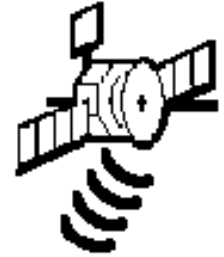


FIRST MONDAY



September, 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 **September Calendar**
3. Tom's Thoughts on Moderation
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



September, 2009

- 6 September** **First Presbyterian Church** located at 116 West Court Street, Urbana; Pastor Kevin Horrigan.
- 13 September** **South Charleston Presbyterian Church** located at 15 North Chillicothe Street, South Charleston; Pastor William Reisenweaver.
- 20 September** **Seven Mile Presbyterian Church** located at 312 North Main Street, Seven Mile; Certified Lay Pastor Lee Ault.
- 27 September** **Springhill Presbyterian Church**, 6496 SR 245 West, West Liberty; Pastor Angela Schenck.
- 4 October** **Covenant Presbyterian Church** located at 201 North Limestone Street, Springfield; Pastor Raymond Stewart.

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

Thank you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Please keep Dayton Westminster	31 5pm - COR?	1 5pm - Trustees	2	3 8am - Agenda 9:30am - Nominating Committee 12pm - Staff Mtng/Lunch	4	5
6 Please keep Urbana First church in	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 4pm - Presby Mtng @ Middletown	9	10 7am - Council	11 Patriot Day	12
13 Please keep South Charleston	14	15	16 3:30pm - Network Spt Mtng	17 9:30am - COPM 3:30pm - Staff Services ?	18 1pm - PW Coordinators	19
20 Please keep Seven Mile United	21	22	23	24 5pm - SDOP	25	26
27 Please keep Springhill church in	28 5pm - COR ?	29 4:30pm - COM	30	1 7am - Agenda 12pm - Staff Mtng/Lunch	2	3

Moderation In All Things

I quit Facebook for a while after having somebody I thought of as a friend become angry and abusive with me online. I thought we could express our views. He thought we had the same views, considering that I was retired military and he was former military. I think of myself as a political moderate. I'm not going to discuss problems, or say anything about the right or left. What I'm looking at today is the word Moderate and the things we see from that word.

MODERATE: The dictionary describes moderate as

–adjective

1. kept or keeping within reasonable or proper limits; not extreme, excessive, or intense: *a moderate price*.
2. of medium quantity, extent, or amount: *a moderate income*.
3. mediocre or fair: *moderate talent*.
4. calm or mild, as of the weather.
5. of or pertaining to moderates, as in politics or religion.

–noun

6. a person who is moderate in opinion or opposed to extreme views and actions, esp. in politics or religion.
7. (*usually initial capital letter*) a member of a political party advocating moderate reform.

–verb (used with object)

8. to reduce the excessiveness of; make less violent, severe, intense, or rigorous: *to moderate the sharpness of one's words*.
9. to preside over or at (a public forum, meeting, discussion, etc.).

–verb (used without object)

10. to become less violent, severe, intense, or rigorous.
11. to act as moderator; preside.

Well, with the exception maybe of 3, I get to see these just about every day. Could we replace Moderate with Mediocre and get away with it? "Mediocrity in all things." Somehow, I don't think so.

MODERATOR: The dictionary describes a moderator as

1. a person or thing that moderates.
2. a person who presides over a panel discussion on radio or television.
3. a presiding officer, as at a public forum, a legislative body, or an ecclesiastical body in the Presbyterian Church.
4. *Physics.* a substance, as graphite or heavy water, used to slow neutrons to speeds at which they are more efficient in causing fission.

I think number 3 is the one we are most familiar with. Hey, they even got the church right! I like to think that the same person that is number 3 is also number 1. That in discussion, he or she can be a moderate and look at the discussion from both sides, helping prevent friction and helping to point out the good and bad from both perspectives. A mirror for the two parties that he or she is moderating. Perhaps being the deciding vote in a tie, but otherwise neutral.

