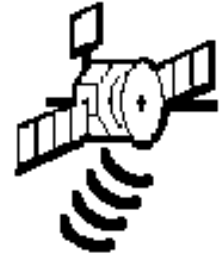


FIRST MONDAY



May, 2011

First Monday is a monthly mailing 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 May Calendar**
3. **Tom's Thoughts on The Great Flood**
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 May 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



May, 2011

- 1 May** **First Presbyterian Church** located at 125 Wilson Park Drive, Dayton; Pastor Kathy Horne.
- 8 May** **First Presbyterian Church** located at 127 School Street, Bradford; Pastor Irwin Roberts.
- 15 May** **Lebanon Presbyterian Church** located at 123 North East Street, Lebanon. Pastor Peter Larson.
- 22 May** **First Presbyterian Church**, located at 202 North Main Street, Sidney; Pastor Lee Dorsey.
- 29 May** **Corinth Presbyterian Church** located at 4269 Corinth Boulevard, Dayton; Pastor David Collins.
- 5 June** **First Presbyterian Church** located at 114 East Fourth Street, Greenville; Pastor John Person.

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

Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Please keep West Carrollton:	2 3:30pm - (No title) @ Network	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 7am - Agenda @ Panera Bread @ 12pm - Staff Meeting/Lunch	6	7
8 Mother's Day Please keep Bradford: First in	9 4pm - Presbytery Meeting @	10	11	12 7am - Council	13	14
15 Please keep Lebanon in your	16	17	18	19 9:30am - CoPM	20	21
22 Please keep Sidney: First in your	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 John F. Kennedy's Birthday Please keep Dayton: Corinth in	30 Memorial Day	31 4:30 pm - COM	1	2	3	4

The Great Flood

If you had water in your basement during the rainy periods this last few weeks, you might feel as I do, that we suffered our own great flood. No matter how much I have thought about it in the past, as soon as I cleaned up a little water that got in from time to time, the idea that more would come just didn't stick in my mind, and once again, I was storing all those possessions I couldn't live without (but rarely ever used) in cardboard boxes on the basement floor. This year, it caught up with me.

I got home from work on the evening of April 20th to look down the basement steps and see that a stack of boxes had fallen over. No problem, the boxes of old tax records sometimes collapsed, and a new box can be found and the situation cleared up quickly. Only when I turned on the basement light did I see that there were papers floating in about five inches of water, and that it was because the bottom boxes were wet that the stack collapsed. I didn't think anything of it when I dropped the rain coat I carried and went on down the stairs to see what I could do about the mess. That was when I also realized that several electrical cords were laying in the water, and I wondered about what it might do to me if one of them were live. Thankfully, the few items that were swamped had shorted and weren't a problem for me, and I was able to continue to look around and put important looking things on top of things that would not collapse. I knew there were going to be some items lost, but for the most part, I thought we would be able to dry out the important stuff and be able to move on quickly.

The water receded in a few hours, and I was able to wander around the whole basement area and try to put together a plan for my Easter weekend activities, which was going to consist of cleaning, disposing of wet cardboard boxes and putting things in safe spots to dry out.

After 4 days of work, we nearly had it all sorted out, and I was able to say on the 27th at 9:30 pm that we had it all under control. This after discovering our collection of record albums that we had since the late '60s, several bookcases, my photo lab equipment and lots of miscellaneous things, were not going to make it this time. With twinges of emotional pain, I had carried wet box after wet box of things out to the back deck that were heading for the trash. Time after time, my wife and I reminded ourselves, it was only stuff. Nothing really important.

As the tornadoes ripped through parts of the country, and flooding much worse than what we had experienced occurred all around us, I was reminded again of how unimportant things really are. We got off very lucky. We still have a roof over our heads, and we still have each other.

Are there prized possessions in your home that you feel you can't live without? Are you prepared for the possibility that you might still lose them, no matter what you do to safeguard them? Think for a moment, and be thankful for the truly important things in your life.

Tom

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).

