



Presbytery of Ohio Valley

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Packet Deadline! **February Assembly**

The deadline for submissions to the Packet for the Assembly is **February 2nd**. Please email all reports to Stephanie Worden at itsupport@povpc.org. The packet is scheduled to be posted for download on 2/5/09. Please plan to send in your report on, or before, the 2nd, so we can get the information posted as quickly as possible.

Check out the POV website - www.povpc.org!

- Presbytery Calendar
- Church & Minister Directories
- Coaching Information
- The Resource Center Online



PDA Middle East Special Appeal

"For surely I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

All people impacted by the current violence in the Middle East are facing overwhelming humanitarian needs as a result of the continuing violence. The most basic needs—safe shelter, medical care, food, water, electricity—are well beyond the reach of many of those caught in the crossfire.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in consultation with our partners in the region to make aid available to those most in need.

When Jesus walked these very lands, by his words and his ministries he told all who would listen to care for: the children, the old, the poor, the sick, the most vulnerable.

... In this moment of crisis, while leaders strive to find a path to lasting peace, our

priority must be caring for those left vulnerable by the violence.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

GIVE to help the PC(USA) and our partners meet the physical needs of those in all the areas where violence leaves them vulnerable, and the emotional and spiritual needs of the many



Girls side-step the rubble of a damaged home. Photo credit: Shabtai Gold/IRIN.
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more who have been traumatized by that violence. Mail your church's gift to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Church Remittance Processing, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, or give through your congregation's normal giving channels. Write "DR000081-E1" on the check or remittance form so that we can ensure your gift is designated to meet these urgent needs. You can also give online at www.pcusa.org/pda/

PRAY for all those whose lives have been and continue to be affected.

STAY INFORMED with regular updates on the situation, how your church is responding, and to find available worship resources at www.pcusa.org/pda/ or by calling PresbyTel at 1-800-872-3283.



Trip to Bethlehem '09

In August, 2006 presbytery voted to establish a partnership with the International Center of Bethlehem. This partnership provides for:

- Scholarships for Palestinian students
- Used hearing aids to serve the 4,000 audiology patients at the ICB Health and Wellness Center
- Support for the churches that work for Middle East Peace
- Support the efforts of the International Center of Bethlehem that is committed to: education, healthcare, intercultural dialog and promoting the building of civil society.

A trip is currently being planned for November 2nd – 11th of 2009. The trip is one part of the partnership. But this trip is more than that. This trip is an amazing opportunity for learning about the work and mission of the International Center of Bethlehem, education concerning relationships between the Israeli and Palestinian people, learning and seeing a part of the world that is so essential to the history of our faith tradition, and is highly inspirational. The trip will also include visits to the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, St. Peter's House at Capernaum, as well as the

Dead Sea, the city of Jerusalem and more. This trip is open to anyone especially clergy and members of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

NOW is the time to think about your commitment to join us. Already there are 8 people including your Host and Moderator for 2009 Rev. Peggy Casteel that will be traveling together.

Here are some details you need to know. The early bird cost of the trip is \$3370.00. Early bird payment to guarantee this cost is \$400.00 by April 15, 2009 and should be sent directly to Group Travel Directors, Inc., Accolades International Tours for the Arts, 2000 W 98th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55431. The 2nd payment of \$1,000.00 will be due by June 30th and the balance by September 2nd. The cost of the trip after April 15th will be \$3470.

A brochure with more information will be made available soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to traveling with you!

Sincerely,

Rev. Peggy Casteel
Associate Pastor for Families
First Presbyterian Church
512 Seventh Street
Columbus, IN 47201
812-372-3783

Mission Opportunity: Camp PYOCA

January 8th 2009

Pyoca is looking for a few GREAT volunteers or work groups! The Lodge renovation is coming along nicely - drywall will be hung starting tomorrow in the offices and renovation of the welcome center will start within a week or so. The geothermal system hopefully will be online within the next three weeks!

Volunteer groups or individuals are needed to help over the next two months for the following:

For the "not-so-skilled folks":

- Painting
- Some demolition work (an interior wall)
- Tile removal
- Carpet installation (carpet squares)
- Staining trim for windows
- Stain interior doors

- Carr siding staining
- Siding stained
- Landscaping/grass seed work

For "semi-skilled" folks:

- Install ceiling insulation
- Install siding
- Install interior doors
- Frame up retaining wall
- Frame up cement sidewalk
- Wainscoating preparation
- Light installation
- Carr siding installation (ceiling)
- Trim work on windows
- Build furniture for the welcome center
- Sew cushions for the welcome center

The deadline to complete the Welcome Center is March 1st as we're hosting Whitewater Valley Presbytery!

Please contact Rich Swartwood as soon as possible to schedule your group. You can contact him at 866-251-2267 or Rich@pyoca.org. Weekdays are preferred, however we can accommodate work day events on Saturdays.

News to Celebrate

Corydon Presbyterian celebrated its 190th anniversary on Friday, 1/2/2009.

Main Street Presbyterian in Petersburg dedicated their newly renovated sanctuary on Sunday, January 11th.

First Presbyterian in Bloomington celebrated the installation of Associate Pastor, Rachel Pederson on Sunday, January 25th.



Events and Continuing Education Opportunities

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.

POV will pay for people from each Cluster to attend The Big Tent! Watch the website and the Newsletter for more information.

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.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

for elders, pastors, presbytery staff & volunteers

This conference will take place March 9-11, 2009 in Kansas City. Learn about the theological and biblical basis for stewardship and get whole-life, year-round, practical ideas for meaningful congregational and presbytery stewardship programs.

Join us for enlightening keynote presentations, 24 informative workshops, and inspiring worship.

