



# Presbytery of Ohio Valley

## News and Announcements

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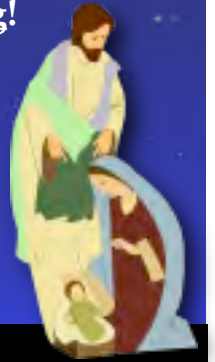
### **Mileage Rate Update!**

**Note to churches that reimburse pastors** and other church workers for mileage: there is a small decrease in the IRS allowed reimbursable rate. In 2009 the rate will be 55¢ per mile. It has been 58.5¢ per mile for the last half of 2008.

Presbytery of Ohio Valley recommends reimbursing guest preachers, pastors and other church workers at the IRS rate.

Check out the POV website - [www.povpc.org](http://www.povpc.org)!

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## Presbytery of Ohio Valley Helps Bring Hope to Flood Victims

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by Alan Harder

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Drawing on a \$50,000 grant from the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, a newly formed ecumenical ministry in Terre Haute, Ind. is bringing hope to families in five Indiana counties still reeling from the June flooding.

Terre Haute Ministries, Inc. was formed before the flood to bring the Terre Haute faith community together in common mission. The flood presented a clear need for mission, and the group has joined with other community leaders in restoring

people to their homes. Terre Haute Ministries has taken on the role of providing volunteer coordination, construction, and in-kind donations management for the five-

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Lorna Kuyk, executive presbyter of the Ohio Valley Presbytery and Lant Davis, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Terre Haute, present a check for \$50,000 to Vince McFarland, president, Terre Haute Ministries and Honnolora Hubbard, executive director, Terre Haute Ministries.

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county Wabash Valley Long Term Disaster Recovery Coalition. The Presbytery of Ohio Valley's grant funds a full-time executive director who is already fully engaged in recovery efforts.

A recently completed door-to-door survey showed that the number of flood survivors who still need assistance may be nearly 10 times greater than first believed. The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), a group specializing in damage and needs assessments, thought they would find about 40 households in need of assistance. Instead, their neighborhood canvases turned up 250 households, and they expect that number to reach as high as 400 before the count is finished.

*In the pictures to the right:*

*A mission team from First Pres. in Scottsburg helps Columbus residents restore their home after the flooding.*

Unmet needs remaining after FEMA and other assistance average \$9,200 per household, according to the Rev. Honnalora Hubbard, executive director of Terre Haute Ministries. "CRWRC was overwhelmed by the level of need in this area," she said. "CRWRC also said the need would probably be much higher except that the area had already benefited by neighbors, friends and families who helped each other," she added.

Overall financial needs for the recovery effort may reach \$8 million once the cost of tools, safety equipment and other supplies are added to the cost of repair materials.



## Things to Celebrate

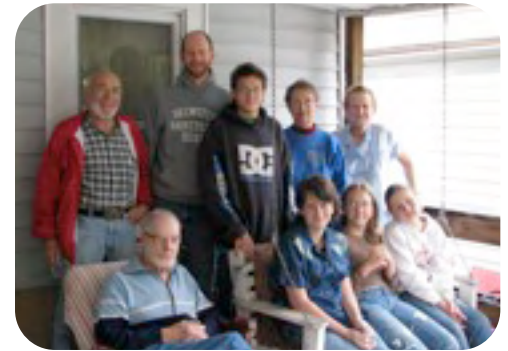
### Local:

Community Presbyterian in Charlestown, IN celebrated their 40th Anniversary on Nov 23rd.

Also on Nov 23rd, First Presbyterian in Brazil celebrated its 150th Anniversary.

### National:

We have Presbyterians in Congress; and more to come. The soon-to-close 110th Congress has 46 Presbyterians. 36 in the House, 15 of whom are Democrats. Ten in the Senate, eight of whom are Republicans; and one of the ten is PCA. The soon-to-open 111th Congress will include at least four new Presbyterian members: Mark Warner of Virginia and Kay Hagen of North Carolina (both Republicans) in the Senate; and Jim Hines of Connecticut and Glenn Nye of Virginia (both Democrats) in the House.



## Rana Khoury's Visit

by Jo Lucas

Rana Khoury's time in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley was a gift. She tells the story of the work of the International Center of Bethlehem in clear and helpful ways. The question time is her favorite time and she answers questions in ways that lift up the work we can all be engaged with here and now, near and far. I am grateful that the Presbytery Partnership includes this travel possibility and that the Presbytery Peacemaking funds are put to this use.

I want to share with you all some of the known outcomes of her travel here. The work continues to unfold in surprising and wondrous ways.

1. Rana addressed groups in Jeffersonville, Hanover, Corydon, Evansville and Columbus, with a combined audience of 150

plus. She was also introduced in a Sunday worship.

2. We bought olive leaf jewelry, made by the Bethlehem women and sold at the gift shop of the Center. We sent \$1193.00 with Rana, to the gift shop.