Director of Christian Education (interim appointment): First Presbyterian Church of Middletown is seeking an interim Director of Christian Education to lead the education programs of the Church while a formal search is conducted to fill the permanent full-time position in mid-August 2011. The interim position will lead all adult, youth and children's Christian Education programs and the Vacation Bible School. The interim appointment ends June 30. Qualified applicants may respond by submitting resume or CV with a letter of application to: sandy@fpcmiddletown.com or Interim Christian Education Director, First Presbyterian Church, 2910 Central Ave., Middletown, OH 45044

Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Seeks an Administrative Assistant/Receptionist (30 hrs/wk) to Maintain the workflow of the church office; serve as first contact for those entering or calling the church office; furnish administrative support to the pastors, professional staff, and church committees as needed. Requires excellent computer skills, strong working knowledge of MS Office, demonstrated organizational abilities, good oral and written communication skills, comfort with church culture. An associate degree and/or MS Office certifications recommended. Application review will begin April 20, 2011. Position will remain open until filled. Send cover letter, resume, and 3 references to Chair, Personnel Committee, Fairmont Presbyterian Church, 3705 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, Ohio 45429

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.

Covenant Presbyterian Church (CPC) offers a monthly Caregiver Support Group for CPC members and the general public who are caregivers for an elderly/senior loved one. Please join us at CPC in Room 213 for our support groups scheduled on the 4th Tuesdays, 12-1:15 PM with light lunch provided (April 26th with P. Barber to present re: senior massage, May 24th with presenter TBD and June 28th with presenter TBD). For information, contact group facilitator, Linda G. Butler, MSW, ACSW, LISW-S, at 937-399-7192.

The **Craft for A Cause (CFC) Network** is having their 4th Annual Baby Shower. The purpose for this Baby Shower is to collect items needed by four 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? Four of the organizations we support need more than what we can make. So we have a Baby Shower each year in May.

Within the next two weeks there will be more information on this event. For now please mark your calendar and save Saturday, May 7th for our 4th Annual Baby Shower.

**Craft for a Cause Fourth Annual Baby Shower
May 7, 2011 Between 12:00pm and 1:30pm
Corinth Presbyterian Church, 4269 Corinth Blvd, Dayton**

CLEOPATRA

THE EXHIBITION

from  NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC Supported by  FOUNDATION

YOU'RE INVITED! FREE PREVIEW FOR CLERGY AND CHURCH GROUP LEADERS

At the event, you'll experience the history of Cleopatra, get exclusive group ticket discounts, PLUS a FREE Bible study lesson plan!


MONDAY, MAY 9 - 4pm - 9pm
Last Entry at 8:00pm - Good for you and up to 3 group leaders*

RSVP ONLINE AT:
ticketsforgroups.com
Or call 1-800-840-1157
See below for more info



RSVP required. Visit www.ticketsforgroups.com and select "Church Leader RSVP". Upon submission of the RSVP form you will receive a confirmation email. Please print and bring this email with you to the event. We look forward to meeting you!

*Limit one free preview invitation per congregation

 Cincinnati
Museum Center

1301 Western Ave • Cincinnati, OH 45203



CLEOPATRA ORDER FORM



GROUP or SCHOOL NAME:

GRADE:

Prime dates/time slots fill up fast. You must provide an alternate date/time.

1st _____
Date Arrival Time / Departure Time

2nd _____
Date Arrival Time / Departure Time

Cleopatra Group Prices (Minimum 15 tickets required)	ADULT/SENIOR	CHILD/STUDENT (Age 3-College) Restrictions apply**	SUB TOTAL
Cleopatra Exhibition Only	\$19.00 x _____	\$10.00 x _____	
Cleopatra + 1 Museum – CHOOSE: () Cincinnati History Museum () Museum of Natural History and Science	\$22.50 x _____	\$12.50 x _____	
Cleopatra + OMNIMAX Film – CHOOSE: () "TORNADO ALLEY"- NOW thru 7/31 () "Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs" – NOW thru 9/5	\$22.50 x _____	\$12.50 x _____	
Cleopatra + OMNIMAX Film + 1 Museum (CHOOSE Museum & Film Above)	\$24.00 x _____	\$14.00 x _____	
Do you wish to bring lunches and eat at Cincinnati Museum Center? () Yes () No			

TOTAL

*Rates are for visits booked Monday-Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. September-May; OR before Noon on: weekends, designated holidays and weekdays Memorial Day through Labor Day.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: To receive your order confirmation via email, please choose payment method:

For Non-School Groups: () CC to pay order now () CC to hold order, then check, cash or CC day of visit.

For School Groups: () CC to pay order now () CC or a Purchase Order to hold order, then school check, cash or CC day of visit.

NOTE: A Purchase Order may be used to hold a reservation, but does not qualify as payment. If you are using a Purchase Order to hold this order, fax the PO along with this Order Form.

