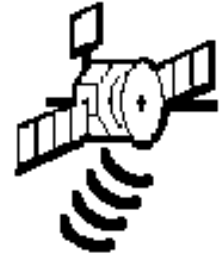


FIRST MONDAY



November, 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 **November Calendar**
3. Tom's Thoughts are on the **Fall Leaves**
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 October 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



November, 2011

- 6 November** **Huntsville Presbyterian Church** located at 6490 Fruit Street, Huntsville; Pastor Benjamin Beres.
- 13 November** **The Presbyterian Church**, 23 South Street, Hamilton; Pastor John Lewis.
- 20 November** **Northminster Presbyterian Church** located at 400 Villa Road, Springfield; Pastor Dwight McCormick.
- 27 November** **Memorial Presbyterian Church**, located at 1541 South Smithville Road, Dayton; Pastor David Foubert.
- 4 December** **Jamestown Presbyterian Church** located at 61 West Washington Street, Jamestown; Pastor Michael Helling.

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

Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Keep Farmersville: Slifers in	31 Halloween	1 Election Day	2	3	4 9:30 am - Synod Assemblv	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends Keep Huntsville in your prayers	7	8	9	10 7 am - Council 5 pm - Network Support	11 Veteran's Day	12 9 am - Presbytery Meeting.
13 Keep The Presbyterian Church of	14	15	16	17 9:30 am - CoPM	18	19
20 Keep Springfield: Northminster	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 Keep Dayton: Memorial in your	28 4:30 pm - COM	29	30	1	2	3

The Fall Leaves

I keep hearing about the colors of fall. How many ads there are on TV for driving the highways and back roads where the colors are beautiful this time of year. I have 2 really nice trees in my own yard, and the leaves are turning a nice golden yellow. My only problem is that as soon as the leaves turn, they fall, and then turn brown on the grass.

The assumption seems to be that nature is at it's prettiest when the leaves are in the process of dying. Looking at my own trees, I have to say they were always pretty. The new growth as green sprouts in spring. The full green of the trees during the summer months, and then the yellow and red and orange of fall. And finally the sky peaking through the empty branches during the winter months. They are all beautiful times of nature. To me, it's not that one season is prettier than any other, but that they all have a beauty that I might not see if they didn't change. To see the fall colors all year, I might grow to take them for granted and ignore them. Only through the constant pattern of changes do I see the beauty of each season.

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).

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.

“Catch The Building Spirit” Completes Another House for Habitat

“Catch The Building Spirit,” a coalition of eight Presbyterian Churches working with thirty Catholic churches, completed their 18th house build together this summer. Each year the coalition works together to fund and build an affordable, Energy Star Certified home for a low-income family to purchase and own.

Participating churches from the Presbytery included College Hill Community PC, Corinth PC, Fairmont PC, First PC of Fairborn, Memorial PC, Southminster PC, Westminster PC, and Central PC. The churches provided several hundred hours of volunteer labor and over \$13,000 in funding.



On September 17, 2011 the dedication of a new Habitat Home on Stratsburg Drive in Dayton took place for Carmen Baccus and her three children.

Thanks to all of those who helped make this possible!

Visit our Website: www.CatchTheBuildingSpirit.com

Next year's Presbyterian and Catholic build will again start on Memorial Day Weekend.

Please join us, contact: Hank Baust (hbaust@woh.rr.com or call 937-429-0360)

CROP Hunger Walks--We Walk Together

The CROP Hunger Walk is the oldest charity walk in the United States and takes place in some 1,500 communities. Throughout the years neighbors of different faiths, cultures and ages have walked together as people of faith in the fight to end hunger. This year we walk together around the theme of water. Did you know that more than a billion people in the world lack access to clean water and 2.1 million people, most of them children die each year of waterborne disease? The good news is that through the support of CROP Hunger Walkers, Church World Service is able to provide clean, healthy and accessible water to millions of people around the world. One walker who raises \$100 can provide five bio-sand filters giving families the ability to drink their water safely. Now just imagine the difference we make when we walk together! To get your church involved visit www.cropwalk.org and find the walk nearest to you by clicking on Ohio on the map or by entering your ZIP code. We hope you will join us!



God's Mighty Acts in Creation
4th – 6th Grade Winter Retreat
Friday, December 2nd, to Saturday December 3rd
At Kirkmont Center

Friday, December 2 Check-In @ 7 p.m. & then Energizers, Bible Study, a Night Hike (weather permitting), a Snack, and Silly Games before bed-time!

Saturday, December 3 The day will start with Breakfast & Energizers, then continue with our weekend theme through interactive Bible Lessons and activities in the Nature Center. After Lunch, everyone will participate in a local service project in the community. Pick up at 5 p.m.

Bring: A Bible (with your name written inside); Flashlight & Games to Share; Pajamas, Sleeping Bag & Pillow; Snack or 2-Liter Bottle of Drink to Share; Towel, Washcloth, Soap & Toiletries; Warm Outdoor Clothes & Shoes

Participants will receive a copy of the book *God's Mighty Acts in Creation*, by Starr Meade. This book, written for ages 8–12, will guide you through the six days of creation and you'll learn how creation displays the wisdom and power of God. The book will serve as a guide for our retreat and will be used in all of our Bible Studies and Lessons.

Call **1.800.572.1747** or visit
www.kirkmontcenter.com
AFTER November 5 to
register online.
Registration fee is \$ 55.00.



OUR COLOMBIAN PARTNERS VISIT!

A delegation from the Presbytery of the North Coast of Colombia is coming to the United States to celebrate the 15th year of partnership with the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. The group of presbytery leaders will be in the Miami Valley from November 15 to 20, 2011, and will include the Executive Secretary, Moderator, and Stated Clerk of the PNC, the President of the Reformed University of Barranquilla, Colombia (where PCUSA Mission Worker Alice Winters, newly retired, has taught theology for 25+ years), the Financial Director of the Presbytery's American School of Barranquilla, Colombia, and two youth leaders (one of whom was a summer counselor at Kirkmont Camp for several years). Please join PMV's Colombia Partnership Network in welcoming our brothers and sisters from Colombia at one of the following presbytery-wide activities.

Thursday, November 17, 2011

6:30-7:15 pm:

15th Anniversary Colombia Partnership Recognition Service
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH

7:15-8:00ish pm:

Informal Reception
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, OH

8:00 pm:

Dinner with the Colombians At Thai Nine Restaurant
Oregon District, Dayton, OH (Contact Paula Ewers at
ewersjt@yahoo.com if you would like to join us.)

Friday, November 18

4:30 pm:

Van leaves from Westminster Dayton for Kirkmont Center's
Croft House in Zanesfield, OH

6:00 pm:

Gather for Dinner, Colombia Partnership Retreat

Kirkmont Center's Croft House
Overnight at Croft House
(Contact Jennifer Vicarel at d2jvicarel@earthlink.net If
you would like to attend. Cost is \$ 50.00 and includes dinner
Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Bed linens
and towels are provided.)

Saturday, November 19, 2011

9:00 am to 3:00 pm:
Colombia Partnership Retreat - program
Kirkmont Center's Croft House, Zanesfield, OH

3:00 pm:
Departure from Kirkmont Center

Sunday, November 20, 2011

Morning Worship - The following churches will host a Colombian
guest in

their pulpit:
Troy Presbyterian - Troy, OH
Fairmont Presbyterian - Kettering, OH
College Hill Presbyterian - Dayton, OH
Oxford Presbyterian - Oxford, OH
Covenant Presbyterian - Springboro, OH

We hope that you will attend one of the events listed above and will get
to know our Colombian partners!