

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY

March 9, 2010

Presbytery Meeting

MARCH CALENDAR

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| 2 | - | noon | South Area COM Meeting @ Annabell's Restaurant, Salem |
| 3 | - | 9:00 am | East Area COM meeting @ Presbytery Center |
| | - | noon | West Area COM meeting @ Erie Station |
| | - | 3:00 pm | North Area COM meeting @ Warren Calvary Church |
| 4 | - | 9-12 pm | COM Area Chairs Meeting @ Presbytery Office |
| 7 | - | 2-6 pm | COM retreat @ First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge |
| | - | 2:00 pm | Reading of Session Minutes @ The Canfield Presbyterian Church |
| 9 | - | 4:00 pm | COM meeting @ New Covenant Community Church, Akron |
| | - | 5:00 pm | Presbytery Meeting @ New Covenant Community Church, Akron |
| 10 | - | 12:30 pm | West Area Retired Clergy Luncheon @ Martin Center, Akron University |
| | - | noon | EP West Area Pastors Brown Bag luncheon @ Goodyear Heights Church |
| 12-13 | - | ***** | Synod Assembly @ Synod office in Maumee, OH |
| | - | ***** | Middle School Retreat @ JBM |
| 14 | - | 2:00 pm | Reading of Session Minutes @ The First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge |
| | - | ***** | Churches asked to take special offering for JBM Camp |
| 23 | - | 7:00 pm | JBM Task Force Meeting @ Presbytery Center |
| 25 | - | 12:30 pm | Youngstown Clergy Luncheon @ Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, Youngstown |
| | - | 6:30 pm | Mission Visioning Council meeting @ Kent Presbyterian Church |

APRIL CALENDAR

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| 2 | - | ***** | Good Friday – Presbytery Office Closed |
| 6 | - | ***** | Margaret Park Scholarship Application Due |
| 7 | - | ***** | Evangel Articles Due |
| 8 | - | ***** | Deadline to order 2010-2011 Planning Calendars |
| 13 | - | 4:00 pm | Margaret Park Scholarship Committee Mtg. @ Canfield Presbyterian Church |
| | - | 4:30 pm | COM @ Canfield Presbyterian Church |
| | - | 5:00 pm | Committee Night Meeting @ Canfield Presbyterian Church |
| 14 | - | 12:30 pm | West Area Retired Clergy Luncheon @ Martin Center, Akron University |
| 20 | - | ***** | Deadline to register for the Pastor's Retreat @ JBM |
| 22 | - | 12:30 pm | Youngstown Clergy Luncheon @ Poland Presbyterian Church |
| | - | 5:00 pm | Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council Mtg. @ Mineral Ridge Presbyterian Church |
| | - | 6:30 pm | Mission Visioning Council meeting @ Mineral Ridge Presbyterian Church |
| 27-28 | - | 3:00 pm | Pastor's Retreat @ JBM Camp & Conference Center |

Directions to:

NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
2095 West Market Street
Akron, Ohio 44313

New Covenant Community is a union congregation that is presently meeting at the Fairlawn West United Church of Christ at *2095 West Market Street* in Akron.

From the NORTH, EAST and SOUTH: Approach Akron by Ohio Route 8, Interstate 76 or Interstate 77, as appropriate. From the point where these routes intersect near downtown Akron, take northbound I – 77 about six miles to the *White Pond Drive* exit (stay in the left two lanes until past the place where I – 76 turns off). At the exit ramp, stay in the left lane, turn left and then immediately right (north) onto *White Pond Drive*.

It appears on a map that it is logical to continue straight north to *West Market Street*, but this is not the best choice because of problems where those two streets intersect. Instead, go just over ½ mile to a railroad crossing. Immediately after crossing the track, turn right (northeast) on *Frank Boulevard*. Go about ½ mile to the traffic light at West Market. Turn left, and the church is about ½ mile ahead, on the right. Immediately past the church, turn right on Meadowcroft and then right again into the church parking lot.

From the WEST: Approach Akron on *Ohio Route 18 (West Market Street)*. The distance to the church from the intersection of Route 18 and I – 77 is four miles. Turn left on Meadowcroft, immediately before the church, and the right into the parking lot.

Additional parking is available at the adjacent Judith A. Resnik Community Learning Center.

Entering the church building from the parking lot, turn left and proceed through some doorways down a long, curving corridor to the Fellowship Hall.

The New Covenant Community Church is fully handicapped accessible.

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The Church of Jesus Christ
Assembles as a
Stated Meeting of Eastminster Presbytery
March 9, 2010
New Covenant Community Church, Akron, Ohio 5:00 p.m.

Pre-presbytery Groups meeting

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| 3:00 p.m. | Preparation for Ministry Meeting | |
| 4:00 p.m. | Committee on Ministry | |
| 5:00 p.m. | Call to Order Constituting Prayer Moderator's Welcome Recognition of First-Time Commissioners Host Pastor's Welcome | |
| 5:10 p.m. | Business of the Clerk Declaration of Quorum Adoption of Docket Adoption of Consent Agenda Correspondence Referrals Distribution of Papers | |
| 5:15 p.m. | Report from General Presbyter – Rev. Dan Schomer | |
| 5:20 p.m. | Nominating Committee- Peggy Richmond | p.11 |
| 5:22 p.m. | Resource Center - Lorraine Jones | p.12-13 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Synod Report – Interim Synod Executive Margaret Haney | |
| 5:40 p.m. | Trustees – Rev. Rusty Cowden | p.38-41 |
| 5:50 p.m. | Presbytery at Worship | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dinner | |
| 7:15 p.m. | Book Study | p.14-16 |
| 7:45 p.m. | JBM – Chuck Chalker | p.32-35 |
| 7:50 p.m. | Mission Committee – Rev. E. Parker, Rev. A. Meadows, Mark Strickland | p.17-18 |
| 8:00 p.m. | Struthers Commission – Rev. Henry Pearce | p.19 |
| 8:03 p.m. | Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Rev. Mark Phillips | |
| 8:05 p.m. | Committee on Ministry – Carol Rummell | p.20 |
| 8:20 p.m. | Mission Visioning Council – Rev. Scott Parker | |
| 8:25 p.m. | Closing Prayer / Adjournment | |

Consent Agenda
March 9, 2010

1. To approve the minutes of the Eastminster Presbytery Stated Meeting on January 12, 2010.
2. To approve the minutes of the Eastminster Special Stated Presbytery Meeting on February 9, 2010.
3. To append the minutes of the December 10, 2009 Mission Visioning Council to the January 12, 2010 minutes.
4. To append the minutes of the January 23, 2010 minutes of the Mission Visioning Council retreat to the January 12, 2010 minutes.
5. To append the minutes of the December 10, 2009 Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council to the January 12, 2010 minutes.
6. That upon the recommendation of the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating council that the offering of the May 8, 2010 stated meeting be designated to JBM Camp & Conference Center scholarships.
7. That upon the recommendation of the Mission Visioning Council that the Robert Gillette be co-opted to the Mission Visioning Council for 2010.

The Church of Jesus Christ
Assembles as a
Called Meeting of Eastminster Presbytery
February 22, 2010, Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, Akron, Ohio, 7:15 p.m.

CALLED MEETING: Eastminster Presbytery held a called meeting at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, Akron, Ohio, 7:18 p.m. Elder Marilyn Stroble, moderator, called the meeting to order and offered a constitution prayer.

The Moderator stated the Purpose of the Meeting: at the request of Rev. Rusty Cowden, Warren First Presbyterian Church; Rev. Aaron Meadows, Kent Presbyterian Church; Elder Cal Bennett, Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church and Elder Robert Gillette, Poland Presbyterian Church for the purpose of (1) acting on a request from the Session of the Kent Presbyterian Church, (2) acting on a request from the Rev. Matthew Medford to overture the 219th General Assembly and (3) at the request of the Petersburg Presbyterian Church in obtaining permission to sell their manse.

Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk, declared the presence of a quorum.

A Motion Prevailed that the Kent Presbyterian Church congregation be permitted to create an LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) which will build, own and operate the Living Learning Center; that the congregation has the authority to enter into a land lease with the LLC; to request that the congregation negotiate a construction loan not to exceed \$22,000,000; and that the congregation has the authority to bring on an equity partner if necessary.

A Motion Prevailed to grant the Petersburg Presbyterian Church permission to sell its manse.

A Motion Failed to Overture the 219th General Assembly to make changes in G-8.401 (Attachment I, p.)

The moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next Stated Meeting of Eastminster Presbytery will be held on March 9th at New Covenant Community Church in Akron, Ohio.

Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk

Elder Marilyn Stroble, Moderator

**Mission Visioning Council Retreat
First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge
January 23, 2010**

The members of the Mission Visioning Council gathered from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. for muffins and coffee.

The retreat convened at 9:30 a.m. with opening worship led by past Moderator Debby Dockstader.

Debby Dockstader provided a review of the Vision and Mission Statements and the development of the current Mission Priorities for Eastminster Presbytery. Dan Schomer presented the General Presbyter's Performance Goals for 2010.

The Council divided into two groups with the assignment to consider their top two mission priorities for 2010. After 30 minutes of discussion, the two groups reported to the whole group.

Group 1

Priority One: Encourage churches to do ministry together. The group believes this priority will build relationships, encourage doing missions together, and help churches to learn from each other.

(Group 1 believed that Priority One naturally leads into the priority "Work to help churches realistically consider their futures"—and recommended that it be the focus for 2011).

Priority Two: Evaluate and increase our use of technology to enhance effectiveness.

Group 2

Priority One: Encourage churches to do ministry together. The group believes that this priority provides small, struggling congregations a way to continue in ministry despite a shortage of resources and will reveal the power of partnerships to all participating congregations.

Priority Two: Work to help churches realistically consider their futures. Suggested tasks include discovering what God can do, assessing the gifts that God provides a congregation, and accentuating the positive.

