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As stated on Marion Medicals Mission website “Most of the health problems throughout the third world are water-related. This is especially true in the rural areas of Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia, Africa where the people suffer from dysentery and other water-borne diseases. Most of the villages depend on surface water collected from open ponds and water holes similar to the one pictured above. Shallow wells provide safe water to villages. The wells are sealed against surface pollution.”

In all, \$1,660.05 was raised for this mission which was enough to build 5 ½ shallow wells. Each well costs \$350.00. Throughout Lent, participants saved their loose change in smaller water bottles and then brought the bottles back to church and poured the change into a larger water bottle. To kick off the program, the Acts 16:5 committee presented this ministry at a free-will baked potato luncheon.

As a congregation, Firestone Park Presbyterian Church has embraced the challenge Jesus commanded us in and that is to reach out to those in need.

The Leadership Difference

*“The pessimist complains about the wind.
The optimist expects it to change.
The leader adjusts the sails.”*

— John Maxwell

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LEADERSHIP...TO MISSION!

By: Jona Rohrs

For several years, Firestone Park Presbyterian Church has been involved in the Acts 16:5 initiative sponsored by Eastminster Presbytery. This program has been very inspirational to our congregation. It came at a time when our congregation was in transition. Our full-time pastor had moved on to another call, our membership declining, and a call to an interim pastor took some time. But that did not stop us from moving forward with this program and our focus. In fact, the congregation of Firestone Park gained a better appreciation of who we were and what we wanted to become.

One aspect of “what we wanted to become” is to be more mission driven. This past winter the Acts 16:5 committee embarked on a ministry called **H2O Challenge**. The congregation was asked to save his or her “loose change” with the knowledge all monies raised will be sent to the Marion Medical Mission to help build shallow wells in Malawi, Africa.

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Lunch & Leadership

Lunch and Leadership provides an opportunity to explore some of the best material written today for church leaders. The format is simple and enjoyable. We meet at the farm house at J.B.M. from 10:00 a.m. until noon where we explore a resource.

While participants are welcome to purchase the resource in advance and read it, it is not necessary. Dan Schomer will present a printed summary of the resource. From noon to 12:30 we'll break for a picnic lunch. Then from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. we'll discuss together how the resource we've explored applies to our own contexts for ministry.

Here are the dates and resources to be explored:

-July 15: “The Missional Leader” by Alan Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk (Jossey-Bass.)

-August 19: “Leading Change in the Congregation” by Gil Rendle (Alban Institute.)



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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACTION LEARNING TEAM ACTIVITY

By: Larry A. Myers, Pastor Kinsman Presbyterian Church

In response to Eastminster Presbytery's newly formed Leadership Development Action Learning Team's solicitation for input from local churches, Kinsman Presbyterian Church's session addressed the issue by suggesting that we hold a combined meeting of our Sunday School classes.

Two adult classes and one teenage class came together in a dialogue on Sunday, May 4, 2008 in order to discuss the proposed questions concerning our community of faith using biblical stories, characters, or quotations to explain their feelings. A very instructive conversation developed between the older adults and the teenagers. The Youth Group leader spoke from the heart as he related the concerns of our teenagers. Very few of the adults realized the peer pressures, home life situations, personal problems, or obsta-

cles our youth deal with on a daily basis. The older adults attempted to comment on their concerns speaking from a different cultural experience.

Many of the participants could not identify a biblical correlation to their personal comments, views, or situations so the group made common suggestions for the initial few suggestions. Quickly the biblical passages were dismissed and participants spoke from the heart. A list was recorded for the Action Learning Team's usage from the comments made in group discussion. The group felt that the discussion was a very rewarding experience and suggested that we repeat this dialogue every 3 months as an avenue for better within our community of faith.

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TRUMBULL MINISTER'S WIVES & WIDOWS

Bernice Starr Black is vice-president of the mostly African American group, Trumbull Minister's Wives and Widows.

This gave her the opportunity to lead the way for Calvary Presbyterian to host the group's Spring concert the evening of March 14.

Twenty-three ministers representing sixteen Anglo and African American congregations participated in the Preachers in Song Gala, and seventeen of them sang a favorite hymn as a solo.

Two and a half hours in length, the concert was a time of joyful fellowship among Christians from different colors and denominations and worship styles.

Sound reinforcement was by David Metzendorf, Calvary elder, who does the same for the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra.

Thanks to Bernice, Calvary was led into an opportunity to "practice what we preach" - to praise the Lord with brothers and sisters across a racial divide that still exists in our nation and churches

NEWS

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15 semifinalists announced in Youth Video Challenge

Final voting will take place at GA on top three ymiLIVE.org videos

by Jerry L. Van Marter
Presbyterian News Service

JEFFERSONVILLE, IN — Fifteen semi-finalists have been announced in the inaugural Youth Video Challenge sponsored by the [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\) Foundation](http://PresbyterianChurch(U.S.A.)Foundation.org) on its social networking site, ymiLIVE.org.

The ymiLIVE.org site was launched in January 2008 to create an online community for young Presbyterians, their parents and all who share a commitment to the active support of PC(USA) youth ministry and mission. "It's fellowship without

eligible to vote on-line for the 15 semifinalists.

The final three winning videos will be selected by the Youth Advisory Delegates (YAD's) during a vote at General Assembly, June 21-28 in San Jose, CA. Each winning youth group will receive a \$25,000 endowment fund from the Presbyterian Foundation. The endowment funds will be used at their churches to provide continued financial support to youth ministry programs.

Ryan E. Little, the Foundation's marketing director said he was pleased with the enthusiastic participation from Presbyterian youth groups and supporters. "From the beginning, our hope was to connect and engage with a wide variety of Presbyterian churches, whether large, mid or small sized memberships and with youth groups from across the country," he said.

"The 15 semifinalists indicated we were successful: three churches had fewer than 100 members, five had fewer than 500, three had fewer than 1000 members and four churches had more than 1000 members," he added. "Video entries came from New York to California to Minnesota and Florida and points in between!"

One of the fifteen semifinalists include: PLEASANT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YOUNGSTOWN, OH

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boundaries," said Foundation public relations officer Barbara Juckett. The Youth Video Challenge ran from March 1 to June 1. More than 100 PC(USA) youth groups submitted short videos creatively expressing the theme of this year's 218th General Assembly: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). She said more than 12,000 youth group members, leaders and supporters registered on the ymiLIVE site to be