from this list.

