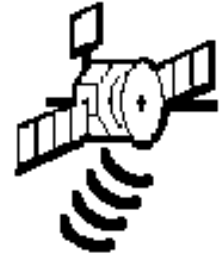


# FIRST MONDAY



***October, 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 **October Calendar**
3. Tom's Thoughts are still wandering! Hope to have them in presentable order next month!
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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tom.oxley@miamipresbytery.org).***

# MIAMI PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST



## October, 2011

- 2 October**      **Bath Presbyterian Church** located at 4624 Bath Road, Bath;  
Pastor Thomas Martin.
- 9 October**      **First Presbyterian Church**, Rushsylvania; Moderator Russell  
Williams.
- 16 October**      **First Presbyterian Church** located at 2910 Central Avenue,  
Middletown; Pastor Tim Doty.
- 23 October**      **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, located at 325 West  
Ash Street, Piqua; Pastor Kazy Blocher Hinds.
- 30 October**      **Slifers Presbyterian Church** located at 2999 South Clayton  
Road, Farmersville; Pastor Karel Hanhart.
- 6 November**      **Huntsville Presbyterian Church** located at 6490 Fruit  
Street, Huntsville; Pastor Benjamin Beres.

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

Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Keep Middletown: St. Luke in	26	27 4:30pm - COM	28	29	30	1
2 Keep Dayton: Bath in your	3	4 8am - Staff Meeting/Breakfast @	5	6 7am - Agenda @ Panera 9:30am - Nominating 12pm - Board of Pensions 12pm - Interim Pastors Luncheon 5pm - Network Support	7	8
9 Keep Rushsylvania: First in your	10 Columbus Day	11 1pm - Staff Services 4:30pm - Special Meeting of 6pm - SDOP	12	13 7am - Council	14	15
16 Keep Middletown: First in your	17	18	19	20 9:30am - CoPM	21	22
23 Keep Piqua: Westminster in your	24	25 4:30pm - COM	26	27	28	29
30 Keep Farmersville: Slifers in	31 Halloween	1 Election Day	2	3	4 9:30am - Synod Assembly	5

**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).

**Honey Creek Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle** is seeking a choir director for the Chancel Choir. Rehearsal is Thursday evening, with one service on Sunday morning. The choir sings mostly traditional choral work, September through May. Call 845-1298 or 543-2227 for more information.

*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.*

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## **PMV welcomes Walter Brueggemann on November 13**



Walter Brueggemann, noted author and Old Testament scholar, will speak at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 7001 Far Hills Avenue, Centerville, November 13, 3:00-5:00 P.M. The lecture, sponsored by the Equipping for Ministry Network of Presbytery of the Miami Valley, is entitled "Hope and Healing in a Broken World."

The Rev. Dr. Brueggemann is recognized the world over for his work on Biblical interpretation and is the author of over 58 books and several commentaries on the Bible. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a retired faculty member of Columbia Theological Seminary.

Tickets are \$5.00 a person and free to members of the Equipping for Ministry Network. Email Jackie Nowak at [jackie@sminster.com](mailto:jackie@sminster.com) for reservations and more information, or call 937-433-1810.

## **Women's Ministry WAR Event**

On **Sunday, November 6th**, the Women's Ministry Team at Kirkmont Presbyterian Church is hosting a Jewelry Party Open House from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, to benefit Women At Risk, International. This event is open to everyone and will be held at Kirkmont Presbyterian Church, 3377 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek, OH, in Room 307/311 in the Education Wing. Women At Risk, International (WAR, Int'l) is a nonprofit organization begun to establish circles of protection around women at risk. The purpose and passion of this organization is to wrap arms of love around women and children, whispering the message that they were created for purpose and dignity. Creating safe places for women and children rescued from many abuses including human trafficking/sexual slavery, WAR, Int'l desires to give voice to their silenced cries.

Women At Risk, International provides parties with mostly high-end products made by disadvantaged women either rescued from traffickers and taught a skill or women who are at risk of trafficking, and by hosting their product we spare them ever ending up at our safe houses. This includes lines of semi-precious jewelry uniquely designed by rescued women and made from real pearls, amethyst, onyx, jade, quartz, jasper, turquoise, silver, Swarovski crystal, etc. They have one line of costume jewelry from widows of HIV/AIDS victims in Africa that is not semi-precious but is fun, funky, and very popular. While the products are of good quality, they are also very affordable.

