



The Grapevine

CONNECTING THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT

August 2009

Bread for the Hungry



by the Rev. Dr. Allen D. Timm, Executive Presbyter

This summer I was touched by two reports I received about feeding the hungry in our Presbytery. One came from Lincoln Park, a partner of the Presbytery's Hunger Ministry Food Pantry Program. Ruth Allen of the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church wrote in her newsletter the following information. Their June 18 food pantry served 146 family units including 192 adults and 125 children. Eighteen of the family units were new, and several had multiple children. On July 16, their monthly pantry served 128 family units including 164 adults and 71 children. The article reminded the members of the congregation that contributions are needed now more than ever – non-perishables, monetary contributions, and time.

I thank God for our Hunger Ministry and the work of Artheillia Thompson, Hunger Ministry Coordinator, who serves the Presbytery in this vital mission of feeding the hungry. Each

congregation that participates also sends a delegate to a monthly meeting where they discuss common buying, tips about teaching folks to prepare wholesome and nutritional meals, pick up food for their pantries, and a check to help supplement the individual programs. The congregations, which currently participate in the Hunger Ministry Program, are Detroit, Westminster, Detroit, Trinity Community, Detroit, Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Southwest, Detroit, Calvary, Highland Park, Park United, and Lincoln Park. This program is open to all of our congregations. For more information on how to participate please, contact Artheillia at the Presbytery Office. I also know there are congregations, which have their own food banks to provide food for the hungry. In addition, many congregations send helpers to serve the some 600 weekly guests at Fort Street's Open Door in Detroit.

The other story was about Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Walled Lake that heard the call to start a community garden. They turned over land, advertised the availability of plots and water, and asked that each farmer give 10 percent of its yield to a neighboring food pantry. The results as of the

fourth week of August the gardener/missionaries gave 600 pounds to the community food bank, Hospitality House. Several families who were on the fringe of the church found an opportunity to serve and became very active. Pastor John Pavelko says they have yet to see the results of the increased visibility and the conversations that took place over gardening.

It is interesting that these efforts coincide with some of the efforts in Detroit to return unused land to urban farming. The General Assembly's Self-Development of People awarded two grants to organizations doing urban farming, Christian Development Corporation, just north of Midtown Detroit, and a group on the East Side, Mt Olivet Neighborhood Watch, Inc. Total grants of \$30,000 were used for tractors, tillers, and storage sheds. These monies came from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Thanks be to God for this food given to the hungry. These are but some of the mission efforts taking place in the Presbytery. I thank you for your gifts to the Shared Mission ministry of the General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery! And OGHS!

Clergy Ordination Anniversaries

July

45 Douglas D. Carter
35 Allen D Timm
30 William Zambon
25 Richard Danielak
25 Johnie Bennett
15 Gregory L. Wiggins
15 Hak Suk Yoon
05 Jason Pittman

August

45 Ivan L. Benedict
25 Kevin Johnson
05 Elizabeth Arakelian

September

60 Paul Sutton
55 Virgil L. Jones
35 Ronald Vanderbeek
25 Peter W. Gabel

Self Development Of People

Presbytery of Detroit

17575 Hubbell
Detroit, MI 48235
313-345-6550

August 24, 2009
Regarding: Good News

Dear Pastors and Clerks of Session:

This message is sent to inform you of the "Good News" about the formation of a Self Development Of People Committee in the Presbytery of Detroit. The National Committee has acted to certify us locally so that we can validate and fund projects that meet established criteria.

The immediate challenge for The Committee is to invest **\$19,741.00** in competitive, grass roots proposals. **We must do so by the deadline date of December 12, 2009.** We are requesting your help and that of your congregations to spread the news of this great opportunity throughout our communities.

We are specifically asking you to increase the pool of applicants in all the ways available to you.

- Bulletin and Newsletter Announcements
- Outreach through all within your circle of influence
- Identify and Build Relationships with economically poor people/groups.
- Promote SDOP Sunday, February 2010.
- Visit www.pcusa.org/sdop for publications/applications

Your leadership to accomplish this outreach is appreciated.

The "Good News" of today is brought to you on behalf of all members of the SDOP Committee. It is "GOOD NEWS" made possible through all POD contributors to ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING.