3. We offered Mitri's books as gifts to the host congregations and for sale to others.

4. The Corydon Congregation presented Rana with a gift of \$573.03, for the work in Bethlehem.

5. We prepared holiday cards saying "A gift has been given in your honor to the Bright Stars of Bethlehem." \$400.00 was given in this way.

6. A trip to Bethlehem is planned for Nov 2-11, 2009. The information was available/ shared and two people have sent their money to go.

In addition.....

We discovered that 6 members of the Jeffersonville congregation are going to the

area in January 2009. One of them is a physician very interested in the hearing aid project and he is now in touch with the Health and Wellness Center in Bethlehem. it will be fun to watch that ministry grow, ministering to the 4000+ people who are served at the audiology clinic each year. I hope some of us will meet with the Jeffersonville folks in February. What an grand enrichment of the partnership with their insights!

One of the women who heard Rana hopes to get the electronic pen-pal part of the partnership enlivened.

Four people want to offer gifts from the shop at the International Center of Bethlehem at their congregations' alternative holiday giving opportunities.

Two people want to host a fund raiser for the International Center.

One person is interested in working with legislators.

# Events and Continuing Education Opportunities

## Youthfest 2009

**February 20-22, 2009**

Come to Jameson camp in Indianapolis for the 11th annual Youthfest, sponsored by the Synod of Lincoln Trails for HS students and college freshmen & sophomores. For more information, [Click here](#) to download the brochure & registration information.

## Middle School Retreat

**Spring Into Faith**

**March 20-21, 2009**

Registration Cost: \$15/person before March 6th, \$25/person after 3/6/09  
For more information, click here to download the [Middle School Retreat Brochure](#).

## Energizing Your Sunday School Program: Using the Workshop Rotation Model

**January 22, 2009 9am-4pm**

Led by Phillis Wezeman  
At: Turning Pointe United Methodist Church in Evansville, Indiana  
Register online at [www.centerforcongregations.org](http://www.centerforcongregations.org) or call 812.618.2012

Cost: \$30/person (\$25 per for 3 or more)  
Register by January 16th and receive a free copy of the book, *Creative Teaching Techniques for Religion Teachers*.

## 2009 APCE Annual Event

**January 28-31, 2009**

**San Antonio Texas**

For information, go to [www.apcenet.org](http://www.apcenet.org)

## New Ways of Being Church Festival of Theology & Reunion

**March 15-18, 2009**

This event takes place at Louisville Seminary. Registration is handled online at [www.lpts.edu/reunion](http://www.lpts.edu/reunion).  
Deadline for Registration and reservations is March 5th, 2009.



## The Big Tent

The Big Tent, an unprecedented gathering of Presbyterians for ten national conferences and convocations under one roof, will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 11-13, 2009.

Registration for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Big Tent will open in January of 2009. But if you would like to use 2008 funds to pre-pay your registration fees, or fees of a group of attendees from your church or presbytery, you are now able to do so! Forms for individuals and groups are available. Simply download and complete the forms, arrange for payment, and return as instructed.

We are excited about the first of its kind of event! We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta in June of 2009 at the Big Tent!

## National Pastors Sabbath

When: April 17-20th, 2009

Who: All those actively serving PC(USA) congregations, middle governing bodies and other related ministries.

Where: Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa located in Ponte Vedra Beach, near

Jacksonville, Florida

Cost: \$119/night.

With a great location and excellent speakers & preachers like Walter Brueggemann, J. Herbert Nelson and Frances Taylor Gench, the upcoming 3rd National Pastors' Sabbath promises to be a great event!

To register: go to [www.pcusa.org/pastorsabbath](http://www.pcusa.org/pastorsabbath).

## Mission in the PC(USA)

### Resources:

Growing Christ's Church Deep and Wide - a churchwide commitment to participate in God's activity through Jesus Christ in transforming the Presbyterian Church (USA) by fostering the growth of Christ's Church Deep and Wide in evangelism, discipleship, servanthood and diversity - <http://deepandwide.ning.com/>

[presbyweb.net](http://presbyweb.net) - a website of resources and stories for church growth and transformation - [www.presbygrow.net](http://www.presbygrow.net)

An Invitation to Expanding Partnership in God's Mission - a covenant to collaborate, encourage and support each other as partners in mission - <http://www.pcusa.org/calltomission/>

Also see stories of mission partnerships at <http://www.pcusa.org/worldwide/get-involved/resources.htm>

Annual Report of the General Assembly Council - a 38 page report on the mission and ministry of the General Assembly Council - <http://www.pcusa.org/gac/07annualreport.pdf>

General Assembly Council At a Glance - a one page listing of highlights of mission and ministry - <http://www.pcusa.org/gac/ataglance.pdf>

Funding Presbyterian Mission - a one page summary of sources and uses of funds by the General Assembly Council - <http://www.pcusa.org/gac/gacbudgetflier.pdf>  
23-25 God in Ordinary Time: Faith Practices for Today led by Barbara Brown Taylor. Christian practice is a hot topic right now, as individuals and congregations re-discover the value of walking labyrinths, going on pilgrimages, hammering nails, and keeping prayer journals. Join us as we experiment with new and old practices for deepening faith day by day. Program fee: \$150. Housing additional.

