



Presbytery of Ohio Valley

News and Announcements

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The next Assembly Date is June 20th at Charlestown Presbyterian.

- The deadline for submissions to the Packet is **June 1st!**
- The packet will be posted on the website for download Thursday, 6/4/09 at www.povpc.org on the Assembly page.



The POV Office is Moving!

The POV staff are moving to a new office space at the United Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. During the move, scheduled to take place during the last two weeks of May, the office will be closed, but there will be someone on call to answer questions via phone.

The move schedule is as follows:

May 18-21

Moving the office - Larry Jackman will be on call and available via email.

May 26-28

Office/Computer systems setup and organization - Lorna Kuyk will be on call and available via email.

(The office will also be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day)

Beginning Monday, June 1st, the office will be open for calls and operations as normal. Our new address is be:

Presbytery of Ohio Valley
1701 East Second St.,
Suite 100
Bloomington, IN 47401

The POV phone number will now be Toll-Free at (866) 344-7853, and the Fax number will be (866) 945-9439, also Toll-Free.

Office hours for June will continue to follow the current schedule: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Monday-Thursday

Please make sure to change this information in your mailing lists and directories!



Let Your Light So Shine!

Covenant Gathering 2009 June 28 - July 3

Join Christian friends from Synod of the Covenant and Synod of Lincoln Trails -- and beyond -- at lovely Michindoh Conference Center near the Ohio, Indiana and Michigan border in Hillsdale, MI.

You'll be able to learn about deepening spirituality through prayer, meditation, art and nature; using electronic media in the church, transforming congregations through the new evangelism, and preparing your congregation to response to community crises. You'll also find a Bible study on the Gospel of John and a Christian Education Theory and Practice class approved for CE certification and CLP studies.

Children and youth will be exploring their place in the world God created in age-appropriate classes with experienced, seasoned teachers. Everyone can enjoy the trails, lake, water slide and water sports at Michindoh! It's an affordable, all-inclusive

family vacation. (Less than \$1000 total for a family of four of 2 adults and 2 kids ages 6-12.)

Go to www.covenantgathering.com for details on classes, costs and registration. Check out www.Michindoh.com for more information on our meeting place and accommodations. Or email covenantgathering@comcast.net with other questions.

In His service,
Covenant Gathering 2009 Design Team



Camp PYOCA News

CAMP IS FILLING UP FAST!!

If your children have yet to sign up for camp then you should act fast! One camp has already filled and several others are close to being filled too so hurry now and get your registrations in fast! If you have questions on which camps are full and how many spaces we have please check our website at www.pyoca.org or call Sean at the office at 866-251-2267.

CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS

This has been a hard year for many people in our Presbyteries but Pyoca wants you to know that we will never turn away ANY camper who wants to come to camp for financial reasons. This is why we need your help! Please talk to you sessions and see if they can sponsor children and ask members of your congregations to help send kids to camp too. Any help that we can get here at Pyoca will be much appreciated. Last year alone we handed out almost \$5,000 in scholarship money and we expect to hand out more this year. Anyone can help and any amount will do. Contact Sean or Rich if you would like to help in anyway.

I LOVE PYOCA WORK WEEKEND

Pyoca's annual work camp weekend is May 29-31 and we already have several people signed up to lend us their hands to get camp ready and in shape for the summer. However, we still need more help! If you are interested in bringing a group to Pyoca for a day or for the weekend please contact Rich at pyoca@pyoca.org to let him know! Help us make Pyoca beautiful for the campers.

CHURCH BUS

We are looking for a church that would be willing to let us borrow your church van for our Adventure camps. We send 9 youth and 2 responsible staff on these trips. The van would not be needed on the weekend and we would pay for gas and ensure that the drivers are of proper age and skill to drive the vehicle. If you can help us with this it would be very much appreciated! Contact Sean at program@pyoca.org if your church can help us this summer.

Camp PYOCA News Work Groups are Needed!

We're under 60 days to camp and there's lots to accomplish, from routine work around camp to folks with skilled construction on the Yurt Cabin. We need the following assistance:

- Back porches built
- Front screen porch constructed
- Siding installed
- Electrical work
- Plumbing work
- Interior walls painted and installed
- Bunk beds built
- Ceiling installed and painted

Camp areas that need attention:

- General trail work
- Initiative course cleared and prepared for summer
- Landscaping
- Rustic Cabins cleaned
- Waterfront opened
- Store roughed in new Welcome Center of Lodge

To schedule a work group, please contact Rich Swartwood at 866-251-2267! Weekday or weekend groups are welcome!



RETREATS, RETREATS, RETREATS!

Pyoca still has plenty of fall dates available for you to book your retreat. We offer comfortable facilities, food service, and activities such as team building activities and our high ropes course for an affordable price.

Also, did you know that by being a member of our Presbytery you can receive a discount on lodging? Booking for 2009 Begins in June so be looking for an announcement on that sometime soon. Until then - check us out at www.pyoca.org, call Sean at 866-251-2267, or come by and visit the facility. Come and take advantage of this beautiful place you will be glad you did!