May the peace of Christ be with us on our journey toward justice.

Della McGraw Goodwin, Chairperson

cc SDOP Members: Bertha Marsh, E. Victor Helb, Jeane V. Moore, Ken Collinson
cc Artheillia Thompson, Staff

SDOP/POD *we partner with self starters*

COMMUNITY GROUPS:

YOU GOT A PROBLEM?

BECAUSE YOU ARE POOR?

GOT A GROUP OF POOR PEOPLE?

GOT GROUP SOLUTIONS?

GOT CONTROL TO BENEFIT ALL?

WE HAVE THE MONEY!

Self Development Of People
A Work Group of the Presbytery of Detroit

Come to our Community Workshop

Date: Monday, September 14, 2009

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: Detroit Calvin East Church
6125 Cadioux, Detroit 48224
313-537-0578

Reservations Required.

Call the Presbytery at (313) 345-6550

Or email info@detroitpyresbytery.org



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IDEAS AND INSIGHTS FOR ACTIVE CONGREGATIONS

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David Bales & Herb Miller

Do We Sing All Five Worship-Hymn Preferences?

"I just love the old gospel hymns," exclaimed Helen, the oldest choir member, after the choir finished practicing "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

Carol, a choir member in her mid-sixties, asked, "But aren't some of those gospel hymns theologically unsound? I prefer the *really old* hymns like 'Holy, Holy, Holy.'"

Bill interrupted with, "I'll take the contemporary praise songs over those oldies every Sunday. I first heard 'Father I Adore You' at an Emmaus Walk Weekend back in the 1970s, and that really spoke to me."

"But those are actually *old* contemporary songs," said Amy, a thirty-year-old choir member. "The praise songs written in the 1980s, like 'Change My Heart O God,' are much more meaningful..."

The youngest choir member, Jacob, interrupted Amy with, "That type of praise song is *too old* to call contemporary! Songs written during the last fifteen years, like 'You Are My All in All,' are what's happening now."

Which of those five choir members is right? All of them! Many factors—such as the denomination in which we grew up or our ethnic origins—influence our hymn-type preferences. But more than any other *single* factor, the year we were born determines what hymns we like.

A high percentage of American Protestants born before 1927 prefer the old gospel hymns (predominantly written between 1870 and 1935). Why do so many people in that age range prefer this hymn-type? We "bond" to music, both sacred and secular, between age sixteen and twenty-four. Thus, when most people born before 1927 sing *the old gospel hymns* they feel God's presence in a special way. Three examples of *the old gospel hymns*: "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" (1873); "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (1882); and "In the Garden" (1912).

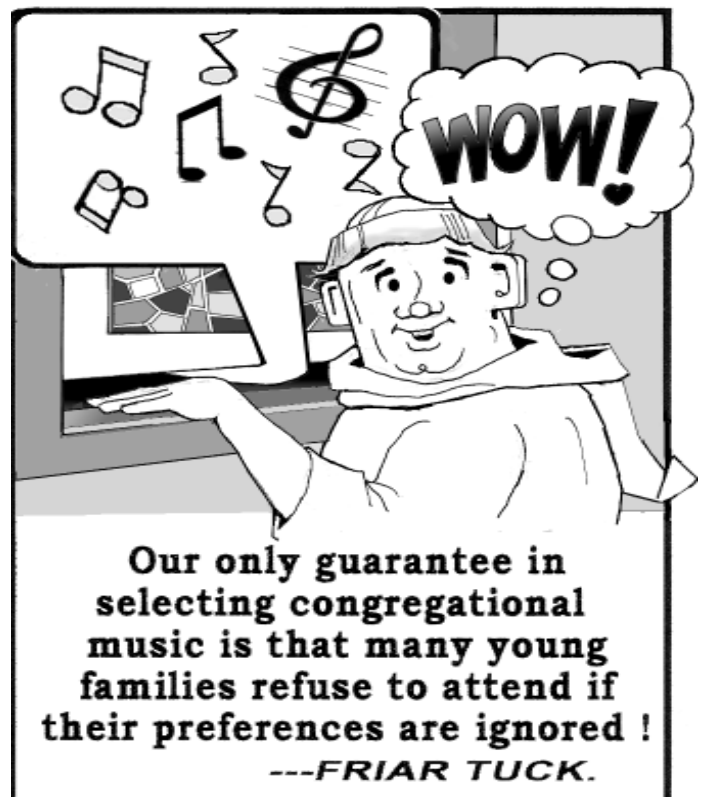
At least three-fourths of American Protestants born from 1927 through 1945 prefer the great classic hymns (predominantly written between 1520 and 1870). When World War II ended in 1945, sixteen million Americans took off their uniforms. Between 1945 and 1960, Gallup Poll Surveys indicate that U.S. church attendance (as a percentage of U.S. population) rose to levels never achieved before or