Visit www.heartlandpby.org/kaleidoscope to register, for workshop details, presenter bios and conference updates.



Leader Development Day February 7, 2009

Essential skills and knowledge are gained by continuing and new officers of congregations. Topics include Presbyterian heritage and worship, church finances, education directors, elders and stewardship.

Time: 8:30am - Noon

Location: Louisville Seminary, Gardencourt

Cost: Free

Register: www.lpts.edu/lifelong-learning

Preaching for Lent A workshop for CLP's February 7, 2009

Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Westminster Pres. Church
1700 Crescent Drive, Champaign, IL 61821
Registration Cost: \$30/person
(includes lunch and preaching materials)

To register click [here](#).

Registration Deadline: Wed. February 4th

Presbyterian Writers' Conference April 23-24, 2009

The Presbyterian Writers Guild and author Cecil Murphey are sponsoring a Presbyterian Writers Conference at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. The conference will be held at the Harrington Center on the seminary campus, where limited housing is available. Rooms are also available in nearby hotels. The fee is \$200, with a 10 percent discount for Presbyterian Writers Guild members. Meals are available on campus for less than \$20 per day.

To register, call the seminary at 404-687-4578, or [visit the registration website](#) and scroll down to April 23. The conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, and end at 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 24. For more information or questions, contact [Steve McCutchan](#), conference liaison, or [Twila Belk](#), conference director.

Interim Pastor Training May 4-8, 2009

The Synods of Mid-America and Lincoln Trails (MALT) have joined together to provide interim training every spring and fall to pastors nationwide. Interim Training is intended for those presently engaged in interim ministry and those inquiring about this ministry. Committee on Ministry members and Presbytery Staff Persons with responsibility for congregations in transition will also find the training helpful.

SCHEDULE

The training begins with registration on Monday at 11 a.m. and concludes at 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Commuters are welcome with the understanding that they will participate fully in ALL sessions.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Residency Week I - April 17th

Residency Week II - April 3rd

To register and for fee information, go to the [Synod of Lincoln Trails](#) website.

Classifieds

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

Copier for Free

United Presbyterian Church in Bloomington wishes to find a good home for a Risograph 5900 color copier. The copier is fully functional. We are giving it away for free. Please call the church office at (812) 332-1850 to make arrangements to pick up the copier.

Need a place for a Retreat?

Even though there is snow on the ground and it is cold outside that hasn't slowed us down here at Pyoca. We have lots of great things happening and we want you to be apart of the excitement!

Are you planning a session retreat, do you have women's retreat, men's retreats, or youth gatherings to plan? Then Pyoca is the place for you! We still have plenty of space this spring for retreats of any size. Call Sean at 812-358-3413 or e-mail him at sean@pyoca.org to reserve yours!

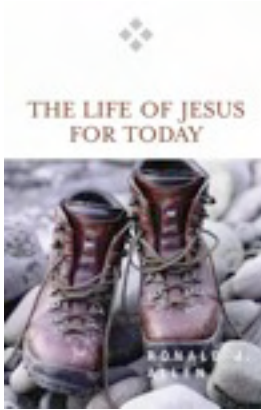
Items needed for the God's Grace Store

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 to arrange donations.

Spotlight in the Resource Center



"Today we are awash in computerized Bible games, pastoral care software, and church management systems with members' personal information and giving records," observe authors Spiegel, Armstrong, and Bill, but "too often we blindly accept and use technology without asking the big questions. Questions like, is it appropriate to our mission and ministry?" 40 Days and 40 Bytes will help your congregation explore technology so you can decide, from a ministry and culture standpoint, what you need to do. The goal: godly service—not technological glitz.



In this new volume in the popular . . . for Today series, Ron Allen provides an exciting introduction to the life of Jesus and an engaging discussion of what Jesus life means for modern-day believers. Setting Jesus in his ancient context, Allen examines many stories about Jesus life, including those that present Jesus as a teacher, a miracle worker, the crucified Messiah, the resurrected Lord, and the Son of God. Throughout, Allen shows how these different stories relate to one another to express the core of Jesus message a message that, as Allen helpfully shows, is of central importance for believers today.

The Resource Center catalogue can be viewed online from the POV website at www.povpc.org. If you are interested in borrowing these or other resources, please contact Rhonda Seymour at secy@povpc.org. Items are generally loaned out for a period of one month; renewals may be arranged.

Upcoming Dates

Add these to your calendar!

POV Office Hours - February

9:00am-2:00pm M-Th

2009 Assembly Dates

February 21

First Presbyterian
Bedford, IN

June 20

Community Presbyterian
Charlestown, IN

October 8

Camp PYOCA
Brownstown, IN

December 3

Electronic Meeting
(tentative)

Upcoming Cluster Meetings

January 20 - SC meets 7:00pm

at Corydon Church.

January 22 - SE meets 7-8pm

at Scottsburg.

Mission Partnership 2009

10am-12pm at Mitchell

January 13

April 14

August 11

October 13

Clergy Brown-Bag Lunch

January 28, starting at Noon

at First Presbyterian, Jeffersonville

Presbytery Staff

Rev. Lorna Kuyk — Executive Presbyter
Rev. Lawrence Jackman — Stated Clerk
M. Jean Brown — Treasurer
Rev. Peggy Casteel — Moderator
Karen Goodwell — Vice-Moderator

Rhonda Seymour — AA Office Support
Stephanie Worden — AA IT Support

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If you have an article, announcement or other news that you would like to submit, please send text and/or pictures to the POV office at info@povpc.org. All submissions must be received by the 10th of the month in order to be included in the current month's issue of the News.