Check here if you need an invoice for processing payment: ()

Select payment type: PURCHASE ORDER CHECK CASH CREDIT CARD (all major cards accepted)

Enter credit card info:

CREDIT CARD NUMBER / EXPIRATION DATE / SECURITY CODE / SIGNATURE

Make checks payable to: "Cincinnati Museum Center"
Mail or bring to: Cincinnati Museum Center, 1301 Western Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

IMPORTANT: Group Minimum: 15 tickets. All tickets must be paid prior to entry. EVERYONE including teachers, chaperones, assistants, bus drivers and staff pays admission. Chaperones are defined as adults 18 years of age or older; not Big Brothers/Sisters, Students or Tutors. A minimum ratio of 1 adult per 5 students for grades 5 and under is required. A minimum ratio of 1 adult to 10 students is required for grades 6 and up.

Headcount change information: Reserve space for the maximum number of attendees. Any increase in numbers must be reported prior to date of visit as space is not guaranteed for extra attendees upon arrival. Groups with final headcount less than 15 people will be charged at regular prices.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be made two business days in advance in order to avoid late cancellation fees.

Rescheduling Policy: We will reschedule your group for an alternate date at no additional charge in case of inclement weather. If you are a "no show" group, no refund will be issued, but we will make best effort to reschedule your group for an alternate date/time at no additional cost. Some charges may apply for a "no show" group.

Your Confirmation: Order confirmation will be sent via email to the contact you provide below. *You will also receive a confirmation email from Cincinnati Museum Center that will include your visit schedule, museum policies and procedures. Your reservation is not confirmed until you have received a reservation number from Cincinnati Museum Center.*

GROUP NAME: _____ **CONTACT NAME:** _____

CONTACT ADDRESS : _____

***Your confirmation will be sent via email to the email you provide here.

CONTACT EMAIL*: _____ **CONTACT PHONE:** _____

FAX COMPLETED FORM TO 413.747.0220

QUESTIONS? CALL 800.840.1157 or visit www.ticketsforgroups.com or sales@ticketsforgroups.com

Westminster Presbyterian Church Invites You to

A Concert by

Keith Yoder



Friday, May 13, at 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy an acoustic concert with Keith Yoder who plays a variety of instruments and sings music of diverse styles. Yoder currently performs with the McPunk Brothers and Grass Menagerie. He has recorded three CD's and performed with many of his musical heroes including Steve Kaufman, Mark Cosgrove, Beppe Gambetta, Scott Nygaard, Robin Bullock and Gary Davis.

"The guy is simply a musical chameleon."
Flatpicking Guitar magazine

Saturday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Acoustic Jam and Workshop

Bring your instrument and join us.

Westminster Preysbyterian Church • 125 N. Wilkinson St. • Dayton, Ohio 45402 • (937) 223-7285 • www.westminsterdayton.org

MAYFESTIVAL EVENTS

Saturday, May 14

***Workshops**

Dennis Dewey (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

Keith Yoder (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

Acoustic Jam and Workshop

Open Rehearsal

1:30-4:00 (Sanctuary)

Sunday, May 15

***Service of Worship**

10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

With Biblical storyteller Dennis Dewey

Hands of Westminster:

Showcasing Our Creative Talents

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Concert Preview

4:30 p.m. (Chapel)

***Supper under the tent (reservations required)**

5:30 p.m. (Wilkinson Street)

Cost is \$14.00 per person, in advance.

***Festival Concert**

7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

***Childcare provided, infant through age 5**

All events are free except Supper under the tent.

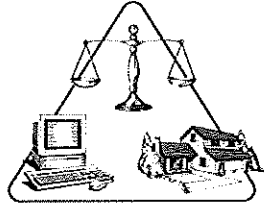
See our website for more information.

www.westminsterdayton.org



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KARL L. KEITH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR
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May 02, 2011

Dear Friend:

As Montgomery County Auditor, I am dedicated to ensuring every citizen has the opportunity to receive the property tax breaks they deserve. That is why I am sending you the enclosed information.

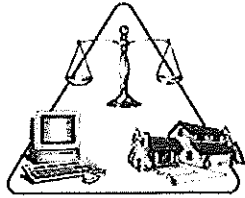
The Homestead Exemption program is a statewide program administered by the County Auditor that offers senior citizen homeowners as well as homeowners who are permanently and totally disabled a reduction on their real property or manufactured home taxes. The only catch is that new applicants must apply with the Auditor's Office before the 1st Monday in June. I want to make sure every eligible recipient is aware of this property tax break as the average savings this year is \$560.

