

FIRST MONDAY



June, 2009

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 June Calendar**
3. **Thoughts on a Tea Party**
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



June, 2009

7 June

Fairmont Presbyterian Church located at 3705 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton; Pastor Robert Wade.

14 June

Oakland Presbyterian Church located at 2327 East Hight Street, Springfield; Pastor Thomas Martin.

21 June

Cedarville United Presbyterian Church located at 5555 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights; Pastor Norman Godfrey.

28 June

United Presbyterian Church, 30 West Chillicothe Street, Cedarville; Pastor Drew Elling.

5 July

Reily Presbyterian Church located at 6370 Peoria/Reily Road, Oxford; Pastor Diane Ziegler.

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

Thank you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Please keep Morning Sun	1	2	3	4 7am - Agenda @ Panera 12pm - Staff Mtng/Lunch	5	6
7 Please keep Fairmont church	8 5pm - Trustees	9 9:30am - Nominating ?	10 8am - Council	11 9:30am - COPM	12 1pm - PW Coordinators	13
14 Flag Day Please keep Springfield:	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day Please keep Cedarville United	22	23	24 5pm - SDOP?	25	26	27
28 Please keep the Relly church	29 4:30pm - COR ?	30 4:30pm - COM	1 3:30pm - Network Spt	2 7am - Agenda @ Panera 12pm - Staff Mtng/Lunch	3 Office Closed, 4th of July	4 Independence Day

Another Tea Party?

I found it quite interesting that so many communities were holding Tea Parties to make their comments known about how their taxes were being spent. There is little more American than the great American Protest, so long as it is held within the law. And as far as I could tell, these peaceful demonstrations were set up legally and many people got to say what they felt. The irony that I saw in all this was that the first Tea Party, that one in Boston many years ago, did not protest taxation. What they protested was taxation without representation. We don't have that so much these days. Just that our representatives don't always listen to us.

This reminded me of the Presbyterian Church. This church has this wonderful thing called representation of all the churches in the whole of the PC(USA) body. The local church elects elders to be their representatives at Session meetings. The church then elects Elder Commissioners to represent them at Presbytery meetings. The presbytery sends representatives to Synod and to General Assembly meetings. What a great thing it is to have representation.

But there's a little problem, a piece of dirt in the gears. A problem with communication.

Meeting after meeting, nearly half of the churches in the presbytery are not being represented. I'm sure the pastor, clerk, educator, and elder commissioner all had excellent reasons for not attending. But in the end, many members of churches in the Presbytery were not heard. Your voices were silenced. The issues that were being voted on during the February 14th meeting were held very close to the hearts of many of you, but many of you were not represented at that meeting. November, when the presbytery budget is approved, and September, when the budget is first read and discussed, are also important meetings. If you think of Per Capita as a tax, you may not have had representation at those meetings. But that wasn't the fault of the presbytery or of the people who did make the effort to attend. You need to take a look around the congregation on Sunday and look for those who were elected to represent you at these functions. Ask them if they attended, and what they learned at the meeting. How did they vote on any issues that were voted on at that meeting?

There was a meeting of the presbytery held on May 12th. Did your elder commissioner, pastor or clerk of session report to the congregation the topics and outcomes of that meeting?

When next you decide to have a Tea Party, think of starting it in your own church. Perhaps over a real cup of tea. A nice cup of Chamomile, something soothing. And ask your representatives to make a better effort to represent you at the next presbytery meeting.

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).

Southminster Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Music. This is a 15 hour a week position, requiring skill in direction of both vocal and bell choirs. Comfort with contemporary praise music would also be helpful. We would welcome a motivated, spiritually focused, team player to join us in our ministry of worship. Contact Pastor Eric Pasanchin at 433-1810 or eric@sminster.com.

Eaton First Presbyterian Church seeks a Director of Christian Education. See flyer attached for details.

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.

First Monday became an online-only publication on the 1st of March. If you wish to get a printed copy, please contact the presbytery office. Copies will be mailed only to those requesting a printed copy due to lack of access to the internet. Thanks for your understanding.

Mission Yearbooks for 2010 – Order by August 1st for Bulk Order Price of \$5 each for Adult or Children’s Edition. For information about this year’s editions, look at the attached flyer. Please contact the office to place your order. In order to reach this price, we need a combined order of 97 copies for each book.

Needed -- The Covington Presbyterian Church needs two electric stoves to replace the worn ones in our kitchen. Please contact any of the following if you know where we may get these items: Ron Schultz, 937-473-3384 (Clerk of Session.) LaVaune Locker, 937-753-1040 (Property Committee Chairperson). Or call the office at 937-473-5263 and our church secretary, Cathy will relay the information. The Church office hours are: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to Noon.