For more information on the Jewelry Party Open House, contact Pat Youther at 426-8292 or e-mail [womensministry@kirkmont.org](mailto:womensministry@kirkmont.org). If you'd like more information about Women At Risk, International, you may check out their website at [www.warinternational.org](http://www.warinternational.org).

## 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](http://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!

## Eternal Vision .... Changing Methods

“My Name will be great among the nations, from the setting of the sun...”

Malachi 1:11

On November 11 and 12, 2011, Fairhaven Church will be hosting the Ohio Conference of **Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment (ACMC)**. Kirkmont Presbyterian Church is one of the area sponsoring churches.

The purposes of this program include encouraging local mission works, working across denominational lines, raising awareness, and reinvigorating participation in existing local mission projects.

Why attend?

- Learn how your church can become more effective in global outreach by hearing how other churches are learning to be more effective.
- Be encouraged by God's activities in the world
- Be reinvigorated for global ministry.
- Discover what other churches are doing in order to gain new vision and perspective.
- Learn practical how-to ideas while being challenged by God's vision for the nations.
- Get to know many like-minded people.

More detailed information can be found at [www.acmc.org/conferences](http://www.acmc.org/conferences).

# WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

offers every congregation the chance  
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### NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

3.5 HSGPA

PC(USA) MEMBERSHIP

NOMINATION OF PASTOR/CONGREGATION

## PROGRAM DEADLINES

- ◆ **NOMINATIONS ~ OCTOBER 31ST**
- ◆ **STUDENT APPLICATIONS ~ NOVEMBER 15TH**

**Nominate online @ [www.westminster.edu/yps](http://www.westminster.edu/yps)**

For more information, contact **Carey Anne M. LaSor, YPS Coordinator**  
[meyerca@westminster.edu](mailto:meyerca@westminster.edu) ◆ 724-946-7365

**Westminster College, 319 S. Market Street, New Wilmington, PA 16172**

# 2012

## Disciple Making Church Conference

January 16-20

St. Pete Beach, FL



Escape the chill of winter and join us in St. Pete Beach for a period of spiritual renewal, faith-sharing, and learning how your congregation can become a **disciple making church**.

You can expect to engage practices of discipleship in the context of prayer and worship. We will also explore what it means for churches to grow disciples of Jesus Christ and how leaders can be more fully immersed in spiritual formation.

Conference leadership will be provided by **Tod Bolsinger, Graham Standish, Pam Driesell**, and staff from the **Evangelism Office** of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

### Conference Location:

TradeWinds Sandpiper Hotel & Suites  
6000 Gulf Boulevard  
St. Pete Beach, FL

### Registration Fees:

*There is no registration fee for those who will be staying at the TradeWinds.*

### For those staying at the Trade Winds:

**Housing** (includes group meals): **\$129/night**

### For those not staying at the TradeWinds:

**Commuters** (includes group meals):

FL Resident: **\$250**

Non-FL Resident: **\$375**

Register online or use the form provided:

[www.pcusa.org/disciple-making-church/](http://www.pcusa.org/disciple-making-church/)

**Questions?** Contact the Evangelism Office at

[sherry.britton@pcusa.org](mailto:sherry.britton@pcusa.org); 1-888-728-7228, ext. 5247

[meredith.kemp@pcusa.org](mailto:meredith.kemp@pcusa.org); 1-888-727-7228, ext. 5088



Sponsored by the Office of Evangelism  
General Assembly Mission Council

# REGISTRATION FORM • 2012 DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCH CONFERENCE

Please mail completed form and payment no later than December 1, 2011 to:

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
SE12005  
PO BOX 643765  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3765

Checks payable to "PCUSA"

Write SE12005 in the Memo Line

You may also register, purchase additional meals, and pay online by going to:  
[www.pcusa.org/disciple-making-church/](http://www.pcusa.org/disciple-making-church/)

## Personal Information

Name:  Rev.  Dr.  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs/food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Include my contact information on a list distributed to conference participants.