since. The sanctuaries that these people filled to overflowing resounded to *the great classic hymns*, pipe organs, and choirs. That generation's "bond" to these hymns will never come unglued. Three examples of *the great classic hymns*: "A Mighty Fortress" (1528); "Holy, Holy, Holy" (words 1826, music 1861); and "The Church's One Foundation" (words 1866, music 1864).

The big challenge for churches: Many people born since 1960 view most of the hymns in both hymn-types noted above as boring, devoid of meaning. This viewpoint appeared in the mid-1960s, as the Vietnam War began. Many age-18-to-44 adults were developing new music preferences.

As a new hymn-type arrived on the scene, the public began describing it with the following words: "non-traditional," "contemporary," "praise songs," "modern praise songs," and "praise and worship songs."

As the next four decades unrolled, many mainline clergy and worshipers viewed this new hymn-type as *a single preference*. But that is far from accurate!



The people who like “praise songs” are NOT *one group* that prefers “contemporary.” That tragic mis-perception produced declines in mainline worship attendance, and in some instances, the gradual disappearance of entire churches.

Ninety percent of Protestant congregations with non-declining worship attendance report *three hymn-type preferences* among worshippers born since 1945. Finding names that communicate these three hymn-types to such a diverse-background group as clergy and worship leaders is difficult. The following names attempt that feat:

1st Generation Contemporary: Modern Praise Songs, written in the 1960-1978 era. Three examples: “They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love” (1966); “Father, I Adore You” (1972); and “He Has Made Me Glad” (1976).

2nd Generation Contemporary: Restorational Praise & Worship Songs, written in the 1978-1995 era. Three examples: “I Love You Lord” (1978); “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” (1981); and “Shine Jesus Shine” (1987).

3rd Generation Contemporary: Missional Worship Songs, written 1995 to the present. Three examples: “Lord Reign in Me” (1998); “Here I Am to Worship” (2000); and “How Great Is Our God” (2004).

Approximately 75 percent of mainline Protestant worshippers born since 1946 prefer *2nd Generation* and *3rd Generation Contemporary*.

If a church sings ONLY *1st Generation Contemporary* (written predominantly between 1960 and 1978), many younger worshippers feel uninspired, “wish we could sing something more contemporary,” and decide to visit a congregation where that happens.

For most worshippers born after 1964, *2nd* and *3rd Generation Contemporary* (written from 1978 to the present) are as integral to their worship experience as were *the old gospel hymns* to worshippers born before 1927.

Should mainline churches sing all three types of praise songs? To avoid gradually shrinking in membership over the next decade, congregations must consciously decide to provide worship experiences that match the spiritual preferences of young-adult age groups. Music may not determine the people a church effectively reaches, but music choices determine the people a church CANNOT reach.

Churches that sing *3rd Generation Contemporary* may still fail to reach age-14 to age-40 young adults. But churches that refuse to include the music that most effectively connects with people of that age guarantee that they will NOT see many of them in worship each week.

But is it possible to sing that many hymn-types? Examples of how non-declining mainline churches do it:

◆ Congregations that average fewer than 150-200 people in worship increase the likelihood of maintaining stable attendance by providing one “blended” worship service—that

every Sunday sings *the great classic hymns*, an occasional *old gospel hymn*, and *at least two* of the three generations of *contemporary praise songs* noted above.