Network for Urban Ministries

The *Network for Urban Ministries* seeks to identify, secure and provide resources for congregations desiring to address the needs of urban neighborhoods while providing opportunities for networking among congregations and community organizations to participate in advocacy addressing the root causes of poverty.

Co-Conveners

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Some projects we are working on right now include:

- Financial Counseling and Workshops
- CIRCLES Campaign on Poverty
- Community Gardens
- Urban Camp at Kirkmont
- Repairs and Renovations to the Dayton Urban Ministry Center
- Dayton Urban Ministry Center Christmas Party

We need your energy and imagination to help the Network with these projects and/or other ideas to encourage deeper discipleship through mutually beneficial interaction with people in urban neighborhoods and to envision safer, more hopeful and empowered communities.

Come and join us at our next meeting on May 28th @ 6:00pm at College Hill Presbyterian Church.



May 5, 2009

Trinity Presbyterian Church, located at 3211 Lakeview Avenue (3211 Rev. James I Davis Way), cordially invites you to participate in our CityWide Adult Music Workshop, June 9-12, 2009 with our concert on Sunday, June 14, 2009. *Come and share in the music ministry as we lift our voices in song.*

REHEARSALS

*Tuesday through Friday
June 9 ~ June 12, 2009
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM*

Registration Fee ~ \$10.00

CONCERT

*Sunday
June 14, 2009 ~ 3:00 PM*

Choir Attire
White blouses/shirts with
Dark skirts/pants

CLINICIAN

DR. BRENDA ELLIS

Wright State University
Associate Professor of Music and
Director, Paul Lawrence Dunbar Chorale

Sponsored by the Music Ministry
Trinity Presbyterian Church
3211 Lakeview Avenue (3211 Rev. James I. Davis Way)
Dayton, OH 45405 (937) 268-4111
Dr. Lutrelle Rainey, Pastor



For further information, please contact Terrence K. Grimes, Director of Music at 278-2589.

A Blessing of Music

A benefit concert for the Middletown Food Pantry

Saturday, June 20, at 7 p.m.

St. Luke Presbyterian Church

280 N. Breiel Blvd.

Middletown, Ohio

Performed by

The combined choirs of St. Luke Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, with special music by Brass Ensemble, Margaret Chambers, Sandy Greeb, Brian Shepherd & Joyce Ziglar

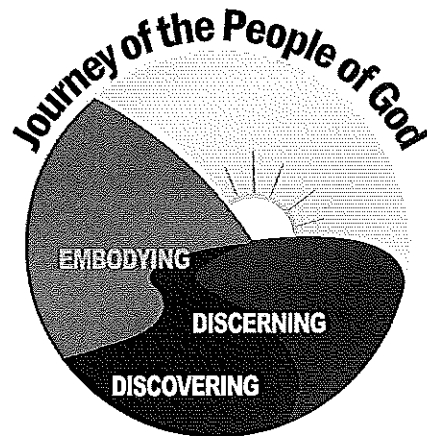
As we are blessed by the gift of music, may it be a blessing to others.

Donations of canned goods and a free will offering will help support the needs of the Food Pantry.

“INVITATION TO THE JOURNEY”

On June 6, 2009

Please “Come and See!”



“Come and see” was the invitation of Jesus when two of John’s disciples wanted to know where he was staying (Jn. 1:39). “Come and see” is also the invitation extended to all churches in our presbytery and area. So “Come and See” how the journey of missional transformation – into a future filled with hope – might be a gift to your church right now or in the future!

This invitation includes the following features:

- An opportunity to share in a collaborative journey with other congregations to discern how you might participate more faithfully and effectively in God’s mission for your church.
- The process will guide churches through three major steps: Discovering your missional context, Discerning God’s call and Embodying God’s vision.
- Training, resources, congregational study materials and coaching to churches will be provided.
- For interested pastors there is an opportunity to enroll in a Doctor of Ministry program in Church Transformation as a part of leading your church through the process.
- Support will be given to interested congregations to explore readiness and build commitment for participating.
- Costs will be shared by participating congregations to keep them to a minimum.
- The cluster will be led by leaders from the Center for Parish Development staff.
www.missionalchurch.org

Come and See:

- Why your church would want to embark upon this journey.
- What are the future implications of the challenges your church is now facing.
- What the process of transformation would look like for your church in covenant with others.
- If your church might be ready to embark on this intentional process of renewal right now.
- What steps you can take to help your church prepare for an increasingly faithful and fruitful future.

Saturday morning, June 6, will be your opportunity to meet and talk with Ray Schulte, Managing Director of the Center for Parish Development. The workshop will be held from 9:00 – 12:00 at the Slifers Presbyterian Church, (2980 S. Clayton Road Farmersville, OH) with a light breakfast beginning at 8:30.

RSVP helpful,

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With joy and anticipation