I hope that you will assist in making this information accessible to your congregation. I would greatly appreciate you making this information available through any announcements, bulletins, newsletters, or websites you might have at your disposal.

Additional homestead applications can be obtained through calling the Homestead Hotline at **225-4341** or can be downloaded from www.mcrealestate.org. Please contact the Montgomery County Auditor's Office at **225-4341** with any questions you may have.

Thank You,

Karl L. Keith, Montgomery County Auditor



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Enrollment Open Again for Homestead Exemption

Homeowners Turning 65 in 2011 Have Until June 6th to Signup

Homeowners who turn 65 at any point in 2011 are now eligible for the Homestead Exemption Program and are encouraged to sign up with the Montgomery County Auditor. Enrollment is now open until Monday, June 6th and applications are available in the Auditor's office or by calling **225-4341**.

The Homestead exemption program brings property tax relief to homeowners age 65 and older and the permanently disabled. There are no income requirements, but newly eligible recipients (those turning 65 any time in 2011) must sign up with the Auditor's office. *Homeowners already enrolled in Homestead do not need to reapply.*

This year the average Homestead Exemption recipient in Montgomery County will save about \$560 on their tax bill. Qualified applicants who missed last year's deadline may also sign up before June 6th and still get a reduction on last year's taxes, as well as this year's. Current Homestead Exemption recipients do not need to reapply or do anything unless they have moved or had some change in their status.

Potential new applicants are encouraged to call **225-4341** or visit www.mcauditor.org for more information.

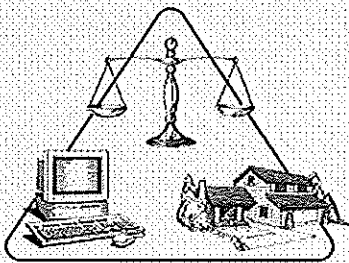
**ARE YOU 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER?
DO YOU OWN THE HOME WHERE YOU LIVE?
ARE YOU RECEIVING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXES?**

**Montgomery County Auditor's
Homestead Hotline
937-225-4341**

To be eligible for the Homestead Program, a property tax reduction program for Seniors:

- You must own the home where you live
- Be 65 years or older or permanently and totally disabled
- Apply before the 1st Monday in June
- NO INCOME RESTRICTIONS.

If you already receive the credit or submitted an application, you do not need to reapply.



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Montgomery County Auditor

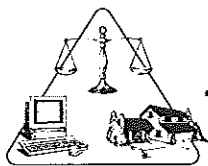
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Homestead Exemption Application for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons and Surviving Spouses

File with the county auditor after the first Monday in January and on or before the first Monday in June.

Please read instructions on the back of this form before you complete it. Disabled applicants must complete the Certificate of Disability for Homestead Exemption on the back of this form or attach a separate certification of disability status from an eligible state or federal agency to this application. See the instructions for a *Late Application* on the back of this form.

AUDITOR'S USE ONLY

Registration Number _____

First Year for homestead exemption _____

Granted Denied

Current application Late application for prior year

Type of application: Senior citizen (age 65 and older) Disabled person Surviving spouse

Type of home: Single family dwelling Unit in a multi-unit dwelling Condominium

Unit in a housing cooperative Manufactured or mobile home Land under a manufactured or mobile home

Applicant's name _____ Applicant's date of birth _____

Name of spouse _____ Spouse's date of birth _____

Home address _____

County in which home is located _____

Taxing district and parcel or registration number _____
from tax bill or available from county auditor

In order to be eligible for the homestead exemption, one of the following statements must apply to the applicant's interest in the property. Property that is owned by a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other legal entity does not qualify for the exemption. Check the box that applies to this property. The applicant is:

- an individual named on the deed
- a purchaser under a land installment contract
- a life tenant under a life estate
- a mortgagor (borrower) for an outstanding mortgage
- the settlor under a revocable, inter vivos trust, where the applicant has complete control of the assets in the trust.
- a stockholder in a qualified housing cooperative. See DTE 105A/Supplemental for additional information.

If the applicant or the applicant's spouse owns a second or vacation home, please provide the address and county below.

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____ County _____

I declare under penalty of perjury that (1) I occupied this property as my principal place of residence on Jan. 1 of the year(s) for which I am requesting the homestead exemption, (2) I currently occupy this property as my principal place of residence, (3) I did not acquire this homestead from a relative or in-law, other than my spouse, for the purpose of qualifying for the homestead exemption, and (4) I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, this application is true, correct and complete.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Mailing address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

What is the Homestead Exemption? The homestead exemption provides a reduction in property taxes to any senior or disabled citizen, regardless of income, on the dwelling that is that individual's principal place of residence and up to one acre of land of which an eligible individual is an owner. The reduction is equal to the taxes that would otherwise be charged on up to \$25,000 of the market value of an eligible taxpayer's homestead.

