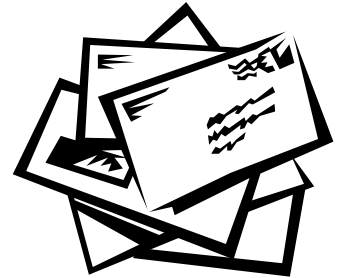


# FIRST MONDAY



***July, 2006***

***First Monday*** is a monthly mailing to Church Professionals in The Miami Presbytery from the Presbytery Staff including information of events and news of interest as submitted by appropriate Presbytery entities. Publication of such information does not imply presbytery endorsement of the views and opinions expressed or implied. We have incorporated a few changes this month to help streamline the online version, after several comments that it takes quite some time to download this large document. These items will remain in the printed version but in a slightly different format – see the combined Prayer List and Calendar. This month we have included:

1. **The Prayer List** which now includes the first Sunday of the next month at popular request.
2. The **June Calendar** (For the online readers, please go to [www.miamipresbytery.org](http://www.miamipresbytery.org) and click on the Calendar button in the links to the left of the homepage.)
3. **News & Reviews** (For the online version, look at [http://www.miamipresbytery.org/resource\\_center/firstmonday.200607.pdf](http://www.miamipresbytery.org/resource_center/firstmonday.200607.pdf))
4. **Presbytery News – *What's Happening Around The Presbytery.***
5. Synod Brief Bulletin Insert
6. Hispanic Ministry Instrument Bulletin Insert
7. 2007 Mission Yearbook Order Form

*Please let the Miami Presbytery office know if you would like to switch to e-notification of the First Monday posting to the Presbytery web site!*

*Submissions must be in by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month or the last working day prior in order to be placed in the packet. Send or email submissions to Tom Oxley at the Presbytery, [tom.oxley@miamipresbytery.org](mailto:tom.oxley@miamipresbytery.org).*

# MIAMI PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST



## July, 2006

**2 July**

**Blue Ball Presbyterian Church** located at 6901 Roosevelt Avenue, Franklin; 68 member congregation with pastoral candidate Kevin Lawlor.

*And please remember the Presbyterian Women in your prayers.*

**9 July**

**Presbyterian Church of New Paris** located at 6875 US Rt 40, New Paris; 32 member congregation with Pastor, Jerry Westfall.

*And please remember the Bellbrook Redevelopment in your prayers.*

**16 July**

**First Presbyterian Church** located at 1130 Highview Drive, Fairborn; 319 member congregation with Pastor William Anderson.

*And please remember the Youth and PYC in your prayers.*

**23 July**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church** located at 990 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, 299 member congregation with Pastor Brian Maguire.

*And please remember the men and women serving our country around the world in your prayers.*

**30 July**

**Westwood Presbyterian Church** located at 1068 Stahleber Road, Hamilton; 136 member congregation with Pastor Joshua Long.

*And please remember the Strategic Plan process team in your prayers.*

**6 August**

**First Presbyterian Church** located at 215 West Columbus Street, West Liberty; 58 member congregation with Pastor Randy Terry.

*And please remember the members of the Trustees/Finance Committee in your prayers.*

## First Monday Job Corner

Drop us a line if there is a job opening you need to fill at your church (and please let us know if you want it continued in future months).

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## Miami Presbytery is a Member of the Pastoral Counseling Center of Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton

Our Covenant Agreement with the Counseling Center ensures that all members of the Presbytery and their households will have access to the Center for individual and group counseling, at 50% of the \$100. fee.

A counselor is available 24-hours a day for crisis and urgent needs.

Call 208-6606 for an appointment. Be sure to tell the receptionist that you are a member of the Miami Presbytery.

The Pastoral Counseling Center is also available to Clergy and other Church Professionals for confidential consultation regarding pastoral care and counseling needs.

Please contact AEP Jackie Nowak with questions (258-8118, [jackie.nowak@miamipresbytery.org](mailto:jackie.nowak@miamipresbytery.org)).

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## If Your Congregation is Hosting an Overnight Guest:

The Miami Presbytery has an agreement with two Dayton hotels which allows guests to be registered under the name of the Presbytery, at reduced rates.