◆ About 50 percent of larger, non-declining mainline congregations (200-1,000 or more average worship attendance) offer two kinds of worship services on Sunday morning and sometimes a Saturday evening worship at 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. Often, this pattern involves (a) a traditional service at 8:00 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, in which worshippers sing *the great classic hymns* and a few of *the old gospel hymns*; (b) a 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service in which worshippers sing songs from *at least two* of the three generations of *contemporary praise songs*; and (c) in some instances, Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. that uses songs from *at least two* of the three generations of *contemporary praise songs*.

◆ The other 50 percent of larger, non-declining mainline congregations (200-1,000 or more average attendance) use (a) a “blended” style in two, three, and sometimes four Sunday morning services—blending *the great classic hymns* and *at least two* of the three generations of *contemporary praise songs*—and (b) in some instances a Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. that uses songs from *at least two* of the three generations of *contemporary praise songs*.

How do we make the shift?* Print the following in the worship bulletin *every Sunday* for *at least six months*:

“Because we strive to show equal respect for all five preferences in worship music, we select songs and hymns meaningful to every age group via a balanced music selection consisting of (a) *the great classic hymns* written 1520-1870, (b) *the old gospel hymns* written 1871-1935, and (c) the three generations of *contemporary praise songs* written 1960-1978, 1978-1995, and 1995 to today.”

Bottom line results of showing equal respect for all five hymn-type preferences: (a) At least 75 percent of young-adult attendees (and many older adults) find worship more meaningful. (b) Worship attendance, Christian conversions, and offerings increase. (c) By focusing on age-18-to-44 young adults (rather than clinging solely to historic worship hymns), a congregation increases the likelihood of health and strength twenty-five years from now.

*See the study/discussion process in *Church Effectiveness Nuggets: Volume 4, How to Increase Worship Attendance*, plus an in-depth discussion and list of 116 praise songs from the three types of “contemporary praise songs” in *Volume 32, We Are Singing the Right Hymns in Worship...Aren't We?* Download both of these volumes free of charge (www.TheParishPaper.com).

The "Weekly Update" is available by e-mail when you send your address to sandy@detroitpresbytery.org or you can see it on the www.pbydetroit.org web site under Weekly Update.



[POD Web Site](#)

NEW Presbytery of Detroit office hours
Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

What's NEW on
www.PbyDetroit.org

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An opportunity for adults to explore their faith and what it means to them.
September 10-13, 2009
at the Howell Nature & Conference Center
[Information](#)

CELEBRATE!!!!!!!

MONTH OF MISSION IN OCTOBER 2009
with a Mission Co-Worker or Mission Interpreter from our Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission field. Fran Anderson is currently working on this project, as she has done for the past several years. For a form please click on the link.
[Mission Speaker Request Form.doc](#)

The Presbytery of Detroit Weekly Update

August 21, 2009

Prayer of the Week:

Great Spirit,
give us hearts to understand;
never to take
from creation's beauty more than we give;
never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed;
never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty;
never to take from her what we cannot use.
Give us hearts to understand that to destroy earth's music is to create confusion;
that to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty;
that to callously pollute her fragrance is to make a house of stench;
that as we care for her she will care for us.
Amen.

– U.N. Environmental Sabbath Program

Help Howell Conference & Nature Center raise money click below for more information:



[Models for Men's Ministry](#)
8:00 a.m. Saturday
September 12, 2009

First Presbyterian Church
26165 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Please join us for a men's fellowship breakfast followed a panel discussion on how to start a men's ministry in your congregation.

Sponsored by the Detroit Presbytery.
For more information please call, 248-474-6170, or email, info@farmington-pres.org
Donation requested but not mandatory for this event.