October 27-31 The Guthrie Scholars Program  
This event provides for a week of self-directed study in the area of reformed theology. Click here for application information. <<http://www.ctsnet.edu/LL/Guthrie.aspx>>  
Limited to 6 participants; NO FEE - on campus room/meals provided.

## Classifieds

*If your church has a need, or has something that is no longer needed, but could still be used elsewhere, let us know!*

### Handbells Needed

Mt. Tabor church in New Albany is looking for hand bells. There are some people in the congregation who would like to start a hand bell choir. If you know of a set that they could have, or borrow, please contact Liz Owen at [leowen863@att.net](mailto:leowen863@att.net).

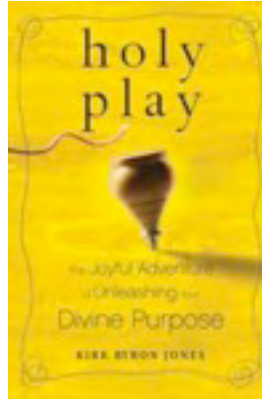
### Fax/Printer/Scanner/Copier Available

The POV Office has an HP Officejet 7210 All-in-one available to a good home. It is in good condition, and has both Tri-color and Black ink cartridges installed (about half full). There is also a replacement cartridge of each. If interested, please call the POV office at (812) 334-1152 and speak to Rhonda or Stephanie, or send an email inquiry to [secy@povpc.org](mailto:secy@povpc.org).

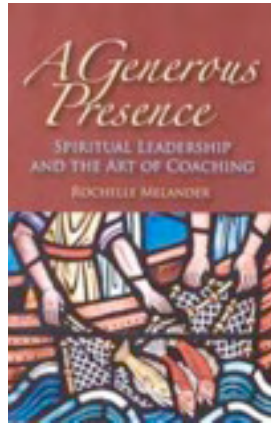
### Items needed for the God's Grace Store

The "free store" begun by the Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship to meet the needs of flood victims and other needy families in the area is always in need of items. With the winter season upon us, they are in need of coats, gloves, scarves, hats and blankets. Other items such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, bath and bed linens, children's clothing, socks & underwear are also welcome. Contact Mary Kilgore at [bcpresby@gmail.com](mailto:bcpresby@gmail.com) to arrange donations.

## Spotlight in the Resource Center



In Holy Play popular author and teacher Kirk Byron Jones shows how to move forward together with God to imagine and live your true life purpose with creativity and joy. This extraordinary book gives you permission to stop waiting for God to tell you what to do and start doing what God has been inspiring you to do all along. Through provocative stories and helpful exercises, Jones shows you how to foster the openness and energy that allow you to engage with and construct a fulfilling life that uses all your God-given talent. Jones shows how to humbly and gladly accept the sacred incredible in you-- in particular the creator in you.



A Generous Presence is a collection of story-driven essays about the philosophy, tools, and work of coaching that is designed to support all spiritual leaders in deepening and enriching their personal and professional relationships. By practicing the coaching tools Rochelle Melander offers, spiritual leaders will be better equipped to guide those they work with toward accepting the past, creating a life vision, and setting goals for the future. Additionally, the tools provided in this book will help leaders understand themselves and enable them to strengthen their definitions for healthy living, raise their awareness about their own life and relationship skills, and improve their skills in relating to individuals and groups.

The Resource Center catalogue can be viewed online from the POV website at [www.povpc.org](http://www.povpc.org). If you are interested in borrowing these or other resources, please contact Rhonda Seymour at [secy@povpc.org](mailto:secy@povpc.org).

## Upcoming Dates

*Add these to your calendar!*



### POV Office - Altered Hours

January 1st - Closed

### 2009 Assembly Dates

**February 21**

First Presbyterian  
Bedford, IN

To be Announced:

**June 13 and October 8**

**December 3** - Electronic Meeting

### Cluster Meetings

**January 22** - SE meets 7-8pm at Scottsburg.

### Mission/Social Justice 2009

**10am-12pm at Mitchell**

January 13

April 14

August 11

October 13

### Distaster Response Team

January 22, Noon - 2pm  
at the POV office, Bloomington

## Presbytery Staff

**Rev. Lorna Kuyk** — Executive Presbyter  
**Rev. Lawrence Jackman** — Stated Clerk  
**M. Jean Brown** — Treasurer  
**Rev. Peggy Casteel** — Moderator

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