Technology is seen by this group as a means to carry out the other priorities.

After some discussion, consensus was developed that the Council would focus on one priority in 2010—**Encourage churches to do ministry together.**

The Council adjourned for lunch and enjoyed a variety of gourmet treats prepared by Administrative Assistant Marianne Lidstone.

Following lunch, the Council returned to the two groups formed in the morning to consider how to implement the 2010 priority.

Group 2

The group outlined five ministry areas in which its saw the 2010 priority as applicable: mission, worship, youth, seniors, and sharing staff:

Mission:

- Plan an overnight mission project. The project would include 8 hours of service each day plus meals and worship. The foci would be service, relationships, spirituality, and learning. The participants would evaluate the project, asking, "What did we do? What else can we do?"
- Neighborhood churches work together on a project such as Habitat for Humanity or a local need.

Worship:

- Develop cooperative summer worship. Hold combined worship in the summer months with another congregation. The pastor preaches in the other congregation's church. The end result is a saving in summer supply preaching during the pastor's vacation AND a growing relationship with a sister church.

Youth

- Small churches may wish to explore developing a combined youth ministry.

Seniors

- Group trips are popular.

Sharing Staff

- It's doable, it provides smaller congregations with the possibility of additional staffing at a reduced cost to each church.

Group 1

1. Utilize the existing four areas of the presbytery to facilitate communication and cooperation.
2. Find ways to increase the comfort level, trust, and willingness to share—overcome fears and discomfort.

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- A. Combined special worship services
 - B. Big joint worship services
 - C. Youth and adult service trips
 - D. Picnics
 - E. Presbyterian Women activities
 - F. Community service projects (build something together)
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No substitute for personal contacts and exploration of opportunities. Seek ways for big and small congregations to share projects.

The full Council discussed the responses of the two smaller groups. The following learnings were highlighted:

- The key to making this priority work effectively is the building of relationships. It is necessary to begin with relationship building and to work continually to maintain and grow these relationships.
- As churches work cooperatively, they must do so ethically. Any suspicions of proselytizing will sabotage trust.
- The focus must be on the developing of new ministries. One congregation inviting another congregation "join our group" will not work because there will inevitably be insiders and outsiders and the potential for power struggles. Start fresh, shape the ministry together, and share the ownership.
- How might the presbytery begin to promote shared ministries? It was suggested that the Council interpret the concept at presbytery meetings. It was also suggested that churches could be invited to report back to the presbytery those partnerships that have been productive.

The retreat ended at approximately 2:30 p.m. with prayer by new Moderator Scott Parker.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Schomer

Draft: Not yet approved by the Mission Visioning Council

MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL

The Mission Visioning Council of Eastminster Presbytery met on February 25, 2010 at the Lake Milton Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Rev. Scott Parker, Rev. Jeanine Haven, Marilyn Stroble, Nancy Finch, Peggy Richmond, Cal Bennett, John Schippert, Sharon Wood, Lynn Smith, Trella Johnson, Bob Gillette
Excused: Rev. Debby Dockstader, Rev. Carolyn Griffith.

Staff: Rev. Dan Schomer, Elder Dale Riley

Peggy opened the meeting with worship, using readings from 1st Thessalonians and prayer.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2009 meeting and the January 23, 2010 retreat.

A motion prevailed to co-opted Bob Gillette as member of the Mission Visioning Council.

A motion prevailed to confirm the email request that Sue Tinker be co-opted member of Preparation to Ministry Committee

A discussion transpired on the Palestinian Peace study guide presented by Jim Ray. A question was asked if any churches were using this in any study format, and no one knew if anyone was using this study.

A motion prevailed to give a \$19.95 subscription to Outlook to our GA commissioners to be paid for from the funds remaining from for the Coaching Seminar moneys left over.

Trella representing the Communication & Nurture Committee talked about the new web site. www.eastminster.ning.com will be the new web site address. The site is password protected and members will be able to post upcoming events.

We took time to look at the Grant Applications for the Frank E Clark Charitable Trust. We reviewed the eligibility and restrictions that are part of the grant request. We received 5 applications and our application needs to be in to the Synod by March 31st.

A motion prevailed to create a visiting team of Bob Gillette, John Schippert and Trella Johnson to visit the top candidates with a set of several questions and report back at our meeting March 25th.

Dan handed out and reviewed two articles from Outlook online.

Discussed the MVC retreat and what the next step is. Dan will send an email to pastors and churches asking how they are partnering with the other Eastminster congregations.

Dates for future MVC meetings are: Mar 25th Kent Church, Jun 24th Mineral Ridge. For the following dates the location is to be decided: July 22nd, Aug 26th, Sept. 23rd, Oct. 28th, Nov. 18th, Dec. and 16th.

Moderator Scott Parker closed the meeting with prayer at 7:45 pm.

The next meeting will be March 22 at First Presbyterian Church in Mineral Ridge at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Scott Parker, Moderator

Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk

Draft: Not yet approved by the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council

PRESBYTERY MEETING COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kent Presbyterian Church: Thursday at Lake Milton Presbyterian Church, February 25, 2010,
5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rev Jan Douglass, Elders Ruth Gerrard-Cole, Peggy Richmond, Brad Dutton.

Members Excused: Rev. Mark Phillips, Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Staff Present: The Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, General Presbyter; Elder Marianne Lidstone, Administrative Assistant; Dale Riley Stated Clerk

The meeting was opened with prayer by Ruth at 5:07 p.m.

We wish to thank both Reford Nash and Stan Christian for their faithful service to the council. A thank you note was passed around for Stan Christensen, Mark Philips and Reford Nash for their service to the council.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2009.

A letter of resignation was received from Rev. Mark Philips who will be serving at church in Long Island. We wish him the best of luck and thank him for his service on the council.

By consensus, Jan Douglas will be the Vice Moderator of the Coordinating Council for the coming year.

The worship plan for the service is being worked out for the coming presbytery meeting. Mark was hoping to assemble a team for planning for the worship planning for the presbytery meetings. Jan will be our 'worship planer' and Brad will help.

The paper on reporting by committees to presbytery was read and discussed. Ruth will work on an interdiction to this document and possible revision for discussion next month.

Dan is requesting the Book Study around the tables after dinner in March, May and July.

The Trustees reported they are retaining Stefanski and Associates for the Struthers situation.

Interim Executive Margaret Haney from Synod wants 10 minutes at our next presbytery meeting.

Casey Wolfe from Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services from the Akron area would like table space before the meeting (similar to Diane who came and talked about Park Vista.)

Other items for the March meeting:

Simple meal, Approve Balanced 2010 Budget, Margaret Park Scholarship Form, Presbyterian Calendar order forms, Book Study, MCV Co-opt member (Bob Gillette), Memorial Moment for Rev. Sheldon Hasting given by Reford Nash, EP moderator reports on Struthers Commission Members, Motion from Struthers Commission to change their parameter, Pastor's retreat flyer, JBM flyers about middle School Retreat and Women's Retreat.

A discussion was had concerning a way to recognize elders that have been significant members of presbytery who have passed away.

A motion prevailed to adopt the docket for the presbytery meeting as printed.

A motion prevailed to have the May meeting offering be designated for JBM Scholarships.

The Next meeting will be at First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge April 22, 2010.

Dan closed the meeting with prayer at 5:55 pm.

Ruth Gerrard-Cole Moderator

Elder Dale Riley Stated Clerk

Nominating Committee Report
March 9, 2010

Resignation:

Rev. Mark Phillips – Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2011

Rev. Mark Phillips – Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council, Class of 2010

Nellie O’Leary – Congregational Resources, Class of 2012

Eastminster Congregations On Mission!!!
New Waterford Presbyterian Church

Responding to the recent massive earthquake in Haiti, the New Waterford PC volunteered to coordinate the shipping of all hygiene, school, or baby kits being prepared by area churches, organizations or individuals. These kits will be utilized by Church World Service and PDA in the on-going relief effort now unfolding in Haiti. So far, kits or financial donations are coming from congregations across the Presbytery, a local Card Club, and Presbyterian Women. There are others who are hand-making high quality receiving blankets and flannel diapers to be included in the baby kits. Rev. Jan Douglass hopes to jointly send at least 500 kits, and possible upwards of 1,000. If you or your congregation would like to participate, please have kits to Jan or the Presbytery Office by March 16. Please visit <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/help/goh.htm> for details on what to include in the kits!

To find out more, please contact Jan Douglass at 330-457-3276 or jldoug@comcast.net.

Please keep NWPC in your prayers as they continue to join Christ on mission!

RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

Email: lorrainejones@faithfulness.com
330-505-2167 or toll free 1-800-215-2416
Lorraine Jones, coordinator

Resource Center Hours:

Mon 9:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.

Wed 9:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.

Thurs 9:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.

We need to belong—to be part of a larger world. The need to belong drives us to community, a place where we know we belong. It is also a place where we will be safe—a kind of “home base” in the world’s chaotic game of “tag.” It is a place where you are valued for what you are in yourself, but also a place that often sees more in you than you see in yourself. All of this is wrapped up in the word *community*, and all of it is a mix of people and places, memories and values.

--from p. 44 of Five Challenges for the Once and Future Church by Loren B. Mead (Alban Institute, 1996).

According to author Loren Mead, the church needs to feed the world’s need for community. It is challenge number four in his book of five challenges for the church.



People generally agree that a church is a community; you can look it up in any dictionary or read about it very specifically in the brochure *What Is “Church”?* written by Anne Meredith Wilson in the Presbyterian Beliefs series (Witherspoon Press, 1998). Both the book, Five Challenges for the Once and Future Church, and the brochure, *What Is “Church”?*, are part of a large collection on community that are available for sign out at the Resource Center now. Read on for other interesting resources that feature information on defining community, building community, etc.

