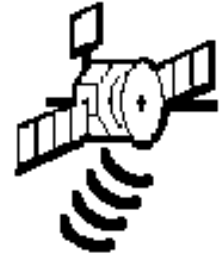


FIRST MONDAY



January, 2012

Happy New Year!

First Monday is a monthly posting to Church Professionals and committee members in The Presbytery of the Miami Valley 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 January Calendar**
3. Tom's Thoughts are on **New Beginnings**
4. **Presbytery News – *What's Happening Around The Presbytery***. Job listings, articles, flyers and brochures – take a close look for news affecting you and your church community!

If there are any questions about the January committee meetings, please contact your committee chair.

Submissions must usually 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



January, 2012

- 1 January** **Faith Presbyterian Church** located at 5555 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights; Pastor Karen Cassedy.
- 8 January** **Clifton United Presbyterian Church**, 183 Jackson Street, Clifton; Pastor Arby Conn.
- 15 January** **Morning Sun United Presbyterian Church** located at 11510 SR 117 & 732, Camden; Pastor Michael Evans.
- 22 January** **Fairmont Presbyterian Church**, located at 3705 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton; Pastor Robert Wade.
- 29 January** **Oakland Presbyterian Church** located at 2327 East High Street, Springfield; Moderator, Arby Conn.
- 5 February** **Cedarville United Presbyterian Church** located at 30 West Chillicothe Street, Cedarville; Pastor Anne Horton.

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

Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Keep Huber Heights Faith in New Year's Day	2 Office Closed	3	4	5 7 am - Agenda @ Panera 9:30am - Nominating Committee 12pm - Staff Meeting/Lunch	6	7
8 Keep Clifton in your prayers. @	9 1pm - Staff Services 5pm - Trustees?	10	11	12 7 am - Council	13	14
15 Keep Morning Sun in your	16 Martin Luther King, Jr's Day Office Closed	17	18	19 9:30am - CoPM	20	21
22 Keep Dayton: Fairmont in your	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Keep Springfield: Oakland in	30 5pm - COM	31	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4

New Beginnings

It's a new year! Time for rebirth, for new plans, new commitments to your self, your family and your community. Call it a New Year Resolution, or just a good idea whose time has come. And like many plans and ideas, a 100% success rate is not necessary. The goal is to try, to recognize a need for change somewhere in your life. "I will dedicate myself this year to achieving world peace" is probably a bit above our pay grades, but "I will dedicate myself to helping achieve world peace" is a bit more realistic. And you're not facing it alone. You have things like the Peacemaking Offering and program to be a part of. There's plenty of room for a new Peacemaking Network or something along that line among the other networks.

Other ideas could include:

- I will obey traffic laws
- I will stop smoking
- I will increase my donations to my church, and to charities that share my concerns
- I will do unto others as I would have them do unto me
- I will volunteer X hours per week to a worthy program, museum, church office, etc.
- I will end the year 10 pounds lighter than I started it

I can think of so many things I want to achieve in the year to come. I used to be a volunteer at the National Museum of the US Air Force. Maybe I could work that back into my schedule. Or find a way of working with Habitat for Humanity. Maybe I can do without something each month so I can give a few more dollars to the ASPCA. Maybe I can smile a little more, and let the love of the Lord shine through me.

If you haven't already made a resolution or a plan for the new year, take a little time, talk to the family, and see what you can do with your family. Look at it as your support group, or that misery loves company. It doesn't have to be a major event, or costly. But if you don't start with a plan, you probably won't sort it out, and you certainly won't know if you succeed or not at the end of the year.

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).

Choir Director and Pianist or Organist, St. Luke United Presbyterian Church, Middletown, Ohio

St. Luke United Presbyterian Church, an eighty-member PC(USA) congregation located in Middletown, Ohio, is looking for a Choir Director and Pianist (or Organist). The church has a vibrant choir and a traditional Sunday (10:30 A.M.) worship service. If you want to be involved in this great congregation contact the Rev. Reginald Olson 513-539-2524, or email him at reginald.olson@sbcglobal.net .

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.

Annual APCE Event February 1-4

***Jeanne McIver to be installed as APCE president,
Two other PMV educators to receive scholarships***



The Annual Event of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) will be held February 1-4 in Grand Rapids, MI. "God's Surprising Wonders" is the theme the event, which will feature more than 80 workshops, worship, speakers, regional gatherings, a spirituality center, and more.

Jeanne McIver, retired Christian Educator from Southminster Presbyterian Church, Centerville, will be installed as APCE president at the event. Marvella Lambright, the educator at First Presbyterian Church, Middletown, will also receive the Val Murphy Scholarship and JoAnn Sharp, the Christian Education Director at First United Presbyterian Church, Bellefontaine, will receive a Certification Scholarship. Learn more at <http://www.apcenet.org>

2012 Spring Youth Retreat at Kirkmont Center

The PYC Network is excited to invite you to join us for the 2012 Spring Youth Retreat at Kirkmont Center! The annual spring youth retreat (for all youth in grades seven through twelve and their adult advisors) will be held April 20-22, 2012! The event is planned by the Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC) Network of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

We hope that you will join us this spring as we celebrate God's creation by relaxing, singing, playing outside, dancing, reflecting, seeing old friends and making new ones, and so very much more!

Registration forms, flyers and more information will be sent out in the near future. Please share this message with your friends, families, pastors, youth leaders and congregations.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the PYC Network advisors (Kristie Marcum, Gregg Johnson, Mario Bolivar and Nancy Hodgkins) at MiamiPresbyYouth@yahoo.com.

Blessings and peace,

Presbytery of the Miami Valley PYC Network