Can a moderate be passionate about their position? I think so. It would be a pretty poor moderator if he or she could be pushed from that position to take sides. At least until all parties have had their say and the moderator's vote is needed to make the final decision. It takes a pretty passionate person to maintain that moderate stance.

Can Christians be moderates? That is for you to decide.

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).

Fairmont Presbyterin Church has openings for a part-time Chancel Choir Director, Bell Choir Director, and Praise Band Leader. Positions can be combined as individual qualifications dictate. Contact the church at 937-299-3539.

Cedarville United Presbyterian Church needs a Part Time youth director: 15hrs per week. \$15 per hour. Sep through May (9 mo). Experience desired. Send resume to bdfrazier1@hotmail.com or mail to Cedarville United Presbyterian Church. Send by September 8th.

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.

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.

Musicians Cornel Olar and Liviu Bocaniala and missionary Nicole Weyts will make a stop in Kettering on their "Let it Rain" concert tour. The concert will be at Fairmont Presbyterian Church Sunday, September 6, at 12:30 p.m. Their music ranges from beautiful folk ballads to more rhythmic numbers, sometimes with a mix of eastern influences. The artists are traveling to support the Talmid Ministry, which provides help to needy people in Romania and spiritual help to the local churches. The public is welcome; a free will offering will benefit the Talmid Ministry. For more information, see www.fairmontchurch.org, www.talmid.net/, and www.purevolume.com/letitrain72736. Over 10 years ago, Dirk and Nicole Weyts moved with their three daughters from Belgium to a small village in Transylvania, Romania, to work with the poor. Here they started the "Talmid Ministries." *Talmid* is the Hebrew word for "disciple." The communist ideology and dictatorial regimes after the Second World War left their mark on the Eastern part of Europe. Especially Romania, which changed in less than forty years from a prosperous country into a nation where hunger, sickness, and fear dominate. Talmid Ministries was founded to reach out to the material needs of a destitute population, but even more important, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to places that it has been shut out for decades. The Mission of Talmid Ministries can be summarized as follows:

1. Providing help to needy people
2. Providing spiritual help to the local churches
3. Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and disciple believers, by immersing them into the Reality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

The motivation for their work is found in Matthew 28:19-20. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." The musicians, Cornel and Liviu, began their tour in March, starting in Belgium, moving on to Germany, New York, and, on September 6, to Kettering, Ohio. Their music ranges from beautiful folk ballads to more rhythmic numbers, sometimes with a mix of eastern influences. Their lyrics speak of their personal relationship and experiences with their Lord. Wherever they play, in a living room or a big hall, their music creates an intimate atmosphere. Their desire is to bring their audience into the presence of the Lord and help them experience his peace, joy, and love. Liviu has been named the "best male Christian solo-artist of Romania" the past several years, and has recorded five successful CDs.

We are pleased to announce the latest round of **New Church Development training events** sponsored by our colleagues in the Office of Church Growth of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The first of these sessions is the “**New Church Development Training for Presbytery Teams**” event at [Riverside](#) Presbyterian Church in Sterling, Virginia, September 21—24, 2009. This event will focus on the third task of the discernment process—*Developing a Mission Plan*. Presbytery and church teams working to start a new church are strongly encouraged to attend this event. Teams that have at least 3 people will receive the added benefit of working with coaches on their projects during all of the break-out sessions. This period of training and discernment will not present “the only way” to start new churches, but will also explore the many possibilities for starting new churches for the people that God has placed on your hearts. Teams will go on area site visits and will hear from presenters with a wide variety of experiences and contexts. You may register online by going to www.riversidechurch.com. The online registration will accept payments via credit card (Visa, MasterCard) or electronic check. Registration deadline is August 15, 2009.