The “preferred” rate for a double room at Doubletree Hotel is \$89. and at the Crowne Plaza, \$94/night.

Contact Jackie Nowak with have questions (258-8118, [jackie.nowak@miamipresbytery.org](mailto:jackie.nowak@miamipresbytery.org)).

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## Save the Date! *Shareing Common Flames: An Ecumenical Celebration of Women in Ministry*

When: Wednesday, October 11, 2006, 11:00 AM — 4:30 PM

Where: United Theological Seminary

What: Celebrate the legacy of women in ministry and explore the issues confronting us today in our God-given calls.

Who: For all women in ministry leadership.

A Partnership of: The Presbyterian Church USA; The Miami Presbytery Social Justice Committee Focus Group on Women's Ordination and United Theological Seminary; The Harriet L. Miller Women's Center and The Institute for Applied Theology. Information: [ysouve@united.edu](mailto:ysouve@united.edu).

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**Equipping The Saints** next program will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, featuring Dr. David Bartlett, Professor of New Testament at Columbia Seminary. Watch for upcoming brochures for more information.

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## Email Communications: *Help!*

The Miami Presbytery hopes to be able to share prayer requests and other information with members of our churches quickly and efficiently, but we have a fairly limited email list. Some churches have helped with email lists for their Elders. Please ask the congregation, Elders and Deacons in your church to permit you to provide an email list so that we can help keep our church members informed. The greatest problem we hear of is that congregations don't know what Presbytery is doing, and since the Presbytery is **the members of your church**, this is the best way we can get the word out. We know that some people may not want a lot of email, and that is not a problem. We would like to be able to share the word with a few members, at least, of every one of the churches in the Miami Presbytery. Information shouldn't be a secret, and people in need of prayer should have a large number of people offering up prayer on their behalf. Please consider this request, and get the word out to your congregation. Thank you.

**Needed – Dependable Used Car -** The Intern Hispanic Minister at Dayton: College Hill needs an inexpensive but reliable used car. If you know a member of your congregation trying to sell one, please call 937-278-4203.

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**Church camp scholarships are needed** for Hispanic and other disadvantaged youth for this summer. Please inform your members of this need through bulletin inserts, your newsletter, or in any other place that you feel is appropriate in your church. Without your assistance, children who cannot afford the cost may not have an opportunity to attend camp at Kirkmont this summer.

Please contact Rev. Jayne L. Ruiz at the presbytery office at 258-8118.



**Ministries in Higher Education.** Through its Committee on Ministries in Higher Education, the synod supports three campus ministries (Alma College, College of Wooster and Muskingum

College) and a number of ecumenical campus ministries across Michigan and Ohio.

Subscribers to the Higher Ed Ministries newsletter will be kept informed about the committee's activities as it explores how to reach these very important groups and support the ministries that serve them. To receive this newsletter, subscribe at [www.synodofthecovenant.org/HigherEd](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org/HigherEd).

**Church Development and Transformation.** In 2005, the Church Development and Transformation Committee granted over 122 thousand dollars to churches and presbyteries for mission development projects. In addition to these grants, the Synod has loaned nearly 380 thousand dollars for church development and transformation projects. For more news about this vital ministry, subscribe to the Church Development and Transformation newsletter at [www.synodofthecovenant.org/Development](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org/Development).



**Multi-Cultural and Justice Ministries.**

The many activities of this committee include:

- Cabinet on Ethnic Church Affairs
- Justice for Women
- Mission to the U.S.A.
- Mobile Health Fair
- Peacemaking



• Self-Development of People  
You can keep abreast of all these activities by subscribing to the Multi-Cultural and Justice Newsletter at [www.synodofthecovenant.org/Multi](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org/Multi).



**Synod Communicators.**

Good communications lie at the heart of effective ministry, and this organization seeks to support and equip staff members and volunteers who provide this important service to churches and presbyteries. Subscribe to the communications newsletter at [www.synodofthecovenant.org/Connections/Communicators](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org/Connections/Communicators).

If you prefer to receive printed copies of any of these newsletters, call the synod office at 1-800-848-1030.