## Registration Fees

*There is no registration fee for those who will be staying at the conference hotel.*

I Will need conference housing.

- Conference housing is at TradeWinds Sandpiper Hotel & Suites, 6000 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach, FL.
- Housing Rates: **\$129/ night** (includes resort fee and all group meals)
- Additional nights are available (3 nights before – 3 nights after) at the conference rate of \$129 per night. Additional nights must be booked through the Evangelism office to receive the discounted rate.

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I Will Not need conference housing.

Commuter Rates (includes all group meals) Please check one:

- Florida Resident-**\$250**
- Non-Florida Resident- **\$375**

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# REGISTRATION FORM • 2012 DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCH CONFERENCE

## Additional Meals

*Additional meals may be purchased for a spouse/guest if they would like to join you for group meals. Cost of additional meals is \$250.*

My guest/spouse will participate in group meals.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

**TOTAL FEES DUE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **International Peacemaker, Dr. Emad Philobbos, EGYPT**

The Friends of Campus Ministry Network invites you meet International Peacemaker, Dr. Emad Ramzy Philobbos. He will be speaking on the campuses of Clark State Community College, Central State University, Sinclair Community College and Miami University during the week of October 10-14. Dr. Philobbos is here through the work of the Peacemaking Program of the PCUSA.

Dr. Philobbos Emad is Professor Emeritus of Geology at Assiut University in Upper Egypt. He is involved in the Forum of Inter-cultural Dialogue run by the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) - Coptic Evangelical means "Protestant" in this area. He is involved in establishing a Center for Capacity Building and Social Cohesion to serve the Egyptian, Middle Eastern and North African potential leaders in churches and civic circles. Emad was General Secretary of the Protestant Community in Egypt. He is a board member of the Presbyterian Seminary in Cairo.

### **Tuesday, October 11**

10:00am - Light Breakfast and presentation

Learning Resource Center (LRC) Room 207/209

Clark State Community College

570 East Leffel Lane, Springfield

For more information, contact the Coordinator of Interfaith Campus Ministries

Andrea Webb at 937-328-6083

Presentation in the afternoon/evening

Central State University

Wilberforce

For more information, contact Interfaith Campus Minister

The Rev. Nigal Felder at 937-367-6566

### **Wednesday, October 12**

12:00 noon in the library, second floor at Sinclair Community College

"Inter Cultural/Interfaith Dialogue in Egypt: Power & Possibility for Transformation"

A presentation of Sinclair Speaks,

hosted by the Office of Campus Ministry: A Multi-Faith Center for Spiritual Life

For more information, contact Interfaith Campus Minister

The Rev. Barbara Battin at 937-512-2481

### **Thursday, October 13**

6:00pm - Dinner and presentation on Interfaith Dialogue and the "Arab Spring" in the Middle East

Hosted by Lights on Campus, 16 South Campus Ave., Oxford

For more information, contact Executive Director

The Rev. Harry Bolen, 513-523-4848

High Street United Methodist Church

# Sanctuary Series

The Chancel Choir and Music Ministry at High Street United Methodist Church are pleased to invite you to the fourth season of our Sunday afternoon **Sanctuary Series**.

A free-will offering is taken at most events.

September 18, 2011 – 3:00 PM

**DAYTON AREA HARP ENSEMBLE**

*A program of sacred and traditional music*

October 9, 2011 – 3:00 PM

**JIM McCUTCHEON**

*An afternoon of music for guitar*

October 30, 2011 – 3:00 PM

**WENDY JAMES & J. CHRIS MOORE**

*Songs for the soul*

November 13, 2011 – 3:00 PM

**SPRINGFIELD YOUTH SYMPHONY  
STRING QUARTET**

*A program of classics for violin, viola & cello*

December 11, 2011 – 3:00 PM

**A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS**

*HSUMC Chancel Choir and orchestra*

January 22, 2012 – 3:00 PM

**Wright State University  
WOODWIND TRIO**

*A program of instrumental light classics*

February 12, 2012 – 3:00 PM

**WILL MATTOX, baritone  
ED BAK, piano**

*100 years of French vocal repertoire*

March 18, 2012 – 3:00 PM

**THE DEMERITS**

*Traditional Irish music*

April 22, 2012 – 3:00 PM

**CROSSOVER TRIO**

*Smooth jazz on guitar, bass & vibes*

May 13, 2012 – 3:00 PM

**DOWN DEEP**

*Instrumental and vocal jazz favorites*

Programs presented on Sunday afternoons  
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## SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, November 5th