The next session is the “**New Church Development Pastor Discernment**” event held at [Hot Metal Bridge](#) Faith Community in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 15—17, 2009. Experience three days of prayer, discernment, and conversation with NCD coaches as you contemplate if God is calling you to New Church Development ministry. There will also be the option of staying an extra day to visit and worship with several NCDs in the Pittsburgh area. Space is limited to 25 participants who will be selected based on two letters of reference and a brief essay on “*Why I Would Like to Attend this Discernment Event*”. All participant’s meals, lodging, and transportation (up to \$250) will be covered by the Office of Church Growth and will be reimbursed at the event. Email references and essay to Sherry Britton (sherry.britton@pcusa.org) or Meredith Kemp-Pappan (meredith.kemp-pappan@pcusa.org). Registration deadline is September 1, 2009.

The third session is the “**Can I Get a Witness?—New Church Development Team Training**” held at [San Clemente](#) Presbyterian Church, San Clemente, California, November 2—4, 2009. Questions dealt with at this event will be what will your new church grow into, will it be around 10 years from now, and will it make an impact for the gospel? The answers to these questions can be found by examining the end purpose of your discipleship training. For us to develop healthy growing congregations, we need to form disciples who exist “Not for ourselves, but for those we have yet to meet”—discipleship goes beyond the self-satisfaction of individual believers. The “Can I Get a Witness?” New Church Development Team Training Conference will focus on discipleship that is intent on reaching those outside the church community, sowing the gospel and seeing communities of believers grow, teaching the church to be a witness in both word and deed to the world, replicating churches through the process of church planting, and learning from our sisters and brothers in majority-world churches. We are encouraging the leadership team of your new church to come and learn what God is doing in the world and wants to do in your church. The price is the same if you bring 1 or 4 people. Increase the value and participate together. Register and pay online through the San Clemente Presbyterian Church website, <http://www.scpres.org/>. Registration deadline is September 1, 2009.

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The Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti in the Miami Valley! A ministry in Haiti that has been changing the lives of children for almost 25 years is the St. Joseph Family. Started as St. Joseph's Home for Boys in 1985, this ministry provided a home and family for boys living on the streets. The St. Joseph Family now has three homes, two for homeless boys, and a third for children and young adults living with serious mental and physical disabilities. The family has several outreach ministries, and is known for its dance troupe the Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti. The touring group of the RDTH will be in the Miami Valley this fall as part of an Ohio-Michigan tour. Some of you may know this outreach ministry of the St. Joseph Family in Haiti because members of the group have been at the Montreat Youth Conferences several times over the past few years, and several of those years the offering taken at the conference went to the St. Joseph Family. They were also featured in an article on Haiti in *Presbyterians Today*. This exciting dance troupe is made up of boys who live at St. Joseph's Home for Boys, as well as graduates of the home and other Haitian men. Their dances tell the stories of life on the streets for homeless boys, of Haitian culture, and of what happens when they live knowing that "With God All Things Are Possible!" From liturgical dance in worship to exciting performances, these drummers and dancers are an inspiration. Especially exciting about this year's tour is that the founding director of the family, Michael Geilenfeld, will be with them. A partial schedule is listed below; for more information contact Rev. Shelley Wiley, Pastor of Honey Creek Presbyterian Church, and a founding member of the U.S. Non-Profit Organization Hearts With Haiti, which raises money to support the St. Joseph Family (937-654-0078; scwiley@aol.com). The dance tours raise money to support all the ministries of the St. Joseph Family. More information can be found at www.heartswithhaiti.org.

