



Presbytery of Ohio Valley

News and Announcements

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The next Assembly Date is October 8th at Camp PYOCA in Brownstown, IN.



- The deadline for submissions to the Packet is **Sept. 21st!**
- The packet will be posted on the website for download Friday, 9/25/09 at www.povpc.org on the Assembly page.

We've Moved!

The POV office has moved to a new space at the United Presbyterian Church in Bloomington.

Our new address is:

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

The POV phone number is Toll-Free at (866) 344-7853. The Fax number remains (812) 334-1630.

Office hours are 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Monday-Thursday.

Please make sure to change this information in your mailing lists and directories, and publicize it in your church newsletter!

Welcome, Rev. Susan McGhee!

On July 22, 2009, the Presbytery of Ohio Valley elected Susan McGhee to be Presbyter for Common Life. Susan will officially begin September 16, 2009. Welcome, Susan!

More about Susan:

Susan Colleen McGhee was born on St. Patrick's Day, and was raised in the Christian faith in the southern West Virginia town of Mullens. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English (magna cum laude) at West Virginia Wesleyan College. From there she packed her station wagon and headed for Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, where she received a Master of Divinity degree. During her time



at Wesley, she coordinated the seminary chapel services and following her graduation was named to the seminary Board of Governors. Susan was ordained June 1st, 1988 by the United Methodist Church.

Susan was a minister commissioner to the 216th General Assembly (2004) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She served as Moderator of the Presbytery of West Virginia in 2006 and as Chairperson of the Presbytery Council in 2007. She has been the Chairperson of the Presbytery Worship, Review

and Polity Committee and a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission.

She helped to develop and administer a cluster-like approach in her (now former)

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presbytery. She has served in a variety of ministry settings in both small and larger churches: as solo pastor, church educator, associate pastor, interim pastor and head of staff. Before coming to POV, she was the Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Susan has been trained as a Healthy Congregations facilitator (Peter Steinke), a leader of contemplative prayer groups and retreats (Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation), a mediator (Lombard Mennonite Peace Center), and a certified laughter leader (World Laughter Tour). She has served on the Board of Directors of the county Mental Health Association and Habitat for Humanity Chapter, and has provided web site design and tech support for non-profit organizations. She enjoys leading workshops, especially in the areas of spiritual formation and therapeutic laughter.

Susan writes hymns and anthems, as well as short stories about life as a small church pastor. She enjoys visiting with her friends, spending time with her family on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and watching her nieces and nephews grow up (some of whom live in Indiana). She has two calico cats, Kate and Allie.

Your church can be featured on the PCUSA home page!

Each week two different congregations are featured.

To be included you simply sign up. Click on this link (or copy & paste it into your browser) to find out how: <http://www.pcusa.org/navigation/feature.htm>.

Mission Year Books of Prayer - Time to Order!

If you would like to order copies of the 2010 Mission Yearbook for your church, please contact Rhonda Seymour, either by email (secy@povpc.org) or phone (866) 344-7853 to let her know how many you would like to order. This year copies will cost \$5.00/ea. **Also, since the December Assembly is planned to be held electronically, we will not be able to distribute them at Assembly the way we**

did last year. Pickup from the POV Office will need to be arranged, or we can ship them, but will then need to add the cost of the shipping to your order. If you are interested, please contact Rhonda by October 1st with your order!

The Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study is a daily devotional with 365 inspiring mission stories that come from next door and all across the globe. It inspires thousands of Presbyterians daily as they uphold the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in intercessory prayer.



The stories for the 2010 Mission Yearbook were collected around John 7:38, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." Each yearbook page bears witness to the abundant possibilities of the church because of the living water within its people.

Camp PYOCA

Consider having your retreat at Camp PYOCA...

Pyoca Camp, Conference & Retreat Center invites you to come and "Be Still." Please explore and see how we can help you or your group slow down and see where God is calling you! We can accommodate overnight accommodations for non-profit groups from 5 people to 167 people in a variety of buildings. Food service events can hold up to 200 people and offer a wonderful environment and great food!