Summer Youth Opportunity from PTS

Greetings from the Summer Youth Institute at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. I appreciate your willingness to help share information about SYI with the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

Over the last twelve summers, we have had 367 high school students from 40 states and Puerto Rico come to our campus to study with faculty for two weeks. This year's program runs July 11-25, 2009. Currently, we have scholarships still available for young men finishing 11th or 12th grade. (A greater portion of scholarships are awarded to young women, and a waiting list has begun for such individuals.) I am hoping that you or a colleague may now of a young person that likes to ask big questions of faith and would be interested in studying with our seminary faculty for two weeks.

The point of SYI is to give young people who like to ask big questions of faith an opportunity to fall in love with theology, strengthen their leadership skills and demystify the whole idea of seminary. The community that is formed over the two weeks is authentic and is one in which students feel safe to delve into the numerous questions about God and the world around them. They leave with a greater sense that they are not alone in their questioning and that they have a broader community of faith to resource them for ministry in their home churches.

We are looking for students currently in their junior or senior year of high school to apply for this summer who may or may

not be interested in seminary. Ideally, we are looking for young leaders in the church who are good students that would get a kick out of studying with seminary faculty and peers. Each student accepted into the program will receive a full scholarship that covers room, board and tuition thanks to generous support from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and friends of the seminary. The only cost for participants is travel and personal expenses. If travel will be a burden on a participant, with the recommendation of the pastor, we will offer a travel scholarship for 1/3 the cost of travel hoping that the congregation and presbytery will cover the other 2/3 cost of travel.

Information and an application for SYI can be found at www.summeryouthinstitute.org. I'd greatly appreciate it if you would share this information with other pastors and elders that can identify such young people. Please let me know how I may be a better resource to folks in communicating this program.

Sincerely,
Ellie Johns

The Rev. Mary Eleanor Johns
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Welcome to the Bulletin Board!

Follow the links to sign up for the posted events.

2009 Christian Life Conference

July 4-7, 2009 at Montreat Conf. Center

A ministry of inspirational speakers and seminar teachers; strong youth and children's programs; and a variety of recreational opportunities for the entire family.
For more info: www.montreat.org

Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity

This workshop takes place on Monday, May 18th in Indianapolis or Wednesday, June 10th in Evansville. The topic is stewardship & giving as a way of life in a congregation, rather than an annual campaign. Click [here](#) for registration info.

Calvin Jubilee at Montreat

July 8-11, 2009

This event will be a festive occasion in which Christians from various denominations in the Reformed Tradition will gather to worship and celebrate the legacy of John Calvin. To [register](#) for the conference. To [reserve](#) lodging & meals.

God Will Do Wonders Among You

July 11-15
Churchwide gathering of Presbyterian Women

For information, or to register online go to: www.pcusa.org/pwgathering.

Retreat Opportunities:

Interested in attending a retreat? Take a look at [PYOCA's](#) calendar. Want to travel outside of Indiana? Try looking through the list of upcoming events happening at [Montreat Conference Center](#) in North Carolina, or at [Casa Del Sol](#) in New Mexico.

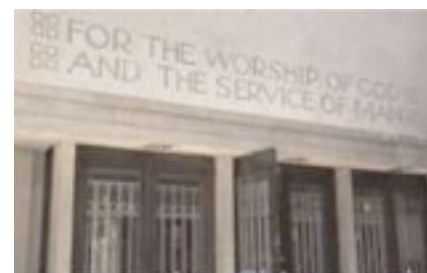
Spotlight in the Resource Center



An ever-increasing number of resources compete for the attention of congregational leaders. With a seemingly endless number of choices, finding the best resource on a particular topic for a specific congregation is an often daunting challenge. www.congregationalresources.org is an invaluable companion to the groundbreaking online version of Alban Institute's and Indianapolis Center for Congregation's jointly researched and produced Congregational Resource Guide, launched in 2001 and accessed by thousands of seekers each week. The book conveniently and cogently puts the rich array of important resources into context by examining in depth, the key books, organizations, Web sites, and people that will help leaders gain an understanding of important issues facing their congregations.

Ministry leaders possess the compassion, creativity, and knowledge about community needs that grant funders appreciate. Yet ministry groups are often less experienced than other types of nonprofit organizations in discerning which funding to seek, understanding how to build relationships with funders, and putting together proposals.

This book offers a pathway to strengthening new and existing ministries. Joy Skjegstad is an experienced grant-proposal writer who has successfully raised money for a variety of nonprofits over the past 20 years, including a number of ministry organizations. She shows how fundraising can be an integral part of ministry forcing us into deeper conversation with God, expanding our relationships with others, and building both our faith and our discipline.



Winning Grants
to Strengthen Your Ministry

FOREWORD BY ART L. SOERMAN

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 - May

May 4-19th

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

May 25

Closed for Memorial Day

May 20-21 and May 26-28

Closed for moving and setup.

Mission Partnership 2009

10am-12pm at Mitchell

August 11

October 13

2009 Assembly Dates

June 20

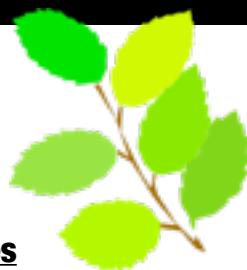
Community Presbyterian
Charlestown, IN

October 8

Camp PYOCA
Brownstown, IN

December 3

Electronic Meeting



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.