Joy Jordan-Lake believes that “community” is part of our jargon of faith. In her book, Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous (Paraclete Press, 2007), she says that Jesus has made community “non-negotiable” and that community is “learning to peel back the husks of I’M NICE AND IN NO NEED OF HELP on ourselves and the person beside us, and not passing out when we see what’s inside.” In this book, the author also meditates on other words that we frequently use on Sundays such as hope, forgiveness, worship, and peace. Check it out at the Resource Center.

Authors Daniel P. Smith and Mary K. Sellon have outlined a series of practical steps to lead a congregation through the “wilderness” to renewal or redevelopment in their book Pathway to Renewal (Alban Institute, 2008). The authors map a pathway for congregations and explain possible pitfalls along the way. The promised land is a community where people are present to God and to one another, where people challenge and encourage one another to use their gifts in service to God in whatever form that service may take.



When It's Hard to Choose: Connectedness is a 27 minute video featuring Tony Campolo who reminds us that Jesus came not just to save individuals but to create a kingdom on earth where people look after one another's needs. Actors illustrate different situations that threaten community and then Tony Campolo shares his thoughts and reflections on the situation. The video looks at self vs. community, personal safety and comfort vs. community, connection to the rest of creation, connection to all children and connection to people unlike ourselves. This video is one of six programs designed to invoke discussion and reflection on situations where right and wrong may only be shades of gray.

Everyone, including children, seeks the sense of belonging that comes from living in community with others. The Family of God: Creating A Fair Community by Vera K. White (Congregational Ministries) contains lessons and plans for five one-hour sessions for children who are in third through sixth grade. They will recall communities that are part of their lives and describe

elements of community, celebrate differences and learn way to resolve conflict.



Special Programs for Lent

Prophecies of the Passion (La Mirada Films, 2005) features Lee Strobel, Greg Laurie, and Gary Habermas who explore the prophecies in the Old Testament that describe Christ's final days on earth in great detail. 60 minutes long with 40 minutes of bonus material that includes “Questions and Answers,” paintings of the Passion, a compilation of OT prophecies and NT accounts of their fulfillment.

The Easter Experience (City on a Hill Productions, 2009) is a DVD driven study that looks at the events of Jesus' passion and resurrection to life and asks how those events change us today. Each of the six sessions has a short intro on DVD followed by a 20 to 25-minute dramatic program which is excellent. The leader book and participant's guide include questions for discussion and short readings to do alone. The kit contains a leader training DVD, and much more.

Presbytery-wide Book Study Guide: *Faithful Disagreements* by Francis Taylor Gench
Eastminster Presbytery
March 9, 2010

Chapter 3: “Living with Disagreements”

Romans 14:1-15:13 (NRSV)

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” ¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God. ¹³ Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another. ¹⁴ I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵ If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. ¹⁹ Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. ²⁰ Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; ²¹ it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. ²² The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. ²³ But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. ¹ We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. ³ For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; ¹⁰ and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; ¹¹ and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; ¹² and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Introduction

Almost from day one, the Church has wrestled with how to deal with differences without giving way to division. In Romans 14-15, we gain a glimpse into differences in the church at Rome, how these differences threatened its unity, and how the Apostle Paul addresses this potential crisis. Paul identifies the two antagonistic groups as “the weak” and “the strong.” The weak believed they were bound by dietary restrictions and observed certain holy days while the strong observed no dietary restrictions and viewed all days as the same.

Dr. Gench writes: “... *What Paul is saying in Romans 14-15 is that within the structures of grace (and limits of acceptable behavior) there is a measure of freedom. Therefore, Christians must exercise forbearance as they live together with differences and disagreements over what proper response to the gospel looks like...Both its position in the letter and the space devoted to it indicate that the matter at hand is one of real importance to the church at Rome....* (pp. 34, 37)

Adjusting Attitudes

Dr. Gench writes, “*Among the words that appear most repeatedly throughout the text are those that describe inhospitable attitudes toward brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Indeed, their differences in lifestyle are not Paul’s concern, for he makes no effort to adjudicate (judge who is right and who is wrong) the particular matter of dispute...He speaks, in particular, of ‘judging’ on the one hand and of ‘despising’ on the other...In both cases, serious attitudinal adjustment is called for, for a whole host of reasons, not the least of which is the status of the fellow believer whom we judge or despise as one whom God in Christ has welcomed—indeed for whom Christ lived and died.*” (pp. 38-39)

Question #1: What kinds of attitudes have you experienced when the church is in conflict? How would you summarize the attitude adjustment Paul calls for?

The Ministry of Bearing

Dr. Gench alludes to what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called “the ministry of bearing.” Dr. Gench argues that Paul does not portray the “weak” as wrong or as failures. Instead he points to their inhibitions and their inability to embrace a freer lifestyle. While Paul identifies with the “strong,” his greatest concern is for the “weak” who may feel pressured to violate their own consciences. Forbearance calls upon the members of the Roman Church to place responsibility above personal freedom. Gench writes, “*Throughout his life and especially in his death, Christ modeled self-giving and self-limitation in commitment to the well-being of others.*” (p.43).

Question #2: What do you think “forbearance” would look like in a congregation facing conflict? What role does forbearance play when all parties in a conflict believe their position is based upon conscience?

Reframing Church Conflict

Dr. Gench sees Paul calling us to lift our eyes from the conflict of the moment in order to take in “*the eschatological horizon.*” God’s greater purpose of reconciling the world to God defines the church’s greater purpose. Dr. Gench writes, “*Now it becomes clear why the matter of living with disagreements faithfully is such an important one for Paul, requiring extended discussion, and why the conflict among Roman Christians was in danger of subverting the gospel in his view. Much was at stake: the unity of humankind, for which Christ died and for which God raised him—a unity visibly embodied in the community of those who acknowledge God’s gracious lordship in Christ. Maintaining Christian unity, then, ‘is not just a matter of preventing squabbles and bad feelings in the church,’ says (N.T.) Wright. ‘It is part of essential Christian witness to the one Lord.’*” (p. 45).

Question #3: How do you respond to N. T. Wright’s observation (pp. 46-47): “A church that all too obviously embodies the social, ethnic, cultural, and political divisions of its surrounding world is no real challenge to the Caesars of this world”?

Question #4: What new insights have emerged from your engagement with Romans 14-15 and discussion of it? What questions linger?

Schedule for the Presbytery-wide Book Study in 2010:

You are encouraged to read chapters 4 and 5, “Testing the Spirits I” and “Testing the Spirits II”, on your own. Consider creative ways you might incorporate the study of these chapters into Bible studies, group discussions, or governing board devotions.

The Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council has approved the following schedule of studies with the purpose of completing our presbytery group reflections on Faithful Disagreements before the 219th General Assembly convenes:

March 9: Chapter 3: “Living with Disagreements”

May 11: Chapter 6: “Conflict over Qualifications for Church Leadership”

July 13: Chapter 7: “Farewell Conversations”

Copies of Faithful Disagreements by Dr. Francis Taylor Gench are still available for sale at the Presbytery Center and at meetings of Eastminster Presbytery. For more information, call Marianne Lidstone at 330-505-2167, ext. 101, or toll free at 800-215-2416.

The Next Steps ? ! Of Eastminster Presbytery's
Dakota (Native American) Presbytery Mission Project



Dakota Presbytery is a non-geographical Native American Presbytery with churches located in the Northern Plains States of Minnesota, North & South Dakota, and Montana.

The *next* **Dakota Presbytery Mission Trip** will in March. Weather permitting, I will be attending Dakota Presbytery's *Mid-Winter Retreat*, March 5-7, at Rapid City, S.D. At this Retreat, there will be formal (and informal) times for discussions concerning:

- ^ problems in the churches, and solutions to those problems
- ^ successes in the churches, and sharing the success stories.

I am purchasing copies of the current *Book of Order* (at least two copies per congregation) to have shipped ahead of me, along with approximately 40 older copies which churches in Eastminster have donated for distribution. Also to be included, are copies of Eastminster's *Clerk's Handbook*, one per congregation.

One of the things I intend to do in the informal times of discussion, is to continue conversations regarding my availability to go to the different reservations to work with clusters of congregations to assist with officer training and leadership development.

E-mails are being sent to pastors and congregations in Eastminster, to recruit people who would like to participate on a *Mission Fencing Crew*, to install a new chain-link fence around the cemetery at the *Pahin Sinte* Presbyterian Church, at Porcupine, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. You may remember that this is the cemetery where Rev. Sidney Byrd's grandparents are buried. They served for 40+ years as missionaries on Pine Ridge. Prospective dates are the week of April 18th, or the week of April 25th. In addition to the fencing project, being so close to the Badlands and the Black Hills, there will be some time for site-seeing before returning to Ohio.

The **Spring Dakota Presbytery Meeting** is to be held at the *Makasan* Presbyterian Church, which is located near Oglala, South Dakota, also on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The meeting is from **Friday, May 7th – Sunday, May 9th**. The *Dakota Presbyterian Women* have one of their biannual meetings at this time. Their other meeting is held during the Summer Mission Meeting held in August. I understand that some of Eastminster's Presbyterian Women are discussing the possibility that one or more of them might attend this Spring Meeting of Dakota Presbytery.

When **Rev. Sidney Byrd** was with us this past fall, in addition to his busy itinerary of speaking engagements, we arranged for a local video production company to record four different presentations by Rev. Byrd. We now have copies of those presentations, on 2 two-hour dvd's. They are for sale. The cost? \$30.00 for the two dvd set.

As long as his health allows, I'm sure that he will be willing to return to Eastminster again this year. Some conversations have taken place with other people from Dakota Presbytery who are interested in coming to Eastminster for a visit. Further information about these possibilities will be shared in the months ahead.

