

GOD CALLS

October 28, 2009



CREATES, CONNECTS AND
NURTURES CONGREGATIONS TO
FULFILL CHRIST'S MISSION

Links to Special points of
interest:

PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY
MISSIONAL TRANSFORMATION

"Come and See"
Pastors and Session Members

[Click Here to Register for Come
and See Events.](#)

- Saturday, October 31
Bethany PC, Lafayette
- Wednesday, November 11
Calvary PV, Logansport
- Tuesday, November 17
Peabody Retirement Community,
North Manchester (immediately
following Assembly)

[Stewardship Kaleidoscope](#)
Presbyterian Stewardship Confer-
ence
March 15-17
Indianapolis

[The Presbyterian Youth Triennium](#)
July 20-24, 2010
Purdue University,
West Lafayette, IN

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

- January 22-23, 2010

ASSEMBLY

- Tuesday, Nov 17 Peabody
Retirement Community



Prayers of the Presbytery

Our Holy and faithful God we thank you for the wonder of your creation as the beauty of fall arrives before us in your awesome handiwork.

Spirit of the living God, present with us now, may you enter the body, mind and spirit, to be with and heal all: **Rev. Michael Landon** as he continues in discomfort. **The Rev. Dr. Paul Kitley**, pastor of Elston PC, Lafayette in St. Anthony's Health Care, Lafayette for rehab after a fall. We ask comfort for

Rev. Bill Klymann, Pastor of Center, Bethlehem, and Pulaski churches as he mourns the loss of his mother. **The Rev. David L. Horner**, Faith Presbyterian Church West Lafayette requests our prayers on the passing of his father, Rev. C. Lowry Horner, West Virginia, on October 24.

We give you thanks and praise for **Rev. Stanley Kessler**, Pastor First PC Kendallville and the years of service he has given to the Church we ask you loving God be with him in his retirement.

We are thankful Lord for **First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville & Covenant Federated Church, Kentland** we pray for their continued ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

MISSIONAL TRANSFORMATION Positive Response Grows!

By Reverend Raymond Fancher, Interim General Presbyter

Paul best described this experience of transformation in his letter to the church at Rome. In contrast to our being molded or conformed to the culture around us, he says we are to be "transformed." "Changed from the inside out" is the way Eugene Peterson in *The Message* translates chapter 12, verse 2. This word about change or transformation is the word from which we get our English word, *metamorphosis*.

Metamorphosis points to a change that is underway. I believe the Presbytery of Wabash Valley is in the process of a metamorphosis! The response to the PWV Assembly's commitment to a presbytery-wide

transformation process has been deeply gratifying. Initially we had nineteen church sessions who extensively discussed the questions sent to every congregational pastor and clerk of session several weeks ago. Thirty-three people signed up for one of the four "Come and See" events scheduled throughout the presbytery.

The Missional Transformation Coordinating Team (MTCT) moderated by the Reverend Gretchen Seidler-Gibbs, Valparaiso, has been actively calling pastors and congregations

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ORDINATION RECOGNITION

Best wishes are extended to the following on their ordination anniversary

- **Rev. E. Allen Campbell;** Honorably Retired, October 30, 1969
- **Rev. David Morrow;** Honorably Retired, October 31, 1971
- **Rev. Kevin Bowers;** Pastor Bethany PC, Lafayette, November 4, 2001
- **Rev. David Smook;** Honorably Retired, November 4, 1971



Your service is appreciated!

Please accept my sincere apology if you have not been acknowledged. Please forward your updated information to [Vicki Dreibelbis](mailto:Vicki.Dreibelbis) or call 574-223-5678.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

FPC South Bend, FPC Goshen, and St. John's United Church (Chesterton) are hosting a retreat at Geneva Center. The theme is "Just Eating" (a play on the word 'just'). The retreat is open to youth in 6th-12th grades from all churches in Presbytery of Wabash Valley.

STARTS: 6:30pm (Eastern Time) Friday, November 13

ENDS: 3:30pm (Eastern Time) Saturday, November 14

COST: \$30/person

For more details or to sign your youth up, contact Rev. Anna Parkinson (FPC Goshen). PastorParkinson.fpcgoshen@gmail.com or 574-214-5972

PRAYERS and CONTRIBUTIONS

Geneva Center (like almost everyone else) has been significantly impacted by the economic situation that we are all experiencing. We are projecting a significant financial shortage as we finish 2009. We are asking you prayerfully consider giving to Geneva Center and help us to find those who may be willing to partner with us. No amount is too small (or too large) and we will be grateful for any gifts that we receive. As always, all gifts are tax deductible. Thank you for your help as we try to finish 2009 on a high note!

BIDS BEING ACCEPTED



The Geneva Center Ministry Team is pleased to announce the advertising for bids to remove and replace existing windows. A complete bid package may be obtained from the Architect,

CTG Associates, Inc.

510 Lincolnway East

Mishawaka, IN 46544

Phone: (574)257-1843

email: ctgassoc@sbcglobal.net

The Presbytery of Wabash Valley cordially invites you to the
**INSTALLATION OF
 THE REVEREND LYLE J. EWING**
 as Pastor
 Sunday, November 15, 2009 4:00 p.m.
 (eastern)
 Auburn Presbyterian Church
 111 W. Twelfth Street,
 Auburn, IN
 260-925-2987



H1N1 FLU Resources

What can congregations do...

