



PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY

GOD CALLS

November 4, 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"

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

- Wednesday, November 11
Calvary PV, Logansport
- Tuesday, November 17
Peabody Retirement Community,
North Manchester (immediately
following PWV Assembly)

[Tax Tips Webinar](#)

The Board of Pensions of the Pres-
byterian Church (U.S.A.) is encour-
aging early registration for its free
Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and
Churches, scheduled for 3:00 p.m.
on December 9. Registration ends
November 20, and space is limited.

Fall Concert

Sunday, November 8
2:00 pm (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
6021 Holman Ave
Hammond, IN

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

- Thursday, November 12,
2009
- January 22-23, 2010

ASSEMBLY

- Tuesday, Nov 17 Peabody
Retirement Community



Prayers of the Presbytery

Our Father, Guardian of our lives, we give you thanks for all those who sur-
round us. They reveal your love reaching out to lift us from our depths of
despair, in soothing voices of words that encourage us.

We lift up the family of **Rev. David Gibbs**, Youth Guy First PC Highland as
they provide support for his mother **Lynn Gibbs** as she faces surgery on No-
vember 11th. We ask your healing and comfort for **Alyce Fabrici**, wife of
CLP **Ed Fabrici**, First PC Kouts as she continues to struggle with medical
problems and faces yet another surgery.

We are thankful Lord for **Faith Presbyterian Church, Kokomo & First Pres-
byterian Church, Kokomo** we pray for their continued ministry.

Our voices resound in thanks to you always in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Camels, Needles, and Joy

by Rev. John Van Nuys; Pastor, Wabash Avenue Church, Crawfordsville

"It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye
than for the rich to get into God's kingdom." Mark 10:25 in *The Message*

I think I've discovered how a
camel can go through the eye of a
needle: By NOT going through the
drive through. The average fast
food meal costs \$5. If all of us gave
up 1 fast food meal per week in
2010, then we would be able to in-
crease our giving to God through
the church next year by \$250.

The average fast food meal
has 750 calories. If you did without
52 fast food meals in 2010, you
could increase your pledge by \$250
and you would be 12 pounds
lighter. Imagine doing that every
year for 10 years. If you did that,
your giving would increase by
\$2,500 and your weight would de-
crease by 120 pounds. Now that *is*
a way for a camel to get through

the eye of a needle!

What other creative ways
can you think of to prayerfully in-
crease your giving to God through
the church?

I have had people ask me
outright, "How much should I give?"
One helpful guideline is to add up all
of what you spend on entertaining
yourself: eating out, spending on
movie tickets and sports tickets;
your cable TV and internet bills; add
in what you spend on your hobbies
and what you spend on your vaca-
tions – add all that entertainment
spending together. If what you give
to God is less than what you spend
entertaining yourself, then you may
want to rethink your priorities.

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ORDINATION RECOGNITION

Best wishes are extended to the following on their ordination anniversary

- **Rev. Kenneth Burris;** Honorably Retired, November 5, 1961
- **Rev. Gerald Egger;** Pastor First PC, Rensselaer, November 5, 2006

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



Your service is appreciated!



ASSEMBLY TIME

From: *Carol McDonald, Moderator of Presbytery*

Sisters and Brothers of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley

The longest season of the church year is drawing to a close. We have lived in Ordinary Time for more than six months. How blessed we are that our Presbytery Assembly meeting on November 17 offers us an extraordinary opportunity for learning, community, and celebration as we move towards Christ the King Sunday and our Advent journey.

Please note, first of all, that we will gather at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, IN, and **not** at Geneva Center. Peabody is a significant place of ministry within our presbytery bounds and we are grateful for the hospitality they have extended to us. We will be well cared-for, fed and nurtured by their lovely environment.

The first posting of presbytery papers will be indicated by email on Monday, November 9th. A called meeting of Presbytery Council will occur on Thursday, November 12, I anticipate several action items from that meeting. SO...please check for an additional posting on Friday, November 13th. We'll get information to you as quickly as we can.

All through the day on November 17, we will have several occasions for celebration. We will recognize and celebrate

those who have served so faithfully as members of Administrative Commissions. We will install our new Moderator, John Ritchie, our new Vice Moderator, Pam Camren, and recognize those who have completed their terms of service as presbytery leaders. We will commission a lay pastor. Special guest for the day will be David Eicher, the editor for the new Presbyterian Hymnal. David will tell us about the work that has begun towards that endeavor – and provide organ music for our worship. We will continue to celebrate the larger church as we hear about the 2010 Youth Triennium and the 2010 Kaleidoscope Stewardship Conference.

And, of course, we will make decisions. We will vote on the 2010 budget, receive recommendations from both the Next Steps Team and the Presbytery Council, and act on the report of the Nominating Committee.

Throughout our time together we will keep our focus on the transformation efforts we began in September which are making stunning progress throughout the presbytery.

It will be a great day – extraordinary, I believe. And what will make it most extraordinary will be your presence and your participation. I look forward to seeing you on November 17 at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, IN.