Dakota's annual **Summer Mission Camp Meeting** (which includes pastors and members of Dakota United Churches of Christ) will take place **Thursday, August 5th – Sunday, August 8th**, at a site near Pierre, South Dakota. This is a more relaxed time of fellowship, worship, Bible study, fellowship, great food, fellowship, more great food The second meeting of the *Dakota Presbyterian Women* is held at this camp meeting.

The **Fall Presbytery Meeting** will be held **Friday, October 1st – Sunday, October 3rd**, at *Cansuska* Presbyterian Church, in Frazer, Montana, on the Ft. Peck Indian Reservation. What better time and place to celebrate *World Communion Sunday* than with Native American brothers and sisters in Christ!

Interested?? Need more information?? Give me a call!

Bob Offerdahl, cell phone 330-207-6233 * e-mail pastorbobccp@yahoo.com
3845 Allendale Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44511-1639

ARE YOU OR YOUR CONGREGATION GOING ON MISSION DURING 2010???

Please let Eastminster Presbytery Mission Committee know of your plans by March 31, 2010. We would like to pray for your trips and share with the Presbytery where all God's Spirit is sending us this year! We'd like to make this information available at the May Presbytery meeting. We will highlight your trip in March if you are leaving earlier than May, but that means we need your information ASAP! ☺

Please contact Elmarie Parker reveparker@comcast.net or mail the below form to her. Please submit a separate form for each trip (for those taking multiple trips).

Mission Trip 2010

Individual or Congregation's Name: _____

Date of Trip: _____

Location of Service: _____

Group Composition (adult/youth, numbers of people going, congregations represented, etc.):

Mission to be Accomplished on this Trip: _____

Is this trip open to participants from other EP Congregations? ____ Yes ____ No

Contact Person's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please send this form by March 31, 2009 to Rev. Elmarie Parker, 45 Idlewood Rd. Austintown, OH 44408 or email to reveparker@comcast.net. Please call 330-277-6886 with any questions.

Thank you!!!

Struthers Administrative Commission
March 9, 2010

Motion: That the presbytery empower the Struthers Administrative Commission to communicate with the Session of the Struthers Presbyterian Church and the members of the Struthers Presbyterian Church.

The motion approved January 13, 2010, empowered the commission to communicate with the Session and not the membership.

Eastminster Congregations On Mission!!!
Cuyahoga Falls United Presbyterian Church



Like many congregations, CFUPC hosts a Wednesday evening dinner and opportunity for learning by all ages. In the Fall of 2008, "Wednesday Night Alive" featured 10 speakers on mission over 10 weeks. During the Winter of 2009, a different country was highlighted each week, including samples before dinner of food from that country (Thailand, Turkey, etc.). What a creative way to learn about the mission God's Spirit is carrying out around our globe!

To find out more, please contact Rev. Ross Slaughter @ 330-923-9735 or Pastor@CFUPC.org

Please keep CFUPC in your prayers as they continue to join Christ on mission!

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
March 9, 2010

FOR ACTION:

- 1) Recommend that The Rev. Ross Jackson be moved to the Honorable Retired Roll.
- 2) Recommend the extension of The Rev. Jan Douglas as part time Stated Supply at New Waterford and Clarkson churches until December 31, 2010 at the same terms and rate of pay.
- 3) Recommend the renewal of the Part Time Temporary Stated Supply, The Rev. Jeanine Haven, at Liberty Presbyterian Church at the following terms.

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Salary | \$13,950 |
| Housing allowance | 4,650 |
| Total Effective Salary | \$18,600 |
| Board of Pensions | 5,859 |
| Major Medical Deductible | 186 |
| 90 Days disability | |
| One month vacation | |
| Two weeks study leave annually | |
| Social Security allowance | 1,200 |
| Auto/travel reimbursement | 1,625 |
| Library reimbursement | 200 |
| Continuing education | 400 |

- 4) Recommend that The Rev. Elmarie Parker be called as the full time installed pastor of the Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, effective date January 24, 2010 at the following terms:

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|--|-------------|
| Salary | \$27,664.00 |
| Housing | 11,856.00 |
| Total Effective Salary | \$39,520.00 |
| Bd. of Pensions | 12,448.80 |
| Major Medical Deductible | 395.20 |
| Business Exp. Reimbursement (Travel, cont. ed, & library) | 4,450.00 |
| 90 days disability | |
| One month vacation | |
| Two weeks study leave (accumulative to six weeks) | |
| Two family worship days a year | |
| Two weeks additional vacation (in 2010 in lieu of salary increase) | |
| Pension/Insurance (presbytery minimum) | |

FOR INFORMATION:

- 1) COM received the triennial dialogue reports of Columbiana and Warren Covenant churches.
- 2) COM received the 6 month dialogue with Rev. Bruce Ballantine and Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church as well as their Mission Visioning study.
- 3) COM received the resignation of The Rev. Bob Offerdahl as Stated Supply at Gibson Heights-Second Presbyterian Church effective February 29, 2010 and appointed The Rev. Carolyn Griffeth as Moderator.
- 4) COM appointed Dr. John Sharick as Moderator of First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge.

Directory Changes

| PAGE | CHANGE |
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| 12 | Change Judy Abdallah, clerk of Firestone Park's email address to judy.abdahhal@gmail.com |
| 13 | Change Goodyear Height's clerk, Bennett's work email to finace@ghpcakron.org |
| 14 | Remove Barberton's' Parish Associate – The Rev. Sheldon Hasting |
| 15 | Change Canfield's clerk, Mary Crump's email address to gotugrace@att.net |
| 16 | Add Ellsworth's clerk, Carol Sinn |
| 23, 42 | Change Rev. Marvin Barney's email address to marv.barney@neo.rr.com |
| 25 | Add Gibson Height's clerk, Daniel Moison |
| 30 | Change Cal Bennett's work email to finace@ghpcakron.org |
| 31 | Remove Rev. Mark Phillips from the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council |
| 31 | Delete Nellie O'Leary from Congregational Resources Committee |
| 38 | Change Cal Bennett's work email to finace@ghpcakron.org |
| 44 | Remove Barberton's' Parish Associate – The Rev. Sheldon Hasting |

Eastminster Congregations On Mission!!!
First Presbyterian Congregational Society of Ellsworth

In the Fall of 2008, in partnership with the neighboring United Methodist Church and Teen Challenge, Ellsworth hosted a Drug Awareness Seminar for the community. Judge Durkin, police officers, a pharmacist and the Methodist pastor spoke to a crowd of 50 parents, teachers, and school guidance counselors. Members Rich and Ruth Blevins invested their time and energy to help organize this event.

To find out more, please contact Rev. Bonnie Dutton @ 330-547-2977 or bonamater@aol.com.

Please keep FPCS of Ellsworth in your prayers as they continue to join Christ on mission!

MARGARET PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Preamble: The objective of the Margaret Park Presbyterian Church Ministerial Scholarship Fund is to provide a mechanism for the continued celebration of the Ministry of the former Margaret Park Presbyterian Church in the work of Jesus Christ in Eastminster Presbytery.

Purpose: To establish a scholarship fund for individual(s) who are pursuing a career in ministry and are attending an accredited Seminary as defined below, in order to assist with the reduction or to prevent the incurring of educational debt for qualified new pastors serving with Eastminster Presbytery.

Definitions:

Accredited Seminary – (to be defined by Committee on Preparation of Ministry)

Award - Amount of money awarded to a particular person.

First Call Pastor(s)/ Co-Pastor(s) – Persons who have received their Master of Divinity Degree from an accredited seminary within two years of their “Call.”

Fund: Margaret Park Presbyterian Church Ministerial Scholarship Fund

Fund monies: Principal, all ‘return of investment’ monies, and other contributions.

Student(s) – Persons who are pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree from an accredited seminary.

Qualifications:

Student(s) must be an Inquirer or Candidate in covenant relationship with Eastminster Presbytery and be attending an accredited Seminary. Such *student(s)* must have completed one year of full time seminary education to qualify for an *award*.

First Call Pastor(s)/Co-Pastor(s) must be called within Eastminster Presbytery to qualify for an *award*. He or she must apply and be awarded monies only within two years of his/her ordination.

Award Requirements:

Student(s), as outlined in the above definition and qualification, may receive an amount up to a maximum of \$10,000 after the equivalent of the first full year of seminary study. No more than \$5,000 will be awarded in any one 12-month period.

First Call Pastor(s)/Co-Pastor(s), as outlined in the above definition and qualification, may receive an amount up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year. No more than \$5,000 will be awarded in any one 12-month period.

The *Awards* will be paid directly to the church where the student is a member so as to assist with the reduction or to prevent the incurring of educational debt. The exact amount of the *award* in all cases will be determined by the administrators of the *Margaret Park Presbyterian Church Ministerial Scholarship Fund*

Fund Administrators: At least two (2) members of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry; two (2) members of the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry, one (1) member of Presbytery Trustees, one (1) member of Presbytery's Committee on Mission, and one (1) former member of the Margaret Park Presbyterian Church.

Condition of Existence: The *Fund*, including all monies, is to be invested with the Presbyterian Foundation. The *Fund* will continue to exist through the use of the principal monies, "return on investment" monies and other contributions until all *Fund monies* are depleted. The *Fund* is to be administered by a commission established by the Eastminster Presbytery, or succeeding Presbytery, and must include representatives as defined above as *Fund Administrators*.

Annually the recipients of *Awards* will be recognized and reported to the Presbytery by the *Fund Administrators* thus ensuring that the former Margaret Park Presbyterian Church legacy will be celebrated in the work of Jesus Christ.