[PCUSA Web Site](#)

August 2009

22	Youth Mission Team helping with the RESPOND Food program at Detroit, Westminster 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
25	Presbytery Meeting at Shelby Twp., St. Thomas

September 2009

1	Taize Worship at Dearborn, Littlefield
7	Presbytery Office Closed - Labor Day
10-13	MI Presbyterian Pilgrimage #10 at Howell Conference & Nature Center
11-12	Ann Arbor, First sponsoring a Campus and Youth Ministry program HURT: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers with Dr. Chap Clark
12	Men's Ministry Team is holding a workshop at Farmington, First about starting Men's Groups
13	Garden City Church invites all to their 3rd Annual Alive in the Park 10:00 am at Garden City Park (Cherry Hill & Merriman Roads)
13-17	Iowa IV Mission Trip to Cedar Rapids, IA
15	How to Start a Job Network and Support Center in Your Church at First Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
15	Taize Worship at Bloomfield Hills, Kirk in the Hills
17	Taize Worship at Troy, Northminster
21	Introductory Meeting to form the 3rd Clergy Support Group at Samaritan Counseling Center 12:00 pm-1:15 pm
27	Michigan Black Presbyterian Charitable Organization presents A Benefit Concert with Lori Celeste Hicks, Soprano at Detroit, Westminster to support the Lazarus Project 5 pm
28	Stewardship Workshop at Royal Oak, First 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
28-29	Pastors in Transition with Gil Rendle at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI
29-Oct 2	POAMN-ARMSS 25th Anniversary Conference Joy for the Journey: Equipping the Saints in Tucson, AZ
30-Oct 1	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Series on Pastoral Ministry presents On Retiring from a Congregation

October 2009 MONTH OF MISSION

2	David Bailey, a Presbyterian singer and songwriter, concert at Alma College at 8 pm
6	Taize Worship at Dearborn, Littlefield
10	Hunger workshop "Just Eating" at

SPECIAL NOTICE.....

Discounted tickets are available for the Lions' Home Opener on Sunday, **September 20** at Ford Field against the Minnesota Vikings. Tickets are available for only \$20.00 each (regularly \$50.00 seats) for charitable and youth groups. Churches fit into both groups. Basically, anyone can come.

Game time is 1:00 PM. So, groups could head down there after they have the opportunity to worship at church.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Greg Lynch at (313) 262-2264 or GLynch@DetroitLions.com. You must order at least 10 tickets to qualify for this discount. There may be a group order handling fee for each order. You will want to act as quickly as possible.

MONTH OF MISSION BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 31, 2009
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

University Presbyterian Church
1385 S. Adams Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

- Hear exciting mission speakers
- Share warm fellowship
- Enjoy a delicious meal
- Sing, Pray, Listen

For Information, Reservations, Tickets

Contact: Fran Anderson **\$3 per person**
2570 Silverside (please make checks payable to
Waterford, MI 48328 the Presbytery of Detroit.)
(248) 673-7707

East Africa Team and Border Ministry Crafts for sale.

Message from Samaritan Counseling Center:

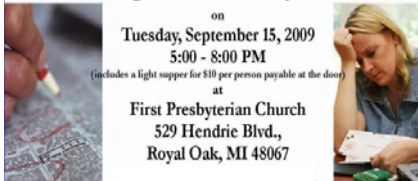
Colleagues: Just to let you know that applications are still being received by Samaritan Counseling Center for our Pastoral Care Specialist Program, 1 year continuing education program for folks serving in congregational settings. You can find out all about the program and download an application at http://samaritancounselingmichigan.com/index_files/Page3880.htm. The program begins on Wednesday, September 16, from 9:00 – 4:00 at the SCC offices at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48336, and continues for the balance of the program, October – June, on the second Tuesday of the month. Cost is \$1060, of which \$60 is a non refundable application fee. This program would qualify for any continuing education funds you have access to. The program uses readings, peer support and professional sharing to enhance and expand the knowledge and skill base for work in congregational settings. Any questions, please call Pat McCluskey, Associate Director/Director of Training here at the center. I hope we will have the opportunity to work with you in this way. Peace, Paul Melrose, Executive Director

The Presbytery of Detroit Presents
How to Start a Job Network and Support Group in Your Church

Training for Pastors and Lay Leaders

on
Tuesday, September 15, 2009
5:00 - 8:00 PM
(Includes a light supper for \$10 per person payable at the door)

at
First Presbyterian Church
529 Hendrie Blvd.,
Royal Oak, MI 48067



[Complete Information](#)

The Board Bulletin
Summer 2009

For important benefit and related news, read *The Board Bulletin*. The Summer 2009 issue covers discussion and decisions by the directors of The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at their June 27 meeting in Philadelphia.