Sept 27: 8:30 and 11:00 worship at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Centerville
Sept 28: 7:00 pm performance at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Xenia
Sept 30: 6:30 pm performance at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Centerville
Oct 3, 2:00 pm performance on Stage 2 at the Heritage of Flight Festival in New Carlisle
Oct 4, 10:30 worship and 6:00 pm performance at Honey Creek Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle



"A Fall Day at Kirkmont"

Presented by the Older Adult Ministry Network of
The Presbytery of the Miami Valley

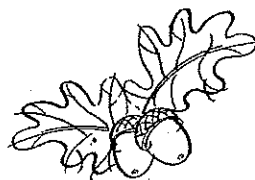
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
Kirkmont Center, Goodrich Lodge

Speaker – Reverend Mark Pierce, Chaplain of
Hospice of Central Ohio in Newark

"Called to Ministry: Seasoned and Savored"

One of the most common questions that I hear as a Chaplain is this, "Why am I still here? Why hasn't God taken me home yet?" The question reflects a need for purpose, a reason for being, and for living. Believing that God has gifted each one of us through the Spirit with talents and abilities the question emerges, "God, I'm not as young as I used to be, do you still have something for me to do...to accomplish?" I believe that the answer is YES!! I can't tell you what the answer is for you, that's for you to discover through your walk with God. It is my intention to "wet your appetite" to savor the taste of ministry and to contemplate your answers. But we won't stop here. It is my hope and prayer that you will be energized to act upon what you hear and learn from the heart. This will be an opportunity for participants to engage God who calls people of all ages to service and ministry. Rev. Mark Pierce

- 9:45 Registration & Refreshments in Goodrich Lodge
- 10:15 Welcome & Opening Prayer, Rev. Dave Fleming
- 10:30 First Presentation, Rev. Mark Pierce
- 11:30 Break
- 12:00 Lunch & Door Prizes
- 1:00 Second Presentation, Rev. Mark Pierce
- 2:00 Closing Worship, Rev. Dave Fleming



You may wish to visit "Maries Candies & The Market Place in West Liberty and enjoy the trails & labyrinth at Kirkmont before or after our day together. Dress is casual. Complete the registration form below and return with a \$10.00 check made Payable to Presbytery of the Miami Valley. Send check to Annette May at 5411 Plainfield Road Dayton, OH 45432. Call Annette May [937-258-0014] or e-mail, annette@maygourmet.com for additional information.

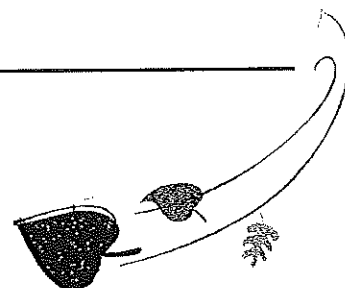
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Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration Deadline is September 23rd

See reverse for directions to Kirkmont



Directions

From the Dayton Area: Take I-70 to US 68 at Springfield and follow US 68 North through Urbana and then to the north edge of West Liberty. Turn right onto County Road (CR) 5 and drive about 7 miles to Zanesfield, bearing right at the edge of town. Proceed straight through the Stop sign two blocks and turn right onto CR 10 (Bristol Ridge). Kirkmont Center is about 2 miles up the hill on the right. Travel time is about 50 minutes from I-70.

From the Columbus Area: US 33 West to East Liberty exit, bear right. Go 1 mile, turn left onto Township Road 154. Go 1/2 mile to stop sign, turn left and go 3/4 mile into Village of East Liberty. Turn right onto CR 10. Travel 3.2 miles and Kirkmont entrance will be on your left. Travel time: 40 minutes

From the Lima or Findlay Area: US 33 East and at the 3rd Bellefontaine exit (CR 10) exit and turn left. Travel 2 miles into the Village of Zanesfield on CR 10. At stop sign, turn left. Go 30 yards and turn right (staying on CR 10). Travel 2 miles from Zanesfield and Kirkmont entrance will be on your right.

From the Akron Area: Take I-71 to US 36 and go west on US 36 to Delaware. On the eastern edge of Delaware, Route 37 bears right. Follow Route 37 through Delaware several miles until it intersects with Route 347. Go straight on Route 347 to County Road (CR) 154 and turn right on CR 154 to CR 10 and drive through East Liberty. Kirkmont Center is 3.2 miles on the left. Travel time is about 50 minutes from I-71.