Approved 5-11-04

Revised 7-12-05

Revised 5-13-08

APPLICATION FOR MARGARET PARK SCHOLARSHIP

Please print in ink

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

PHONE (DAY) _____ (EVENING) _____

CELL PHONE# _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP _____

SEMINARY _____ YEAR: MIDDLE _____ SENIOR _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

EST. EXPENSES FOR SCHOOL YEAR \$ _____ EST. INCOME FOR SCHOOL YEAR \$ _____

Tuition \$ _____

Books \$ _____

Housing \$ _____

Food \$ _____

Clothing \$ _____

Transportation \$ _____

Contribution to local church \$ _____

Other (Itemize) \$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

Total \$ _____

Seminary Scholarships / Grants \$ _____

Other Scholarships/Grants/Awards \$ _____

Loans Outstanding \$ _____

Personal Earnings \$ _____

Spouses Earnings \$ _____

Aid from Family \$ _____

Savings \$ _____

Aid from Home Church \$ _____

Other (Itemize) \$ _____

\$ _____

Total \$ _____

MARRIED (YES _____ No _____) NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN _____

IF A FIRST-CALL PASTOR: DATE OF GRADUATION _____ LOCATION OF CALL _____

Privacy Statement: The information on this form will be used only by the Margaret Park Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee and will not be shared with any other committee or person.

By signing below, you certify that all information provided is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please Return to: Eastminster Presbytery, P.O. Box 316, Mineral Ridge, OH 44440

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY April 5, 2010

**“For Such a Time As This”
Eastminster Presbytery’s Delegation
To Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2010**

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There are 31 youth and 9 adults registered!

They are from:

Akron, Westminster—4; Barberton—7; Canfield—11;

Hubbard—8; Poland, Heritage—2; Salem—1;

Warren, First—1; Youngstown, Pleasant Grove—6

PYT will include music, worship, Bible study, recreation and mission opportunities!

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The cost per person is \$409. Each church is holding fund-raisers! Why not contact the churches and see how you can help with the costs!

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The group will be commissioned at the July Presbytery Meeting!

Marian Bauer, EP PYT Registrar at 330-533-5509 or

mbauer@canfieldpresbyterian.org



Order the 2010-2011 Presbyterian Planning Calendar

This 19-month calendar contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. The theme is "And the Word Became Flesh" (John 1-14). Includes lectionary for Sundays and special days, liturgical days, liturgical colors, resource information for PC(USA) programmatic emphases, updated synod, presbytery and General Assembly staff directories, color foldout synod/presbytery and world maps.

Order copies now for staff, session, and committee members.

The Presbytery office will place a bulk order for the *Planning Calendar* for churches and individuals. The calendars will be available in May and hopefully for our May 11th Presbytery meeting. Otherwise, they can be picked up at the Presbytery office. The cost is \$6.75, and payment **must** accompany order.

Order Form for the 2010-2011 Presbyterian Planning Calendar

Church/Name _____

If church, name of person ordering _____

Number of calendars _____ x \$6.75 = _____

Payment must accompany order!
(payable to Eastminster Presbytery)

Orders must be received by April 8, 2010.

Send to Eastminster Presbytery, P.O. Box 316, Mineral Ridge OH 44440

News & Notes

We are looking for churches to **host Committee Night meetings in 2010**. Dates still available are: August 10, and October 12. Please see our stated clerk if interested.

Haiti Update: While many of you have taken collections for Haiti and some have sent them directly to General Assembly we are please to say that close to \$13,000 has been forwarded through the presbytery office for this cause. WE are very please to announce that 113 health kits and 20 baby kits were assembled by our Eastminster Presbytery folks. **The Deadline has been extended to March 19, 2010 for those folks who would still like to participate.** Over \$14,000 has been collected and sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Haiti relief. Congratulation to you for your compassion and caring.

We still have extra **Mission Yearbooks** available for sale at \$6.60 a book. Please call the office if interested.

We will again be taking orders for the **2010-2011 Presbyterian Planning Calendars**. The deadline to order will be April 8, 2010 and price is \$6.75. Order form can be found in the back of the packet.

NEW IRS mileage changes: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=216048,00.html>

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2010, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- * 50 cents per mile for business miles driven
- * 16.5 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- * 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The new rates for business, medical and moving purposes are slightly lower than last year's. The mileage rates for 2010 reflect generally lower transportation costs compared to a year ago.

Attention Clerk of Sessions and Pastors: Dates for the review of the 2009 Session's minute book and register book will take place on the following dates and time: March 7 at Canfield Presbyterian and March 14 at Mineral Ridge Presbyterian. Clerks and Pastors are requested to bring their session minute book and register book to any of the three locations that will be most convenient for them. If you have questions about the procedure or locations, please call Carole Rummell, 330-652-4603.

JBM

* JBM, your camp and retreat center for Eastminster Presbytery will be conducting a building program this summer - building strong and healthy bodies in our campers, that is! JBM is looking for someone who can help lead in our kitchen as a Head Cook. Duties include: planning menus and ordering food, preparing food, cooking food, keeping the work area clean and cleaning utensils (commercial dish washers). This position provides summer living quarters, and pays \$8.50 per hour. If you have the skills and the passion, if serving guests gets you excited,....then contact the Camp Director (330) 772-3931.

* The camp is also looking for an Assistant Cook for the summer months (approximate time from early/mid June to mid August). Pay is set at \$8.00 per hour, and includes summer living quarters. Applicants must have experience serving in a kitchen or restaurant. Duties include: assisting with menu planning, preparing meals, serving meals to guests, keeping work area clean and helping to ensure cleanliness in the kitchens. If you have the passion and the skills to prepare healthy,

delicious meals, we have an opportunity for you! Interested individuals should contact JBM's Camp Director at (330) 772-3931.

* JBM has some exciting events coming up including the Middle School Retreat on May 1-2, the Women's Retreat scheduled for May 14-15 which is being led by Rev. Debby Dockstader, and Mission Week at JBM on May 5-9th. More information about these events can be found in this packet
The Eastminster Presbytery

Eastminster Presbytery will be holding its annual **Pastor's Retreat** at JBM Camp & Conference Center on April 27-28. More information can be found in the packet.

Resource Center would like to purchase a one year institutional membership to the Alban Institute. This particular membership includes benefits for a total of six people to take advantage of Alban's research-based resources for improving congregational life and ministry. Since the Resource Center does not need benefits for six people, we are offering the benefits to anyone else in the Presbytery who would like to take advantage of our institutional membership. You will get access to "Members-Only" content, a 40% discount on all the Alban purchases in the bookstore online, \$50 per-course tuition discount for Alban seminars, and extra promotion discounts. In return, you would donate \$50 toward the Resource Center's membership fee. This is the same price as a one year individual membership to the Alban Institute. However, an individual membership only receives a 25% discount on purchases in the online bookstore instead of 40%.

Point Update: Marian Bauer, the DCE at Canfield is the POINT person for Eastminster Presbytery. She went to the POINT training in Nashville, TN Jan. 26-27, 2010. The theme was "How Deep is Your Well?" Some highlights: New/revised curriculum including for Adults (Reformed Faith) is coming; The Thoughtful Christian.com site will include for those with subscriptions the ability to get 35% off John Knox/Westminster Press book starting around March; the Marketplace site for ordering from PCUSA has been completely revamped to make it much EASIER to order things (loud cheers from all who attended!); a list of websites for all ways of growing the church Deep and Wide was handed out. Marian Bauer is willing to offer CE expertise and curriculum interpretation to your church, along with Lorraine Jones, our wonderful Resource Center Coordinator. Marian can be reached at 330-533-5509 or mbauer@canfieldpresbyterian.org

Margaret Park Scholarship Update: We are currently taking application for the Margaret Park Scholarships. Application can be found in the packet. Deadline is April 6, 2010.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND EVENTS

Synod of the Covenant Assembly will meet March 12-13, 2010 in Maumee, OH

Stewardship Kaleidoscope for elder, pastors, presbytery staff and volunteers will be presenting their Presbyterian Stewardship Conference on Funding Mission Today and Tomorrow on March 15-17 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Featured Presenters include Rev. Brian Blount, Rev. Kathryn Miree and Rev. Maggie Lauterer with 28 different information workshops to choose from and inspiring worship. More information can be found at www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org.

The 2010 World Mission Initiative Conference will be held March 19-20, 2010 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Keynote Speakers will be: Australian missiologist and author Michael Frost and Iranian Pastor and missionary Rev. Dr. Sasan Tavasolli. More information can be found at www.worldmissioninitiative.org.

The Unity & Reformed Heritage Seminar will be held April 5-12, 2010 at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva, headquarters of the World Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and other ecumenical agencies. This event is sponsored by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) The cost is \$1,300 for double occupancy with an extra \$100 for a single room. More information can be found at www.pcusa/dear.

Scholarships are available from the Presbyterian Historical Society to attend the annual **Local Church History Seminar**, April 22-25 at Stony Point, NY. PC (USA) congregations that are at least 50 years old, with fewer than 250 members and demonstrated financial need, may submit an application by February 18 (notification of recipients by March 4). The scholarship covers fees and housing. For information and application packet, contact the Presbyterian Historical Society, (215) 627-1852 or refdesk@history.pcusa.org.

The Institute for Youth Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary will hold the **Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry** on April 26-28, 2010 in Princeton, New Jersey. The conference offers ecumenical theological education for church leaders engaged in ministry with youth. The theme of the forum is "Hope". Princeton Seminary is also offering a Certificate in Youth and Theology. Brochures about the youth forum are available at the Presbytery Center or by logging on to www.ptsem.edu/iym.

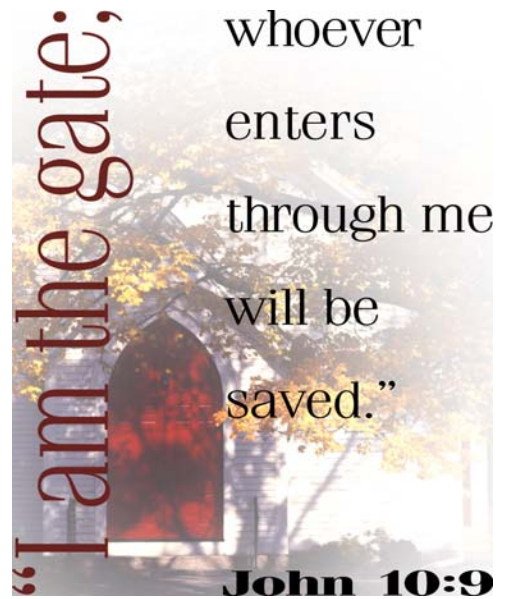
Don't forget Presbyterian Youth Triennium on July 20-24, 2010 at Purdue University for youth who will be rising 9th grader to those who are graduating seniors. More information can be found at www.pcusa.org/youthtriennium.