[Guidance for Congregations in response to H1N1 flu \(swine flu\) outbreak](http://www.pcusa.org/pda/pandemic-flu.htm)
PC (U.S.A.) <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/pandemic-flu.htm>

Know What to do about the Flu from the State of Indiana

[H1N1 Flu Vaccine Information](http://www.in.gov/flu/)
Information from the State of Indiana on the flu can be found here: <http://www.in.gov/flu/>

Federal government's flu website

provided by the HHS Inter-agency Public Affairs Group on Influenza Preparedness and Response: <http://www.flu.gov/>

Positive Response Grows!

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who have expressed interest. Monday night (the 26th) we held the first of the four "Come and See" events to further inform pastors and sessions about this major and important transformation effort launched to support our congregations in PWV. The enthusiasm and commitment were evident in the thirty-eight participants who represented eight congregations!

Between now and the end of this year, the MTCT will be continuing to engage pastors and congregations to encourage their participation in this effort. Our goal is to have 20 – 25 congregations engage in this initial process. So, here are the next steps in this process:

- Pastors and sessions invited to participate in the remaining three "Come and See" events
- Sessions take action to participate in the Missional Transformation process by signing and returning the Covenant of Participation

- MTCT will secure and confirm approximately the same number of coaches as the number of participating congregations
- NOTE: Coaches Training event (previously scheduled for November 13-14) now scheduled for January 15 –16, 2010
- PWV February Assembly will celebrate, affirm, and launch the presbytery-wide Missional Transformation process by recognizing the pastors and congregations who have covenanted to participate as well as each participating congregation's Missional Transformation Coordinating Team
- First Cluster Training event for all the coordinating teams of those congregations participating in this transformation process.

Here's how you can participate or find out more about:

[Click Here to Register for Come and See Events.](#)

The Alban Weekly

WALTZING TO THE ETERNAL RHYTHM

by Charles M. Olsen

The eternal rhythms of spiritual formation can be seen in the seasons of the church year. Holy days and seasons create sacred space in the cycle of the year that can be used as a teaching tool for children and newcomers to faith--and indeed, for deepening personal faith as well. The seasons of the church year tell the story of the life of Christ and God's redemptive work in the world. They also tell the story of the church, the people of God. Timeless stories from tradition offer a way for us to connect our own personal and group stories to a larger picture and mine them for wisdom from a deep and rich history of faith. When we make those connections, we will be drawn into the divine rhythm of letting go, naming God's presence, and taking

hold. We will also see how our own stories both reflect and can be interpreted in light of the seasons of the church year.

Taking their cue from a world that thrives on imitation, congregations often shift from one program emphasis to another without taking an in-depth look into their own unique pilgrimage. But when they claim their own stories and work with them in relation to the seasons of the church year, they connect those stories to an ongoing story of God's mighty acts. In so doing, they rediscover the reason for the church's existence. Telling and reflecting on seasonal stories ground the church in an identity as the people of God on a pilgrimage of faith. Personal

stories may be drawn from family, vocation, volunteering, or interpersonal and social relationships. Communal stories may be drawn from mundane or exciting matters of church life--board meetings, pastoral searches, program and staff appraisal, officer training, stewardship campaigns, building projects, mission trips, parties, program initiatives, and the like. When stories drawn from these and other events become the congregation's shared lore for reflection and celebration, the church will find itself traveling an exciting journey with God.

Continue Reading ["Waltzing to the Eternal Rhythm"](#)



CONGREGATIONS INVITATION TO A JOURNEY

A missional transformation process for congregations of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley

HOW YOUR CHURCH WILL BENEFIT

- *Creates increased excitement about and greater sharing of the Christian faith*

For

["Come and See" Registration Form](#) click on link, complete form and click on ***Submit*** in the upper right hand corner of your screen



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CREATING, CONNECTING, NURTURING

Where is your Interim General Presbyter fulfilling our mission? Rev. Fancher's congregational schedule: (Eastern Time Zone unless otherwise noted*)

November 1 12:00 noon* Hobart Presbyterian Church
Consecration Leadership Meal

November 15 11:00 a.m.* Hobart Presbyterian Church
Consecration Sunday

*Central Time Zone

PWV Meetings & Events

Saturday, October 31

- 10 am - 12 pm - Come and See
[Bethany PC Lafayette](#)



Sunday, November 1

- Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour.

Tuesday, November 3

- 10 am - Standing Rules Task Force

Thursday, November 5

- 10 am - Committee on Ministry

Tuesday, November 10

- 10 am - 2 pm - Nominating

Wednesday, November 11

- 10 am - Staff
- Noon - 2 pm - NWQ Church Professionals Lunch at [Lake Village PC](#)
- 4:00 - 6:30 pm - "Come & See"
[Calvary PC, Logansport](#)

Thursday, November 12

- 10 am - 2 pm - Administrative Ministry Team
- 1 - 4 pm - Commissioned Lay Pastors Continuing Education

Tuesday, November 17

- 10 am - 3 pm - PWV Assembly at [Peabody Retirement Community](#)
- 4:15 - 6:30 pm - "Come & See"
[Peabody Retirement Community](#)

Thursday, November 19

- 10 am - Committee on Ministry Executive Meeting

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - OFFICE
CLOSED

For more scheduling & calendar information go to <http://www.ourpresbytery.org>
All meetings are held at PWV Office, times are Eastern Time (ET) unless noted otherwise.