What Your Signature Means: By signing the front of this form, you affirm under penalty of perjury that your statements on the form are true, accurate, and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. A conviction of willfully falsifying information on this application will result in the loss of the homestead exemption for a period of three years.

Qualifications for the Homestead Exemption for Real Property: To receive the homestead exemption you must be (1) at least 65 years of age during the year you first file, or be determined to have been permanently and totally disabled (see definition at right), or be a surviving spouse (see definition at right), and (2) own and have occupied your home as your principal place of residence on Jan. 1 of the year in which you file the application. A person only has one principal place of residence; your principal place of residence determines, among other things, where you are registered to vote and where you declare residency for income tax purposes.

Qualifications for the Homestead Exemption for Manufactured or Mobile Homes: To receive the homestead exemption you must be (1) at least 65 years of age during the year following the year in which you first file, or be determined to be permanently and totally disabled (see definition at right), or be a surviving spouse (see definition at right), and (2) own and occupy your home as your principal place of residence on Jan. 1 of the year following the year in which you file the application. A person only has one principal place of resi-

dence; your principal place of residence determines, among other things, where you are registered to vote and where you declare residency for income tax purposes.

Current Application: If you qualify for the homestead exemption for the first time this year (for real property) or for the first time next year (for manufactured or mobile homes), check the box for *Current Application* on the front of this form.

Late Application: If you also qualified for the homestead exemption for last year (for real property) or for this year (for manufactured or mobile homes) on the same property for which you are filing a current application, but you did not file a current application for that year, you may file a late application for the missed year by checking the late application box on the front of this form. If you qualified for last year on a different property for which you still hold title, you may file a late application by completing a second form and checking the late application box.

Definition of a Surviving Spouse: An eligible surviving spouse must (1) be the surviving spouse of a person who was receiving the homestead exemption by reason of age or disability for the year in which the death occurred, and (2) must have been at least 59 years old on the date of the decedent's death.

Permanent Disability: Permanent and totally disabled means a person who has, on the first day of January of the year for which the homestead exemption is requested, some impairment of body or mind that makes him/her unfit to work at any substantially remunerative employment which he/she is reasonably able to perform and which will, with reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least twelve months without any present indication of recovery, or who has been certified as totally and permanently disabled by a state or federal agency.

Certificate of Disability for the Homestead Exemption

Ohio Revised Code section 323.151 provides: " 'Permanent and totally disabled' means a person who has, on the first day of January of the year of application for reduction in real estate taxes, some impairment in body or mind that makes the person unable to work at any substantially remunerative employment that the person is reasonably able to perform and that will, with reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at least twelve months without any present indication of recovery therefrom or has been certified as permanently and toally disabled by a state or federal agency having the function of so classifying persons."

In accordance with the above, I (we) hereby certify that _____ was, as of Jan. 1, _____, and is now permanently and totally disabled by virtue of physical disability or mental disability.

Physician (signature)

Psychologist (signature)

License number

License number

Printed name of person signing form

Address of person signing form (please print)

Name of state or federal agency providing certification

City

State

Zip

If agency, signature and title of person completing the form

In lieu of signing the certification above, a state or federal agency disability determination letter or certification will be accepted.

New from LOGOS!

Family Circles workshop

Children's ministry occurs wherever children are...even at the dinner table!

This workshop looks at creating intentional time for families to gather together at home in support of mutual spiritual growth. Explore and experience what regularly sharing meals, playing together, talking about and reflecting on Bible stories, and praying together could look like in your setting, and how it can help families grow closer to God. Learn about various resources to help it be successful and about how to use this format for All-Church Family Nights.

**Coming to Urbana, OH
May 21
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

First Presbyterian Church
116 West Court Street
Urbana, OH 43078

Registration Deadline: May 4
More information:
1-877-937-2572
The LOGOS Ministry

Our ALL NEW ½ day workshop features:

- discussion about ways parents can tend to spiritual nurture in the home
- information on the importance of the family meal
- resources to help families implement time together

LOGOS Ministry Member churches can use a prepaid seat to attend this event. The cost for non-Ministry Member churches: \$25 for Family Circles.

Register your team today at
www.thelogosministry.org!