SPRING 2010 Issue of

The Evangel

Articles due April 7, 2010

Topic: Technology



Some "thought" starters:

- How your Church has incorporated technology in Worship
- Use of websites as evangelists tools
- How social networking site affect ministry
- Use of technology in your Lenten Programs
- Where technology aided Good News happening
- Exciting Youth activity which used technology

Articles of 200 words or less can be submitted to: Trellajhn@aol.com

If distribution of your Local Church is via E-mail, please add Trellajhn@aol.com. If you have Bulk Postage Rate, please add: Trella Johnson, 3820 Artmar Drive, Youngstown, OH 44515.

Thank you for sending us your articles by April 2, 1010 to share with other members of Eastminster Presbytery.

Eastminster Presbytery PCUSA

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Based on Reformed faith, centered in Christ & Scriptures, shaped by Confessions, a dynamic interpreter of ministry & mission in community.

Not A Member of Our Presbytery?

Not a problem! We have a site for you at www.faithfulness.com. Go there to learn about Presbyterians in the Akron-Youngstown area covered by Eastminster Presbytery.

Looking for our camp and conference center? Here is the [Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center site](#).

Latest Activity



[Bob Stroble](#), [Peggy A Richmond](#) and [Mary Lu Ramsey](#) joined Eastminster Presbytery PCUSA



40 minutes ago



[Debby Dockstader](#) left a comment for [Trella Johnson](#)

13 hours ago



[Trella Johnson](#) left a comment for [Peggy A Richmond](#)

23 hours ago



[Trella Johnson](#) left a comment for [Carole Crawford Rummell](#)

yesterday

Blog Posts



\$4.3 Million For Haiti Relief

PCUSA Bruce Reyes-Chow announced in Louisville, KY today that The Presbyterian Church (USA) has raised \$4,300,000 for... [Continue](#)

Posted by [Christy Ramsey](#) on February 25, 2010 at 3:43pm



Do Something Truly Counter Cultural!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Members Area has expanded! We have a site hosted at

eastminster.ning.com

But you can get there by clicking on the Members

Area tab at our current

website at **www.faithfulness.com**



Both teaching and ruling elders that register can post blog entries, events, videos, photos, message and even chat!

We plan this to be the in-house section of the web site, updated with events, files and meeting information while faithfulness becomes our public welcoming place.

Brought to you by the good folks on the Communication and Nurture committee



2010 Women's Retreat May 14-16, 2010



Redeeming our Routines: Experiencing God in the Everyday!

Are you experiencing the presence of God in your life? Do you see the hand of God at work in your life and in the world? Your answer to these questions is significantly impacted by how you use your time. Time is God's greatest gift to us and how we use that gift determines the quality of our lives and our relationship with God.

During this retreat, participants will be encouraged to examine how they are using their gift of time. They will also be invited to consider how they might use their time to bring them closer to God in the midst of everyday living. Various spiritual practices and alternative ways of entering into everyday reality will be offered.

The format for the retreat will be a mixture of presentations by the leader, group discussion and time for individual reflection.

Topics will include:

- How are we using our time.
- What impact does our use of time have on our attitudes and beliefs.
- What images and value systems are impacting our understanding of the meaning of life.
- How can we open our eyes to the presence of God in the everyday routines of life.

About your Retreat Leader...

Debby Dockstader has been an ordained Presbyterian pastor for 32 years. During that time she has served Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopalian congregations. She also served as the Associate Executive Director of a regional ecumenical agency for many years. Debby has been the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Girard and the Southside Presbyterian Church for over 12 years.

Debby currently serves on the Committee on Ministry and the Mission Visioning Council. She has received Eastminster Presbytery's Peace-making award and is currently listed in Who's Who in America.



Cost for the weekend is \$85. Cost includes 5 meals and lodging.

Retreat begins on Friday May 14 at 7pm, and finishes on Sunday May 16 at 1pm.

Mail a check for \$20 (non-refundable) to JBM by April 15 to save your spot today!



**Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center
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February 8, 2010

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center (JBM) has been a longstanding mission and resource for the congregations of Eastminster Presbytery. The down-turn in the economy along with transitions that have taken place in 2008-2009 have resulted in a financial shortfall for J.B.M. A J.B.M. Task Force has been formed at the request of the Board of Trustees and by the authority of the Mission Visioning Council to work with the J.B.M. Committee to promote financial health for our beloved camp. Strategies have been developed by the Task Force to address some long term final challenges for the camp, but these strategies cannot generate additional revenue for the camp in the short-term.

Thus, we turn to the congregations of Eastminster Presbytery to assist your camp in a time of significant financial need. We ask that your Session approve participation in the special offering "Help J.B.M. Spring Forward" on Sunday, March 14. This is the Sunday when we all must turn our clocks forward one hour to avoid being late for worship.

Why are you being asked to participate in a special offering for J.B.M. during the Lenten season, a time when churches are asked to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)? Most certainly we do not wish to detract from OGHS, a vital annual offering that makes a worldwide difference for Jesus Christ. Nonetheless, in the spring of 2010, J.B.M. will be faced with a financial crisis as it seeks to gear up for the camping season unless there is a sudden increase in revenue. Presbytery Treasurer Colin Miller estimates that a total of \$30,000 is needed to insure that the 2010 camping season will be a fiscally healthy one. Given that Eastminster Presbytery has no reserve funds to provide for J.B.M., we must turn to our churches to seek your help. Will you participate in the special offering "Help J.B.M. Spring Forward"?

To participate we ask the following:

1. Session must approve receiving the special offering.
2. Use the attached bulletin insert one or two Sundays prior to March 14.
3. Place plain small white envelopes in your bulletin on March 14 to receive the offering. These envelopes are inexpensive and those that are not used can be recycled by the church or your members for other uses. Let's make this an environmentally friendly offering.
4. Once you have received the offering, send it to the Presbytery Center along with a Mission Remittance Form.

Thank you for considering participation in the special J.B.M. offering.

In Christ's service together,
The J.B.M. Task Force: Jenny Annadona, Cal Bennett, Chuck Chalker, Trella Johnson,
Peggy Richmond, David Smith, Sharon Wood, Treasurer Colin Miller (ex-officio),
General Presbyter Dan Schomer (ex-officio)

2010 JBM Mission Trip

Joseph Badger Meadows needs your help.

Joseph Badger Meadows (JBM) is the Camp & Conference Center of Eastminster Presbytery. JBM was established in 1966. It provides year-round retreat facilities for churches and groups. It offers retreats during the year and a summer camp program for children and youth in June/July. Its Vision is to create an environment that transforms hearts and minds for Jesus Christ.

From Wed. evening, May 5th, through Sunday, May 9th, churches of Eastminster Presbytery are asked to provide manpower and finances to help take care of some maintenance issues at the camp. Several cabins and the pool house have leaky roofs that need replaced.

The estimated cost of repairs for each cabin is \$750.00 to \$1000.00 depending upon structural damage. We are hoping to have each participating congregation sponsor a cabin, or part of a cabin in order to help with expenses.



We will work with people of any skill level. The cabins are not tall, and the roofs are not steep. We will also need people to serve on the food committee. The work will be rewarding, and the fellowship with members of other Eastminster congregations will be very enjoyable.

The daily cost per person is \$8.00 for meals (Thu. - Sat.) and \$4.00 for Sunday. There will be no meals served on Wednesday. Housing will be in an air conditioned dorm. If you cannot commit to all five days, you are encouraged to work as many days as possible. Our week will end with a worship service on Sunday, after lunch.

More details will follow in March & April.

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2010 JBM Mission Trip

May 5-9, 2010

Interest form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

Home Church _____

I would like to participate on: (circle days)

Wed. 5TH, Thu. 6TH, Fri. 7TH, Sat. 8TH, Sun. 9TH.

I will (circle your interests): work on roofs, provide ground support, cook & serve food, lead a roofing work crew, assist in planning, chair a group from my church, Promotion/publicity.

Please mail, fax, or e mail this information to:

**2010 Mission Trip
c/o Patrick Santelli
Westminster Presbyterian Church
1250 W. Exchange St
Akron, Ohio 44313**

Fax: 330-836-8389

psantelli@sbcglobal.net



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About Our Leadership



The Rev. Meta Cramer, D.Min., is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Salem, Ohio. She is a graduate of the College of Wooster (B.A.), and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (M.Div. & D.Min.). Meta's D.Min. project entitled "Open My Eyes that I May See" explored the practice of daily Bible reading and its impact on daily living. Meta is currently working on a Certificate of Spiritual Formation through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Prior to serving First Presbyterian Church in Salem, Meta and her spouse Steve served as co-pastors of the Good News Presbyterian Parish in Eastminster Presbytery for 25-years. Meta served as Stated Clerk of Eastminster Presbytery from 1989 to 2008. She is currently a member of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission.

Directions to J.B.M.

From the NORTH:

Take Rt. 7 south from Kinsman about 7 miles to Hayes-Orangeville Road. Turn left and go about 1/2 mile to the entrance of the facility on the right.

From the SOUTH:

Approach on Rt. 7, 193, or 11 depending on one's point of departure. If using Rt. 11 or 193, exit at Rt. 305, go east to Hartford, and then north on Rt. 7, 2 1/2 miles to Hayes-Orangeville Rd. It is the first side road on the right after the intersection of Rt. 609.