Highlights include:

- **Good dues news!** The dues percentage will remain unchanged for the Medical Plan Traditional Program and for seminary students in 2010. Dues for the Affiliated Benefits Program will increase 2.5% in light of the specific claims experience of participating groups.
- **Simplification of the Medical Plan.** The directors approved a number of modifications to the Medical Plan to reduce the complexity of this sometimes difficult-to-understand plan as well as to offer greater flexibility to members, comply with current regulations, and address an overture from the 218th General Assembly (2008).

Changes include a restructuring of out-of-pocket costs and deductibles in both the Medical Plan and the Prescription Drug Program, the addition of a dependent coverage waiver option, and new coverage for children with congenital developmental disabilities, among other news. All changes but one are effective January 1, 2010; the dependent coverage waiver option takes effect October 1, 2009.
- **Benefit promises affirmed.** A review of the Balanced Investment Portfolio, which ended the five-month period through May 31, 2009 with a 6.4% return, reassured the Investment Committee that reserves are adequate to keep the Benefits Plan's benefit promises.

Please help us by sharing this news with others. If you would like to receive the *The Board Bulletin* by mail and have not already requested this service, please call the Board of Pensions at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN) or email your request to Member Services.

The 3RD CLERGY SUPPORT GROUP
of the
Nurture & Support of Clergy & Lay Leadership
Ministry Team
of the Presbytery of Detroit

Is now forming for
September 2009 to June 2010

ALL clergy are invited to attend this

INTRODUCTORY MEETING
September 21, 2009
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

at the
Samaritan Counseling Center
Nardin Park United Methodist Church
99887 W. Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI

Want to form your own group? Choose 5 - 10 others, and your cost for the year is \$100 - \$200.

Please RSVP to the Presbytery office (313-345-6550) by 2:00 pm, September 18 for your sandwich lunch (cost donation)
After the Introductory meeting
MEETINGS WILL:

1. Be facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Paul Melrose, Samaritan Center pastoral counselor
2. Meet monthly, on a day agreed upon by the group, between 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

A group such as this commits to regular attendance, confidentiality, preparation, as well as other patterns as agreed upon by the group. The group sets its own course, including what it wants to accomplish and how time is allocated.

	Detroit, Westminster. Details to follow.
10-17	Hands-On Mission Texas I Mission Trip to Port Neches, TX
15	Taize Worship at Troy, Northminster
19-21	Prompting Healthy Congregations Workshop with Dr. Larry Peers at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI
20	Taize Worship at Bloomfield Hills, Kirk in the Hills
20-22	GLAPCE conference at the Clarion Inn in Hudson, OH (near Cleveland) click here for a registration brochure and scholarship form
24	Howell Conference & Nature Center holds Christian Spiritual Growth One-Day Retreat , 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
27	Presbytery Meeting at Port Huron, First
31	Month of Mission Breakfast at Rochester University 9:00 am
November 2009	
1	Daylight Savings Time ends - set clocks back one hour
1-8	Katrina IX Mission Trip to Pearlinton, MS
3	Taize Worship at Dearborn, Littlefield
6-7	Synod Assembly
13	Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation 6th Annual <i>It's A Wonderful Life!</i> Gala at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit. Call 248.281.2040 for more information!
13-15	Youth Mix
17	Taize Worship at Bloomfield Hills, Kirk in the Hills
18	Samaritan Counseling Center offers A Day for Congregational Professionals with Rev. Bob Williamson, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center offering the program: "God's Own Peace: Systems Theory and Spirituality"
19	Taize Worship at Troy, Northminster
24	Presbytery Meeting at Waterford, Community
26	Detroit Westminster 27th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
26-27	Presbytery Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 2009	
1	Taize Worship at Dearborn, Littlefield
4-6	Birmingham, First hosting Dr. Walter Brueggeman, theologian-in-residence
12	Men's Annual Advent Communion Breakfast hosted at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Metro Detroit in Southfield
15	Taize Worship at Bloomfield Hills, Kirk in the Hills
17	Taize Worship at Troy, Northminster
24-25	Presbytery Office Closed - Christmas Holiday
31	Alma College John Calvin sermon contest deadline
31	Presbytery Office Closed - New Year's Eve
January 2010	
1	Presbytery Office Closed - New Year's Day
18	Presbytery Office Closed - Dr. Martin