We are pleased to present the inspirational voice of **TERRY G. HALL** *the “One Man Quartet”* on **Saturday, November 5th** from **3 to 5 PM** to be held at the

Blue Ball Presbyterian Church.  
6901 Roosevelt Ave. Middletown, OH 45005 513-423-5848  
(Up the hill from Kohl’s in Middletown Ohio Take Middletown exit SR 122).

This Concert will be *Open to the Public* and we encourage everyone to come and also to *invite your friends & families* to join us for a great musical experience.

His concert will include **some old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites, some fun time songs, and some with a country sound.** However, it is not hard to see that his heart is in the *“good old Southern Gospel Sound”*.

His songs are powerful and are sure to touch your heart. You will never doubt the love for the Lord that is in this ministry.

He and his wife, Janice, also travel extensively to churches, RV Resorts, festivals, flea markets, retirement communities, prisons and anywhere the Lord leads them to bring the gospel to those who might not otherwise hear it.

There will also be a *Love Offering* taken at this Concert to support Terry’s ministry.

*Please come & share a truly inspiring evening with us - Terry's concert will leave you with great joy for the Lord.*

To see his itinerary – Please visit Terry’s Website –  
**[www.terryghallmusicministry.com](http://www.terryghallmusicministry.com)**

## 2011 Middle Governing Bodies Financial Network Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 Middle Governing Bodies Financial Network Meeting.

**This year the meeting will be held in San Diego, California. We are pleased to be working with the Best Western Island Palms.**

The Middle Governing Bodies Financial Network Meeting will begin Thursday, November 10 with breakfast and run through Friday, November 11. We will adjourn around 3:00 PM.

This event is a continuing education event for staff or volunteers working with the finances in the presbyteries and synods. This is a training opportunity available for presbytery, synod, & church financial persons. Representatives from the Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, Office of General Assembly, Funds Development (GAMC), the denominationally endorsed insurance programs, and key vendors will be on hand. This year's theme is "Revitalizing a Gift of Generosity and Maintaining a Healthy Church Budget". Back by popular demand, plenary speakers include Frank & Elaine Sommerville, authorities on church law and tax.

Group dinner will be held Thursday night at the beautiful Bali Hai Restaurant with a Polynesian floor show.

## General Information

The reduced fee this year is \$200.00 and covers all meeting expenses including presentations, administrative costs, meeting room setup, catering, and the special dinner event. This fee does not include travel and hotel accommodations.

Hotel accommodations have been arranged with Best Western Island Palms. **You will need to make your own reservations directly with the hotel** and be sure to use the hotel booking code "MGBFN". A special rate of \$95, plus tax has been negotiated for the MGBFN participants, and should be settled individually. Reservations must be made by **October 12, 2011**. Room reservations requested after this date will be subject to availability. Please do not send money for hotel accommodations with the registration fee.

## Hotel Information:

Best Western Island Palms  
2051 Shelter Island Drive  
San Diego, CA 92106  
(619) 222-0561  
[www.islandpalms.com](http://www.islandpalms.com)

*Complimentary airport shuttle is available 7 AM to 10 PM by calling the hotel directly from the baggage claim area.*

**For all other questions, please call Margy Smith at 888-728-7228, x5393**

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Registration Fee: \$200.00  
Deadline: October 12, 2011  
Make check payable to: **PCUSA**  
Send to:  
PCUSA Special Events  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3765

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Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Attending Group Dinner Yes  No   
Guest(s) Attending Group Dinner? Yes  No   
**(If yes, please include \$35.00 per guest)**  
Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2011 Middle**

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**2011 Middle Governing Bodies Financial Network Registration Form**

**November 10-11, 2011**

For your convenience this form is designed to insert into a window envelope

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# MVP BIG TENT 2011

November 5th, 2011

9:30am to 4:30pm

Newcomerstown Middle School

325 West State Street

Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

## *Featured Speaker, Ann Philbrick*

### **Empowering Structures**

You have heard that form follows function. So also structure follows vision. Whether we are talking about the way we go about being church, put together a docket for a meeting, or the very buildings that house our ministries, empowering structures are always in service to God's mission. The problem is that habits form and without our even realizing it results in vision asking structure for permission to heed God's call. This plenary will focus on ways to create empowering structures that allow for God's people to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.