From the WEST:

Take I-76 east past the Ohio Turnpike interchange and continue east on I-80. Rt. 11 north joins I-80 east. Take Rt. 11 north toward Ashtabula. Go north to the Rt. 305 exit and follow the directions above.

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Presbytery*



PASTORS' RETREAT



April 27-28, 2010

**A 24-Hour
Spiritual Retreat
from Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
to Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.**

**Haynam House
Joseph Badger Meadows
Camp & Conference
Center**

About the Retreat

This year the key word for the Pastors' Retreat is **retreat**. It is an opportunity for Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Commissioned and Trained Lay Pastors to retreat from the challenges of ministry in order to become spiritually renewed.

Those fulfilling a pastoral role in the church are expected to be spiritual leaders. In reality, the pressures of pastoral ministry can leave pastors stressed and exhausted—both physically and spiritually. To faithfully fulfill our role as spiritual leaders, we must intentionally take time for personal spiritual renewal.

The focus of the retreat will be to learn about, reflect together on, and practice spiritual disciplines. The schedule will not be rigorous. There will be plenty for the soul to feast upon, but there will not be intellectual overload.

The goal of this retreat is that we go away physically and spiritually refreshed, and equipped to give greater attention to our own well-being as disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of God.



What Do I Need to Bring?

We will be staying at the Haynam House on the campus of Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center at 7266 Hayes-Orangeville Road in Burghill, OH 44404. The Haynam House number is 330-772-3421 and the Camp Office number is 330-772-3931. Some cell phone carriers do not work at J.B.M., so plan to give camp phone numbers to those who might need to contact you.

Bring comfortable casual clothing and walking shoes. J.B.M. provides bed and bath linens. Bring your own toiletries. Also bring a Bible.

Plan to arrive between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on April 27. We will convene at 3:00 p.m. and will adjourn by 3:00 p.m. on April 28.



Suggested Reading

Tony Jones, The Sacred Way: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Life; and

Dorothy C. Bass, Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time.

Both are available at amazon.com at significant discounts

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

I will stay overnight. Please find enclosed my registration fee of **\$55** for overnight accommodations and all meals¹.

I will commute. Please find enclosed my registration of **\$30** for all meals¹.

Please make out your check to *Eastminster Presbytery* and mail it to *Box 316, 3833 Main Street, Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440*.

Special Needs:

¹Meals will include dinner and snacks on April 27 and breakfast and lunch on April 28.

***The deadline for registration is
April 20th.***

2010 Eastminster Presbytery Budget

| EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY BUDGET 2010 | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| ACCT NUMBER | Title | Administrative Budget 2010 | Mission Budget 2010 | Total | |
| Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council | | | | | |
| 5107.11 | Conference Calls | \$300 | \$0 | | The purpose would be to deal with urgent Presby matters if weather forces a meeting cancellation or an unforeseen issue arises. |
| Total Presbytery Mtg Coord. Council | | \$300 | \$0 | \$300 | |
| Mission Visioning Council | | | | | |
| 5251.22 | Combined Councils Retreat | \$0 | \$50 | | Provides an annual planning retreat for the Mission Visioning and Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council |
| 5252.22 | Leadership Development | \$0 | \$500 | | Funding for participation in events that promote leadership development of Eastminster's ministers & elders |
| 5253.22 | Congregation Transformation | \$0 | \$500 | | Funding for participation in events that equip leaders to foster congregational transformation |
| Total Mission Visioning Council | | \$0 | \$1,050 | \$1,050 | It helps empower leaders, sharpen communication, lower conflict, and foster collaboration. |
| Communication and Nurture | | | | | |
| 5201.22 | Nurture | \$0 | \$600 | | Communication is the plumbing and wiring of the Presbytery. We light up the web site and work to make the news flow into churches via the quarterly newsletter. We nurture the common life of the Presbytery by paying licensing fees for media the presbytery uses, providing publicity for special events, and look forward to holding a retreat for pastors and spouses. |
| 5207.11.22 | Website Hosting and ISP | \$200 | \$300 | | |
| 5209.22 | Website Design | \$0 | \$0 | | |
| 5211.11 | Presbyterian Communicators Louisville Event | \$150 | \$0 | | |
| Total Communication and Nurture | | \$350 | \$900 | \$1,250 | |
| PERSONNEL | | | | | |
| STATED CLERK | | | | | |
| 5301.11 | Salary | \$6,761 | \$0 | | |
| 5302.11 | Board of Pensions Dues | \$0 | \$0 | | |
| 5303.11 | Housing Allowance | \$0 | \$0 | | |
| 5311.11 | Expense Account | \$1,500 | \$0 | | |
| 5106.11 | St Clerk Annual Conf | \$650 | \$0 | | |
| 5110.11 | Stated Clerk to GA | \$1,500 | \$0 | | |
| Total | | \$10,411 | \$0 | \$10,411 | |
| FINANCIAL/CLERICAL ASSISTANT | | | | | |
| 5310.11 | Salary | \$13,240 | \$0 | | |
| Total | | \$13,240 | \$0 | \$13,240 | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | | | | | |
| 5307.11.22 | Salary (55/45) | \$16,800 | \$13,801 | | |
| 5308.11.22 | Board of Pension Dues | \$5,685 | \$4,651 | | |
| 5318.11.22 | Medical Deductible (2%) | \$337 | \$275 | | |
| 5309.11.22 | Continuing Education | \$0 | \$0 | | |
| Total | | \$22,822 | \$18,727 | \$41,549 | |
| TREASURER | | | | | |
| 5315.11 | Treasurer Stipend | \$7,272 | \$0 | | |
| Total | | \$7,272 | \$0 | \$7,272 | |

| EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY BUDGET 2010 | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| ACCT NUMBER | Title | Administrative Budget 2010 | Mission Budget 2010 | Total |
| GENERAL PRESBYTER | | | | |
| 5321.11.22 | Salary (45/55) | \$20,263 | \$24,765 | |
| 5322.11.22 | Housing Allowance | \$12,559 | \$15,480 | |
| 5324.11.22 | Continuing Education | \$540 | \$460 | |
| 5325.11.22 | Library Allowance | \$270 | \$130 | |
| 5326.11.22 | Medical Deductible (2%) | \$652 | \$796 | |
| 5327.11.22 | Expense Account | \$1,170 | \$830 | |
| 5333.11.22 | Board of Pension Dues | \$10,565 | \$12,912 | |
| | Total | \$46,019 | \$55,373 | \$101,392 |
| RESOURCE CENTER COORD. | | | | |
| 5335.22 | Salary | \$0 | \$9,285 | |
| 5336.22 | Continuing Education | \$0 | \$0 | |
| | Total | \$0 | \$9,285 | \$9,285 |
| JBM CAMP DIRECTOR/PROPERTY | | | | |
| 5360.22 | Salary | \$0 | \$29,870 | |
| 5364.22 | Continuing Education | \$0 | \$500 | |
| | Total | \$0 | \$30,370 | \$30,370 |
| CAMP DIRECTOR/PROGRAM COORD. | | | | |
| 5365.22 | Salary | \$0 | \$23,199 | |
| 5366.22 | Board of Pension Dues | \$0 | \$6,896 | |
| 5367.22 | Continuing Education | \$0 | \$0 | |
| | Total | \$0 | \$30,095 | \$30,095 |
| OTHER PERSONNEL EXPENSES | | | | |
| 5370.11.22 | Personnel FICA/Medicare | \$2,855 | \$5,826 | |
| 5372.11.22 | Personnel Workers' Comp. | \$601 | \$983 | |
| | Total | \$3,456 | \$6,809 | \$10,265 |
| 5375.11 | Enrolling Clerk Stipend | \$220 | \$0 | |
| 5376.11 | Travel Expenses/Staff | \$750 | \$0 | |
| 5377.11 | Moderator's Expense | \$900 | \$0 | |
| 5378.22 | Staff Appreciation | \$0 | \$0 | |
| | Total | \$1,870 | \$0 | \$1,870 |
| PERSONNEL GRAND TOTAL | | \$105,090 | \$150,659 | \$255,749 |
| ===== | | | | |
| Presbytery Auto | | | | |
| 5401.11.22 | Auto Expenses (45/55) | \$900 | \$1,100 | |
| 5402.11.22 | Auto Insurance | \$700 | \$700 | |
| 5403.11.22 | Auto Purchase Supplement | \$1,500 | \$0 | |
| | Total Presbytery Auto | \$3,100 | \$1,800 | \$4,900 |

| EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY BUDGET 2010 | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| ACCT NUMBER | Title | Administrative Budget 2010 | Mission Budget 2010 | Total |
| Presbytery Office | | | | |
| 5501.11 | Office Equipment | \$2,000 | \$0 | |
| 5503.11 | Office Equipment Maintenance | \$4,250 | \$0 | |
| 5504.11 | Office Insurance | \$2,400 | \$0 | |
| 5505.11 | Bank Fees | \$50 | \$0 | |
| 5506.11 | Office Supplies | \$2,500 | \$0 | |
| 5508.11 | Office Telephone | \$3,000 | \$0 | |
| 5510.11 | Office Postage | \$2,000 | \$0 | |
| 5512.11 | Office Facility Maintenance | \$6,000 | \$0 | |
| 5515.11 | Office Utilities | \$4,300 | \$0 | |
| 5516.11 | Payroll Service | \$1,600 | \$0 | |
| 5517.11 | Property Taxes | \$3,300 | \$0 | |
| 5518.11 | Office Mortgage Payment (\$535 x 12) | \$6,000 | \$0 | |
| Total Presbytery Office | | \$37,400 | \$0 | \$37,400 |
| Committee on Mission | | | | |
| 5602.22 | Protestant Campus Ministry, YSU | \$0 | \$0 | Supports ministry of Ecumenical Campus Ministry of Chaplain Kathryn Adams |
| 5613.22 | 1st Barberton Headstart | \$0 | \$0 | Support of supplemental educational program for poverty level 3-5 year old children |
| 5617.22 | Barberton Area Comm. Ministry | \$0 | \$0 | Provides food, emergency assistance, information, and counseling to area poor |
| 5618.22 | Barberton Health Clinic | \$0 | \$0 | Provides free medical primary healthcare to under served people in the area |
| 5624.22 | 1st Akron Community Fund | \$0 | \$0 | Emergency assistance and walk-in meals in high poverty area |
| 5625.22 | Dakota Presbytery Mission | \$0 | \$0 | Partnership with Native American presbytery providing mutual understanding & hands on ministry opportunities |
| 5626.22 | Southside Ministries, Youngstown | \$0 | \$0 | Christian ministry including tutoring, literacy classes, rehab, spiritual nurture, & material assistance for all ages in a predominantly racial-ethnic and poor area |
| 5629.22 | International Mission Partnership - Spain | \$0 | \$5,056 | Funding for international partnership of understanding between Eastminster & Levante Presbyteries |
| 5636.22 | Kent Church Campus Ministry | \$0 | \$0 | Assistance with Kent Church ministry to students at Kent State University |
| 5637.22 | 1st Akron Comm. Development | \$0 | \$0 | Serves the poor through community programs, projects, and practical acts of service |
| 6211.22 | Hudson Church Redevelopment/Transformation | \$0 | \$10,000 | Congregational Transformational Grant |
| | | \$0 | \$16,540 | To be divided up amongs mission causes |
| Total Committee on Mission | | \$0 | \$31,596 | \$31,596 |
| Committee on Ministry | | | | |
| 5701.11 | Transformational Ministry Training | \$700 | \$0 | Resource pastors in the practice of ministry to create missional congregations |
| 5701.22 | Session Leadership Training | \$0 | \$500 | Assist Sessions in gaining the skills to lead the congregation |
| 5704.11 | Travel/Training | \$800 | \$0 | Provide training and travel expenses for COM members |
| 5705.11 | Triennial Pastor / Session | \$150 | \$0 | Provide for COM expenses for triennial visits with pastors and session |
| 5707.11 | Continuing Ed/Clergy Start Up | \$500 | \$0 | Provide continuing education for COM members and an orientation for new pastors to the presbytery |
| 5710.11 | Lay Minister Development | \$400 | \$0 | Provide training and an annual retreat for elders serving as lay pastors |
| 5711.22 | Retired Clergy Support | \$0 | \$100 | Provide for fellowship gatherings of retired ministers and their spouses |
| 5709.11.22 | Sexual Misconduct Response | \$120 | \$120 | Assist COM with strategies to prevent or address cases of sexual misconduct |
| 5710.22 | Candidate Screening | \$0 | \$300 | Assisting Pastor Nominating Committees |
| Total Committee on Ministry | | \$2,670 | \$1,020 | \$3,690 |
| Committee on Preparation for Ministry | | | | |
| 5802.11 | CPM Synod Event Travel/Training | \$100 | \$0 | Annual event sponsored by the Synod providing training for committee members |
| 5803.22 | Annual Consultation Day/Travel | \$0 | \$600 | To cover costs of annual consultation with inquirers and candidates |
| 5804.22 | Midwest Career Center Expenses | \$0 | \$500 | To cover a portion of the cost of psychological evaluation and career counseling for inquirers |
| 5805.22 | Ordination Exam Fee | \$0 | \$200 | Aids candidates with costs for the ordination exam fees |
| Total Preparation for Ministry | | \$100 | \$1,300 | \$1,400 |

| EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY BUDGET 2010 | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| ACCT NUMBER | Title | Administrative Budget 2010 | Mission Budget 2010 | Total | |
| Committee on Congregational Resources | | | | | |
| 5902.22 | Youth Triennium Supplement | \$0 | \$1,650 | | Accrued financial support for triennial participation in nationwide youth event |
| 5903.22 | Resource Center Purchases | \$0 | \$1,000 | | Provides online catalog, updated books, curriculum, and other media for congregations to use for ministr |
| 5909.22 | Sexuality Retreat for Youth | \$0 | \$0 | | Presbytery sponsored event for youth of the churches of the presbytery |
| 6003.22 | Resourcing Congregations in Peacemaking/Hunger/Restori | \$0 | \$1,286 | | Presbytery's portion of Peacemaking Offering to promote justice & peace through congregations |
| | Total Congregational Resources | \$0 | \$3,936 | \$3,936 | |
| Trustees | | | | | |
| 6103.11 | Auditor | \$8,000 | \$0 | | For required annual audit |
| 6106.11 | Presbytery Legal Fees | \$8,000 | \$0 | | To protect our congregations/properties as required and necessary |
| | Total Trustees | \$16,000 | \$0 | \$16,000 | |
| Evangelism and Growth | | | | | |
| 6209.22 | Evangelism Administration | \$0 | \$0 | | Covers administrative costs for commission training and expenses |
| 6210.22 | Evangelism Training (Formerly-Acts 16:5 Seminars) | \$0 | \$1,000 | | Provides for travel/housing expenses of consultant and partial scholarships for churches |
| | Total Evangelism and Growth | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | |
| Self-Development of People | | | | | |
| 6351.22 | SDP Administrative Expenses | \$0 | \$0 | | Expenses for Eastminster SDOP Committee |
| | Total for SDOP | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| | GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES | \$165,010 | \$193,261 | \$358,271 | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| | PER CAPITA MEMBERS 9,847 x \$18.67 | \$183,843 | - | \$183,843 | |
| | Estimated amount will not be collected | (\$23,522) | - | (\$23,522) | |
| | MISSION PLEDGES | \$0 | \$169,652 | \$169,652 | |
| | JBM for Salaries | | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | |
| | INCOME FROM LEETONIA CHURCH (est) | \$0 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | |
| | DONATION FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOM | \$0 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | |
| | Spain Mission | | \$5,056 | \$5,056 | |
| | GRANTS | | | | |
| | SYNOD: | | | | |
| | ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES IN HIGHE | \$0 | \$3,590 | \$3,590 | |
| | SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKI | \$0 | \$1,286 | \$1,286 | |
| | GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$160,321 | \$185,084 | \$345,405 | |
| | DIFFERENCE | (\$4,689) | (\$8,177) | (\$12,866) | |

Seminar/Supper Reservation Form

Seminar for Clergy and Lay Leaders

Number attending dinner @ \$10.00 per person = \$ _____

(Please make check payable to "First Presbyterian Church")

Name(s) of Registrant(s): _____

Address/Phone: _____ **Church Affiliation:** _____

Special Dietary Requests:

Please return this form, with dinner fee, to First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave., Yo., OH 44503

Schaff Lectures

with

Dr. Daniel O. Aleshire



**Tuesday
March 23, 2010**

**First Presbyterian Church
Youngstown, Ohio**

Introducing Dr. Daniel O. Aleshire

Dr. Daniel O. Aleshire has been executive director of The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) since 1998. He first joined the staff in 1990, first as an associate director and later as associate executive director. He has also held a variety of leadership positions in other organizations related to accreditation of post secondary educational institutions.

An ordained minister, Dr. Aleshire holds a B.S. degree from Belmont College, the M.Div. degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and an M.A. degree and Ph.D. in psychology from George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. He served on the faculty of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1978 to 1990, and before that, as a research scientist at Search Institute in Minneapolis, where he worked on projects related to theological education, church-related higher education, and youth service agencies. Prior to that, he was pastor of Bergen Baptist Church in Waldwick, New Jersey.

Dr. Aleshire has written extensively on issues of ministry and theological education, Christian spirituality, and Christian education. He is co-author of *Being There: Culture and Formation in Two Theological Seminaries* (Oxford, 1997), which received the 1998 Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. His articles have appeared in *Commonweal*, *Christian Century*, *Theological Education*, and the *Journal of Supervision in Ministry*.

Dan and his wife, Jo, are the parents of two children, and they reside in Pittsburgh, PA.

The David S. Schaff Lecture Series

The late Jane Booth Schaff (Mrs. Philip H. Schaff), 1894-1981, came from a family with historic ties to theological education. For twenty-three years, her father-in-law, Professor David S. Schaff, taught Church History at Western Theological Seminary. Western is one of the antecedents of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Before beginning his teaching duties in 1903, he held two pastorates.

In her will, Mrs. Schaff provided for the completion of the endowment of the previously established David S. Schaff Lectureship at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, with an important stipulation and addition that the Schaff Lecturer(s) would deliver one address in Youngstown.

This was a unique concept, to bring someone as world-renowned as the annual Lecturer to the Mahoning Valley for religious and cultural enrichment.

For this reason, representatives of the finest scholarship of the theological world visit Youngstown annually to participate in a program coordinated by local clergy and laity. This educational experience is open to people of all denominations and faiths and celebrates the power of words shared to create, support, and thus nurture and strengthen community.

Historically, the Schaff Lecture Series has been sponsored locally by First Presbyterian Church in cooperation with Eastminster Presbytery, the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches, and the Diocese of Youngstown.

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

3:30 p.m. Registration

4:00 p.m. Clergy/Lay Leader Seminar
*"Leaving the Promised Land
for the Wilderness: The Changing Status
of Congregations, Ministry,
and Theological Education"*

(There is no charge for this Seminar,
but reservations are requested.)

5:30 p.m. Catered Buffet Supper - Paid
reservations of \$10 per person must be in our
Church Office by Wednesday, Mar. 17th.

7:00 p.m. Public Lecture
*"Shepherd, CEO, Entrepreneur, and Social
Worker: Pastoral Leadership and the Work
of God's People"*

(Lecture is open to the public;
no reservations required.)

**All events will be held at:
First Presbyterian Church
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