**38 Presbyteries Honored for Mission Giving
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Honors
Generosity in Several Categories**

The Top Ten for **total giving by dollar amount** are:

National Capital – \$997,771	Grace – \$646,009
Philadelphia – \$968,090	Detroit – \$588,294
Chicago – \$878,875	Los Ranchos – \$580,066
Cascades – \$801,816	Charlotte – \$572,406
Donegal – \$700,708	Mission – \$546,395

[Click here for the entire article.](#)

The Domestic Violence Work Group of the Social Justice & Peacemaking Ministry Team of the Presbytery of Detroit asks that you read the article "[A Grandma's Situation](#)" as a prelude to PHEWA's Toolkit on Domestic Violence coming soon and asks that you watch for **PHEWA TOOLKIT ADDRESSING TEEN DATING VIOLENCE & MUCH MORE.**

**Program Grants for Racial Ethnic
Congregations
(Due Sept.1)**

For racial ethnic and multicultural Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations within the bounds of the Synod of the Covenant

[More Information and Application Form](#)

**Racial Ethnic Scholarships
(Due Sept.1)**

For college, university and seminary students who are . . .

- Minority Persons
- Members of PC (USA) congregations with the bounds of the synod
- In good academic standing

[More information and application](#)

**New Covenant Grants
(Due Oct. 1)**

One-time grants in amounts up to \$10,000 are available to congregations, institutions and organizations within the bounds of the synod that have formal established ties to the synod. Projects must fit within the three mission priorities of the synod:

- Church Development & Transformation
- Ministries in Higher Education
- Multicultural, Racial Ethnic & Justice

[Application Form](#)



**Self-Development of
People Grants
(Due Oct. 1)**

Self-Development of People (SDOP) is a ministry of the PC(USA) that functions at the presbytery, synod and General Assembly levels of the

Participant's cost is \$100, paid for by the pastor and/or church. This is underwritten by a grant from the Board of Pensions and the Presbytery of Detroit.

For more information, please contact:

1. The Rev. Eldon Beery, Chair, Nurture & Support of Clergy & Lay Leadership Ministry Team
ebeery@juno.com or 734-819-3572
2. The Rev. Dr. Allen D. Timm, Executive Presbyter
allen@detroitpresbytery.org or 313-345-6550
3. The Rev. Dr. Paul Melrose, Executive Director, Samaritan Counseling Center
Pmelrose@samaritancounselingmichigan.org or 248-474-4701

**Stewardship Workshop
Information from the 2009 "Stewardship
Kaleidoscope"**

Monday, September 28
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak
529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak
(248)541-0108

Giving as a Spiritual Discipline: How can we help our congregation grow spiritually?



"Stewardship is everything we do after we say I believe."

-Frederick Buechner

1. How to plan an effective stewardship campaign
2. How to develop a "Narrative Budget"
3. Statistics on stewardship across the denomination
4. Educating for stewardship
5. Explore materials produced by our denomination
6. Encouraging realistic giving in our current economy

Sponsored by the Presbytery of Detroit's Stewardship Resource Work Group and Christian Education Work Group, and First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

Please call Carmel Tinnes at the number listed above to register for this workshop so that materials can be provided for you. There is no cost for this event, but a \$2.00 donation is requested for each set of materials.

Latin/American Mission Work Group now being formed and looking for potential members for this work group.

If you have names and/or contact information of people in your circles who would be good candidates, please nominate them. We're looking for people who have a special passion and love for Latin America and partnership with Presbyterians in Latin America and/or the US. Please think especially of people who have traveled to Latin America, speak Spanish, or

	Luther King, Jr Birthday Observance
26	Presbytery Meeting at Northville, First - Installation of Moderator & Vice Moderator
27-30	APCE Annual Meeting is at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, TN. Keynote Speaker is the Rev. Michael Lindvall.
February 2010	
6	SAVE THE DATE for the 2010 Leadership Training Day with Dr. Alan Roxburgh at Dearborn, First
20	POAMN Winter Getaway Cruise
15-17	Pastors in Transition with Gil Rendle at St. Francis Conference Center, DeWitt, MI
23	Presbytery Meeting
March 2010	
14	Daylight Savings Time Begins - set clocks ahead one hour
April 2010	
21	A Day with Diana Butler Bass will be hosted by SCC and others