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# SYNOD BRIEF

News from the Synod of the Covenant, PC(U)

## Synod Unites with Local Health Care Agencies

*Through the ministry of the Mobile Health Fair, people who do not have access to medical care receive screenings, education and referrals*

Check [www.synodofthecovenant.org](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org) for health fair dates in your area, or call the Mobile Health Fair Coordinator, Tammy Scheuermann, 419-704-4041.

The Synod Mobile Health Fair's big white van has hit the road again this summer, crisscrossing Michigan and Ohio to visit churches, homeless shelters and street fairs. The mini will serve more than 2,000 attendees during its nine-week to "Health fairs are primarily about educating participants so they can take charge of their health, helping them live in wholeness as God intends," says Tammy Scheuermann, the synod's Health Fair coordinator. "Our purpose is to connect people in need with medical resources for diagnosis and treatment of health related issues."

Fairs are free to all participants and anyone may attend. Staff are especially interested in making sure medically underserved people visit the fairs. This includes those who are economically disadvantaged, those who have difficulty getting medical attention due to language or mobility limitations and those who do not have access to or cannot afford health insurance.

The fairs are run by a trained team from the synod working alongside volunteers from a host church or presbytery. The host organization provides a site for the fair, volunteers to help with screening and education, and finds local doctors, dentists and health agencies willing to accept referrals.



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The synod team supplies equipment, staff members, displays and educational materials. Many times, local hospitals, agencies and service clubs join with the team to offer even more testing and other resources.

Those who attend the fair can have their blood pressure checked, take vision and hearing tests, have their mouth and teeth examined, have their blood glucose level measured and be checked for breathing function and skin cancer.

Pamphlets and educational displays offer information about dental care, nutrition and

## FAST FACTS

By the end of last summer, the Synod's Mobile Health Fair...

- ✓ visited eight presbyteries in eight weeks
- ✓ put on 50 events
- ✓ treated 1,864 participants
- ✓ made 398 medical referrals
- ✓ made 460 dental referrals
- ✓ did 673 glucose tests
- ✓ involved 486 volunteers

were able to able to go to their appointment.

The health fair team partners with the Central Ohio Diabetes Association to provide glucose testing. The association provides training, supplies and liability insurance, allowing fair sponsors to provide the tests free of charge.

The team also partners with Prevent Blindness of Ohio to include near and distance visual acuity, glaucoma testing and risk assessments for adults. This is in addition to distance visual acuity and random-dot E screens for preschool children. Vouchers for free vision exams and eyeglasses for children 19 and younger will be dispensed at the fairs, courtesy of Prevent Blindness of Ohio.

Health Fair Coordinator Tammy Scheuermann hopes to extend the health fair season in the near future. "The schedule fills up quickly and there are many more requests for fairs than we have time for in the summer. We would love to extend the fairs into the spring and fall," she said.

**SYNOD BRIEF** is published by the Synod of the Covenant, serving 185,960 Presbyterians in 795 congregations and 11 presbyteries in Michigan, Ohio and surrounding states.

*Marta Kramer, editor.*

Three days of fellowship mixed with business will mark the 2006 meeting of the Synod Assembly, slated for October 4-6 at the synod offices in Maumee, Ohio.

This year's assembly will feature a reception at Oak Openings Preserve, a worship service celebrating women's ordinations and reports from the synod committees that administer the many programs and missions of the synod.

Just as the national Presbyterian Church U.S.A. has a General Assembly and presbyteries have presbytery meetings, synods hold assemblies: gatherings of commissioners from member presbyteries.



In the Synod of the Covenant, four commissioners from each of the eleven presbyteries within the synod and four at-large commissioners will meet to discuss, vote and set direction for the synod for the next year.

In addition to the voting commissioner observers are always welcomed at the assembly. If you are interested in observing Presbyterian Church in action, plan now to attend. Check the synod website, [www.synodofthecovenant.org](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org) for details as they become available, or call synod office, 1-800-848-1030.

## Meet the Synod Staff: Janet Chapman



Hi! I am Janet Chapman, executive assistant in the synod office. My voice is usually the first one you hear when you call or the first face you see when you walk in. I have been in this office since it moved from Columbus in May 2003. This position came at a perfect time. I was leaving my position as financial secretary at the Collingwood Presbyterian Church in Toledo's Old West End at the end of April 2003 and the synod needed someone to start on May 1. It was a great move!