### **About Ann Philbrick**

Ann was born and raised in suburban Philadelphia but also has family roots in Ohio (her mother was raised in suburban Cleveland). She went to college in New York and North Carolina, received her MDiv from Princeton and her DMin from McCormick. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), she has served churches in Wisconsin and western Pennsylvania and as presbytery staff in Washington DC and Baltimore, Maryland. Many years of independent consulting has taken her all over the country as she has supported, trained, and equipped local church leaders. She loves to hike and garden and currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

## ***Afternoon Workshops:***

### **Too Much Room?**

If your congregation is smaller than it once was, then your church has a problem with its building, whether you know it or not. This workshop will explore:

- How a building built for a larger congregation can become a roadblock to its smaller current ministry
- What kinds of decisions need to be faced to make the building support rather than hold back vitality
- Tools for leaders who want to make good building management decisions

**Presented twice for 90 minutes**

**Leader: Ann Philbrick**

### **Know Thyself: Discover Your Role in Ministry**

Your personality is a key factor in discerning appropriate role(s) for you in ministry. Are you a “people person” or do you prefer to work by yourself? Do you like to interact with sensible people or with imaginative people? Are you more comfortable with facts or with principles? During this workshop you will chart your personality on an abbreviated form of the well-known Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). You will discover the implications of different personalities for a variety of ministries.

**Presented once for 90 minutes**

**Leaders: Paula Lane and Bob Porter**

### **Sustainable Youth Ministry**

In today’s culture, we all know that youth are extremely busy with extra-curricular activities, school work, family outings, media, etc. It is difficult for youth to commit to any program with regard to their busy schedules. Youth Leaders are challenged to develop a vibrant youth ministry that will flourish and prosper for years to come. The youth leader must rise up and train adult leaders, call youth forward for leadership opportunities, and create a weekly program that focuses on making genuine disciples. These principles will help a youth group to grow spiritually and numerically, as well as, endure during difficult times.

**Presented twice for 90 minutes each**

**Leaders: Erin Yoder and Ryan Johanning**

### **Developing SMART Goals**

Imagine that your congregation begins to sense that God is doing something special and is calling them to join in! Imagine you start discerning what this new ministry is to look like. What an amazing feeling that is! Many churches have experienced this moment but then weren't prepared to live into this new reality. We want to move to where God wants us to be, but often times the unrelenting power of present demand keeps us right where we were before! It seems like there is always something more "urgent" that needs to get done. To achieve the vision that God has called us to we need something to keep us on track and a way to evaluate how we are doing. SMART goals are an indispensable tool to help a Pastor, Session, Leadership Team and Congregation DO what God is calling them to do. Join into this seminar to learn how SMART goals can help you live out God's mission. In our time together you will learn how to develop your own personal goals. Remember that a vision without a plan is merely a wish!

**Presented twice for 90 minutes each**

**Leader: Tom Houston**

### **Healthy Leaders = Healthy Congregations**

Congregational leaders are the key in promoting the well-being of the congregation. What responses create health in a congregation? What kind of interactions set the mood and tone of healthy churches? What type of functioning advances, rather than impedes, the mission of the church in the local congregation? This workshop will celebrate staying connected through differences, strengths, and mission.

**Three hour presentation with breaks**

**Leader: Donna Robertson**

### **Building an Awe Filled Community**

In Acts 2, we read about the believers forming a community. That community was a place where *"A deep sense of awe came over them all and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders"* Acts 2:43. Earlier we read that about 3000 were added to the church. Now, who among us would like to see those numbers come through our doors??? No promises of numbers, but if you want to learn strategies for building a community and practice some of those activities as we develop a community, then join this workshop.