ALIVE
in the park

your **TICKET** to enjoy...
3rd Annual Alive in the park at Garden City Park
(Cherry Hill and Merriman Rd. in Garden City, MI)
Church service at 10 a.m. - Activities begin at Noon

Please come and join us for church service and activities with **FREE FOOD, KIDS ACTIVITIES** (bouncer and lots of games), **GREAT LIVE MUSIC** and a fun time together. All are welcome...

Check out the Bake sale fundraiser with proceeds to First Step.



That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. Ephesians 3:17.

Hosted by Garden City Presbyterian Church
1841 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI • 734.421.7620

Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Schererville, Indiana is currently seeking to fill two part-time positions in a new and exciting ministry within the Church and Community. The positions to be filled comprise a Preacher/Pastoral care position as well as a Children and Youth Specialist which will also be acting as the head of staff. If you may be interested in either position please contact Robert Harkins at: (219) 789-6617 or RobertJHarkins@comcast.net Thank You on behalf of the Search Committee at Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

The New Church Development Administrative Commission announces the approval by the Committee on Ministry the position description for the Temporary Supply Pastor for the NCD on the Far West Side of the Presbytery boundaries. The position description is posted on our web site at [NCD Far West Temp Supply Position.pdf](#)

church. Funds come from gifts given to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering received by Presbyterian congregations. Approximately one-third of this special offering is designated to SDOP.

Applications may be made for projects that enable the economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people to own, control, and benefit directly from projects that promote long-term change in their lives and communities.

If funding in presbyteries is limited, groups can also apply to the Synod or the General Assembly.

[More information and application](#)



**27th Annual
Thanksgiving Day Dinner**
November 26, 2009
11:00 am until 4:00 pm



**Westminster Presbyterian
Church of Detroit**
17567 Hubbell at W. Outer Drive

ALL are welcome and there
is no charge at our table.



For more information contact:
Artheilia Thompson at 313-341-2697 ext. 210
or 313-345-6550 ext. 207
Fax: 313-341-1514 or 313-345-7250



are latino/a. Of course, these things aren't required. The only required characteristic is a willingness to serve and an interest in Latin America.

If interested in being part of this group or would like more information please contact the Rev. Traci Smith, Associate Pastor, Jefferson Avenue, Detroit at 313-822-3456 or smith.traci@gmail.com.

INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTER PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LOUISIANA

Are you – or do you know – an ordained Elder or Minister of the Word and Sacrament who has experience as a General Presbyter, and is gifted in the areas of:

- Administration
- Financial Management
- Pastoral Care
- Transformational Ministry
- and Strategic Planning?

Does this person embrace challenge, have a heart for Jesus, and demonstrate a full commitment to Presbyterian Church (USA) polity and theology?

The Presbytery of South Louisiana is currently seeking an Interim General Presbyter (ordained Elder or Minister of the Word and Sacrament) to serve the wonderful churches and people of its presbytery.

A complete job description may be found at <http://pbysouthla.org/Interimgeneralpresbyter.htm>. Candidates should send a PIF to Elder Suzie Craig, Moderator of Council and Chair of the Interim General Presbyter Search Committee, at parkway11@juno.com.

The deadline for applications is September 1, 2009.

Retiring from a Congregation

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary *Series on Pastoral Ministry* / **David Rich**, minister, educator, and consultant; Former director of the Retirement Planning Program of the Board of Pensions of the PC(U.S.A.) / This workshop is designed for pastors who anticipate retiring from their present congregation in the next five years or so. Achieving a healthy and positive ending to pastoral service is important for both the pastor and for the congregation, but it is possible only through early reflection and planning. This workshop will allow pastors to reflect on their past ministries, think about their present situation, look to their future in retirement, and lay the groundwork to "end well." / Wed., Sept. 30, 1:00 p.m. - Thurs., Oct. 1, 4:00 p.m. / \$85 / 0.9 CEUs

[Brochure](#)