I have been around the Presbyterian Church all my life. I was born in Marquette, Michigan and baptized at the First Presbyterian Church there. I was raised in the churches in Peru, Indiana and Bryan, Ohio. My mother is still an active member of the church in Bryan. I am an active member of Collingwood Presbyterian Church.

I am single but in a long-distance relationship. When I am in Toledo I enjoy getting together with my girlfriends on Saturday morning for coffee. We are always in the throes of planning some kind of party or recuperating from the last one. And, of course, there is always shopping. I don't have any children but I do have two cats, Smokey and Riley. Riley is a 20-pound male. When folks first meet I they are sometimes intimidated!

I enjoy working for the Synod of the Covenant and supporting the staff, committees and committees in their work. Please call or email me if you need anything. If I can't answer I can usually point you in the right direction. One of my most frequent answers is, "It's on the web site!" So check it out! There is a lot of information the





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donations of musical instruments to be used in Spanish worship services in our congregations. Since vibrant music is so integral to the Hispanic/Latino culture, we are requesting instruments that reflect the style of worship that appeals to the Hispanic culture. By this summer, we expect to have worship with Hispanics at seven of our churches in Miami Presbytery. Currently, the vast majority of the Hispanic youth and young people, due to economic, cultural, and language barriers, does not have access to a place to learn and play musical instruments. Our hope and prayer is to provide this place through praise and worship at our churches.



We are requesting instruments which would be used in worship and remain in our congregations, so these instruments need to be in very good condition. Instruments needed include the following: **professional drum sets, acoustic, base and electric guitars, amplifiers, tambourines, bells for Christmas time, saxophones, maracas, bongos, keyboards, etc.**



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# 2007

## Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study and Children's Mission Yearbook

*People will come from east and west* (Luke 13:29)

These words attributed to Jesus Christ are recorded at the conclusion of a series of sayings and parables about the kingdom of God in Luke's Gospel: the mustard seed, a fig tree, leaven in a loaf of bread. These words also come within the context of Jesus saying, "Some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." The point is, the community of believers grows and changes in surprising ways. In fact, some who were considered distant will draw close and some who had assumed a place of prominence will drift away.

So it is with the stories of our own corners of Christendom. The gospel takes root and grows in ways beyond anything we could have imagined. Communities heretofore unseen suddenly enter the story. People come to our communities of faith from east and west and north and south, and our mission is transformed in remarkable ways.

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- Use the *Mission Yearbook* as a way to begin meetings with prayer.
- Learn and share how the PC(USA) is involved in mission. Use the *Mission Yearbook* daily to help support through prayer and practice staff members in synods and presbyteries, and mission co-workers and mission partners at home and around the world.
- Give each member a copy when he or she makes a pledge. The *Mission Yearbook* shows each day where church mission giving goes. The *Children's Mission Yearbook* is filled with information about the church's mission.
- Find out about the many mission projects supported by Presbyterian Women and their creative ministries.
- Give new members a copy when they join the church to introduce them to the mission work of the PC(USA) at home and around the world. Place a copy in the hymnal racks on the pews in your sanctuary.
- Create a class to study PC(USA) local mission and overseas mission and use the *Yearbook* as a textbook.



**Order advanced copies through your presbytery and save nearly 50%.**



# *2007 Mission Yearbook Ordering Information*

To take advantage of the Presbytery bulk order, please fill out the lower portion of this form and return by August 15<sup>th</sup> to the Presbytery office.

Bulk buying prices:

Adult edition: \$4.50 each

Children's edition: \$4.00 each

For those ordering 50 copies or more, please order directly to avoid having to arrange pickup at the presbytery office.

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Please order \_\_\_\_ copies of the 2007 Mission Yearbook adult edition and

\_\_\_\_ copies of the children's edition for the \_\_\_\_\_

church in \_\_\_\_\_. Contact \_\_\_\_\_

to let us know they are ready to pick up.

The mission yearbook order will be placed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. When received at the Presbytery office, your church or group will be notified for pickup. An invoice will be ready at the time of pickup. Items can be picked up at the office between the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or arrangements can be made for materials to be picked up at the next Presbytery meeting following notification. Materials left in the office after the first of January, 2007, will be available for other groups to purchase on first-come, first-served.