**Presented twice for 90 minutes each**

**Leader: Ron Walker**

### **The Journey: Growing Up in Christ**

There is a lot of talk these days about Transformation, which for some has become synonymous with church growth. Yet scripture is clear that transformation begins with us, with the renewing of our minds (see Romans 12:1-3). But is such renewal truly possible? The Apostle Paul tells us that it not only possible, but that the heart of our call as Christians to be *“transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory”* (II Corinthians 3:18). Of course, this is not an over-night event. Rather, if we are intentional, degree-by-degree, we come to reflect the Lord’s glory. Nor is this is something we can do by our own initiative. It can only be accomplished in and through the power of the Holy Spirit. To be sure, our participation is required. As the writer of I Timothy reminds us, we must train in godliness (see I Timothy 4:8). So then, how do we begin? What does training in godliness look like? This workshop will reflect on pathways of growth as modeled by Jesus earthly journey. In and through his journey, may we come to understand our own formational journey as we find our own core identity born out of relationship with God in Christ, character transformation born of the Spirit, and call born of the intersection of our gifts and passions with the needs of community. This workshop will combine elements of study and practice as we share in the journey together.

**Three hour presentation with breaks**

**Leader: Debbie Rundlett**

### **Formational Prayer and Spiritual Caregiving**

Do you ever feel stuck in a rut? Do the same feelings seem to produce the same wrong responses? Events in your past may be keeping you from moving to the next level of emotional and spiritual growth even if you have tried sharing it with others. In this workshop we will ask the Holy Spirit to join us as we discover various types of trauma and how our brains react to them. We will learn how He can be with us through various “Stages of Healing”. Explore with us how we can identify and confront our wounds by experiencing a “Safe Place” and God’s healing touch.

**Three hour presentation with breaks**

**Leader: Rick Hastings and Diana Circelli**

### **Elder Communion Training**

In “Elder Communion Training” we will train the elders of your church to do the communion liturgy. At this training elders will be trained and qualified to do visitation communion in ones congregation without having to take the communion directly from the church service to those receiving the communion. To participate in this training, one needs only to have been an elder. Following the training the elders will receive a certificate and their names will be registered with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery as being qualified to do communion. This is very useful for churches with supply pastors who cannot administer the sacraments or churches where visitation teams go out to have communion on weekdays.

**Presented once for 60 minutes**

**Leader: Jim McCurdy**

### **The Missional Clerk of Session**

The Clerk of Session's job is very important, but at times it seems trivial. All those minutes and records that have to be done just right! It's easy to lose sight of the big picture, which is your church fulfilling its full potential for the Kingdom of God. In this workshop, we'll look at record-keeping as a means to this end. We'll discuss how to take minutes, how to keep the church register up to date and how to prepare for the annual reading of the minutes by presbytery. Most of all, we'll look at how all of this can bring glory to God and strengthen the church.

**Presented twice for 90 minutes each**

**Leader: Marty Radcliff**

### **The Missional Treasurer and Tomorrow's Church**

How does the missional church do business, finance, and combine it with accountable leadership? What is your mission? When was the last time you rediscovered your mission? How are God's gifts to the church being used? Does revenue and expenses connect with your mission? Who decides if your expenses are appropriate, well spent, and mission directed? How much time does your session spend talking money? How much time does your session talk about business? Is an audit important? What is a "checks and balance system"? How do you budget? Today's missional church needs to rediscover the meaning of mission, how it affects the work of our church, and how does God's call to us effect how we operate and function?

**Presented once for 90 minutes**

**Leaders: Jim Spain and Barb Schie**

### **Will Your Church Exist Ten Years from Now?**

The secret is out! We no longer live in a world that presumes a Christian culture. There was a day when one generation was born into the church as one generation passed away. This is no longer the case. Now, many churches across our nation are missing whole generations. Often, those who remain in the church are present because that is what they know--that is what we know. We are faithful in devotion but do not know how or why we are to live out a Christian mission in the world. If we continue this pattern, the church in America will fall, though it is flourishing on other continents. In this workshop we will explore two main issues. First, we will identify benchmarks that will help you determine if your church will exist in 10 years. Second, we will outline practices and Biblical theology that open us to radical and deep change--allowing Jesus to transform our hearts, way of community, and practices of faith.