Check us out at www.pyoca.org, call 866-251-2267, or come by and visit the facility. Come and take advantage of this beautiful place you will be glad you did!



Job Opportunities:

Pyoca is looking for two individuals to serve as year-round Hospitality Coordinator and Summer Camp Program Coordinator. Hospitality Coordinator will be responsible for retreat management, facility operations and hospitality. The Summer Camp Coordinator will be responsible for staff recruitment, training, and coordinating the programs at Pyoca. For more information contact Rich Swartwood at 866-251-2267 or send resume to rich@pyoca.org.

Special Events

Are you planning a special dinner or a holiday banquet and looking for a great place to host you? Pyoca is that place - we offer banquet opportunities for groups from 12-50 for any occasion. Our Lodge features a beautiful view of Lake Pyoca and a warm fireplace for those winter months.

On-Line Giving Available

We now have on-line giving. Please check out our web site and click on the e-give link at the bottom of the home page. You can set up one time donations, weekly, monthly or even yearly donation amounts. We thank all of you who support our ministry in the many ways you do and hopefully this will help make giving just that much simpler! If you have questions, please contact Rich at rich@pyoca.org.

Can Anyone Use These?

We did a lot of closet cleaning when we moved the POV office, but now that we've had time to settle into our new space, we realize that there are still a few odd items hanging around:

HP Laserjet Toner Cartridges:

96A for series HP 2100 - 2200

15A for series HP 1000, 1005, 1200, 1220, 3300, or 3380.

HP Inkjet Cartridges:

#29 Black

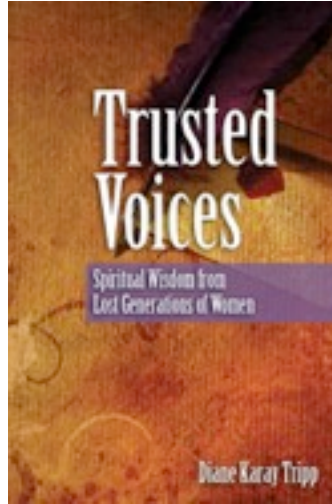
#49 Tri-Color

2 Boxes of Ribbon Cassettes for a Pitney Bowes Postperfect B700 postage meter.

If you or anyone you know can use these items, please email Rhonda at secy@povpc.org, or call the office at (866-344-7853).



New in the Resource Center



Trusted Voices

by Diane Karay Tripp

Rediscover the voices of 25 Reformed women whose stories have been discarded or suppressed. According to Karay Tripp, many people are unaware of the rich history of female mystics and spiritual leaders in the Reformed tradition. Karay Tripp concentrates on women whose narratives have been neglected or forgotten, giving us back these stories and inspiring us to understand who we are and who we might become.

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

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

September 7th

Closed for Labor Day

Assembly Dates '09

October 8

Camp PYOCA
Brownstown, IN

December 3

Electronic Meeting

For these and other dates, check out the calendar on the POV website!

Dates of Note:

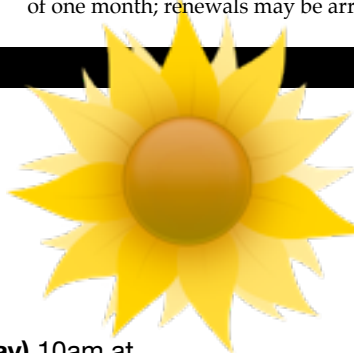
Sept 12 (Saturday) 10am at Camp PYOCA. Come celebrate Lorna's service to POV.

Sept 16 Rev. Susan McGhee begins as PCL for POV.

Sept 21 - Deadline for submissions to the packet.

Oct 3 - NW Cluster bonfire & hot dog roast at Unity Pres. in Terre Haute.

Nov 17 - Clergy Brown Bag Lunch at Trinity church in New Washington.



Presbytery Staff

Rev. Lorna Kuyk — Executive Presbyter
Rev. Susan McGhee — PCL-Elect

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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