**Presented twice for 90 minutes each**

**Leader: Matt Skolnik**

### **Small is Strong!**

The challenges that face the small church in many ways resemble those presented to any church... but the way they meet those challenges will determine whether they are a strong small church or a struggling small church. Participants are invited to explore the dynamics of small churches. *A Struggling Small Church*: tries to define success by numbers; is unwilling to consider doing things in a 'new' way or fails to adapt; wastes time comparing itself to other churches; spins its wheels in unhealthy patterns/relationships; is not self-aware of either their gifts or of their challenges; waits for a leader to give direction and make decisions; lends support to a ministry instead of initiating and directing ministry. *A Strong Small Church*: encourages the development of community; places a strong emphasis on relationships; develops strong lay leadership and spawns lay pastors; is eager and willing to work with sister churches and is ecumenically minded; has a balance of originators and conservers; owns the title 'disciple' and is actively engaged in ministry; is faithful and can do anything. The sky is the limit!

**Presented twice for 90 minutes each**

**Leaders: Chris Stewart & Karin Wright**

### **Becoming a Blessed Church**

"Becoming a Blessed Church" is a book about "Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power by N. Graham Standish. "Becoming a Blessed Church" is a systematic and Spiritual shift from the standard way of conducting church business to a more Christ centered approach to ministry. It challenges the governing body and the congregation to move from the functionality of "business as usual" to a more Biblically empowered, vital decision making church. The appendices follow 8 chapters of common sense guidelines which aids to the functions of the church.

**Presented twice for 90 minutes each**

**Leader: Tim Thomas**

### **I Wonder?!! The Godly Play approach to Christian Education**

GODLY PLAY is a neo-traditional, creative, imaginative approach to Christian nurture. The goal of all Christian Education should be to show children how to be open to the Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit, helping them to be deeply rooted as Christians. GODLY PLAY makes use of the young person's innate curiosity and imagination in experiencing the mystery and joy of God, allowing them to connect the stories to their personal lives. GODLY PLAY is a hands-on resource that is equally effective with the non-reader, or the child with no church experience as well as those who have grown up in the church.

**Presented twice for 90 minutes each**

**Leader: Joan Brode**

## Registration for Big Tent Event Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

In the challenges of today's ministry we need fresh new ideas that complement the ministry of the church while bringing new life to the church. Muskingum Valley Presbytery will host the Big Tent Event on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Newcomerstown Middle School. 15 workshops and a special speaker will provide an entire day's worth of seminars varying from 'Discover Your Role in Ministry' to 'Will Your Church Exist Ten Years from Now'. These workshops will strengthen and encourage you in your life as a Christian regardless of how you're serving the Lord. This event is intended for the body of Christ which includes clergy, elders, and church members and is open to all churches and all denominations. Registration begins at 9:00am with key note speaker, **Ann Philbrick**, from 9:30am to Noon and Breakout seminars from 1:00pm-4:30pm; lunch can be purchased at the cafeteria. The cost is \$10 for MVP members and \$25 for non-MVP that includes lunch. **To register for workshops:** Return this form with check payable to: Muskingum Valley Presbytery, 109 Stonecreek Rd. NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663. Memo: Big Tent Event 2011. -OR- Online at [www.mvpjourneyingwithjesus.org](http://www.mvpjourneyingwithjesus.org)

**Return on or before Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please choose 2 Afternoon Workshops:***

- Too Much Room? Ann Philbrick (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- Know Thyself: Discover Your Role in Ministry (one 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- Sustainable Youth Ministry (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- Developing SMART Goals (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- Healthy Leaders = Healthy Congregations (one 3-hour) \_\_\_\_\_
- Building an Awe Filled Community (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- The Journey: Growing Up in Christ (one 3-hour) \_\_\_\_\_
- Formational Prayer & Spiritual Caregiving (one 3-hour) \_\_\_\_\_
- Elder Communion Training (one 60-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- The Missional Clerk of Session (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- The Missional Treasurer & Tomorrow's Church (one 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- Will Your Church Exist Ten Years from Now? (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- Small is Strong! (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- Becoming a Blessed Church (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_
- I Wonder?! The Godly Play (two 90-minute) \_\_\_\_\_