ATTENTION:
*TEENS, YOUTH LEADERS, AND
PARENTS OF TEENS*

Presbyterian Youth Triennium
July 20-24, 2010

Would **YOU** like to come to Triennium but think you're too old?
Think again!
Click here and learn more!

HOW would you like to put your ministry in front of thousands of young people?

**BE AN EXHIBITOR -
Check it out.**

Does **EVERYONE** at your church know about the **Presbyterian Youth Triennium**?
Find out how to promote **THIS exciting event!**

Never heard of it? Need to know more? Every three years the Presbyterian Church (USA), Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America gather thousands of Presbyterian youth and adult youth leaders together for worship, play, music, community building, and Bible study. This is known as the Presbyterian Youth Triennium or PYT! PYT is for young people entering or completed high school (approximately age 14-19 years old by July 20, 2010). Adult Advisors must be 21 years of age by this date. A Work Crew track is available for college-aged young people who would like to apply to attend and volunteer to work behind the scenes. There is also a new Ambassador program for our more mature friends. Check it all out! We hope to see you all at Triennium 2010.

Click [Presbyterian Youth Triennium](#) (PYT) to connect with others, view YouTube videos from past triennium events and just learn more about PYT.

Talk to your youth director, or someone who went in 2007! Joining the [Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2010 FACEBOOK GROUP](#) is another way to connect with past and future Triennium participants!

If you know PAST PYT participants please enlist their help. Ask them to remember the great times they had and the friends they made during their PYT experiences. Perhaps they could text 3 youth at your church and persuade them to go.

Contact Presbytery of Wabash Valley registrar Mary Wilson at marymwilson@embarqmail.com or 2899E 900N, Rome City, IN 46784 for registration information asap.

Geneva Center

A ministry of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley



Contact Director Tom Roots today to schedule your event.

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New mission giving materials distributed

New 2009-2010 mission giving opportunities packets were recently mailed to each Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation and middle governing body. The materials should have arrived in early October.

Each packet contains:

- An interpretative brochure about how gifts to Shared Mission Support are used by the [General Assembly Mission Council](#).
- A 2009-2010 Presbyterian [World Mission Giving Catalog](#) that provides brief profiles of Presbyterian long-term mission personnel and information on how to support them.
- A guide for using the [Web-based search engine](#) for all mission funding projects, domestic and international.

Camels, Needles, and Joy

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And do some dreaming! What are the good things God seeks to do through your congregation and this presbytery thanks to your faithful, generous giving? In *God Calls* we read each week of many good seeds that are growing. In your congregation, too, there are many good things that can and will come into fuller blossom as we share more fully in Christ's life by more fully sharing our blessings.

Don't miss out. Share generously. Allow God's glad life to come more fully into your heart and life. Instead of going away grieving like the rich man in Mark 10, you will find yourself rejoicing in the riches of Christ's way and the deep joys of God's kingdom.

Grow your giving to God this year. Be generous. Give God your best. You will be blessed. You will find joy.

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTES... NOVEMBER 11th

Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, IN will host a Veterans Day Tribute on Wednesday, November 11th at 3 p.m. in the organization's Chapel.

Community representatives are cordially invited to attend this 45 minute tribute.

According to Peabody's Rev. Sue Babovec, *Director of Spiritual Life*, "Peabody has over 160 residents and employees who are veterans. One is a former Prisoner of War and several other individuals are disabled veterans." She added, "At our tribute, Peabody

will be joined by a representative from Peru, IN's Grissom Air Reserve Base."

Peabody's message and musical tribute will offer a reflection to the nation's 24 million veterans, as well as active duty and reserve personnel.

Veterans Day was formerly known as Armistice (Remembrance) Day when World War I ended in 1918, on the 11th month, the 11th day, and 11th hour. In 1954 the U.S. Congress officially changed the name to Veterans Day.

The Alban Weekly

TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR TIME

It's All About Priorities

by Bradford Agry

Being busy and fully scheduled doesn't always mean being productive. Too often we unknowingly become victims of what I call the "tyranny of busy-ness." We often are rapidly accomplishing things and crossing off projects on our various lists yet not always getting the bigger picture as to how these various activities really add up to reaching our larger goals. What happens is that we become passive about our time

and its management and react to what comes our way versus strategically looking at what we really need to be doing and planning for it.

A very crucial skill in time management is sorting out how important various projects--both short and long term--are so that adequate time is given to each. This means striking a balance between attending to immedi-

ate deadline-driven work and projects which have a longer time horizon yet need to be worked on bit by bit. Obviously, if we only spend our days simply reacting and "putting out fires," we will never get to many other important projects that impact our organizations.

Continue Reading ["Taking Control of Your Time"](#)



Information on helping your congregation through tough economic times?

Register for our special On-Demand webinar series: [Congregations and the Economic Crisis](#). You can view the FREE 30-minute introduction to the series: [Framing the Times We Are In: What's At Stake for Congregations](#) featuring James P. Wind, president of the Alban Institute and William G. Enright, executive director of the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving.

The Summer Collegium

a project in support of small congregations
June 23 - July 1, 2010

Small Church Clergy are invited to apply **now** for The Summer Collegium.

The Summer Collegium is fully funded through the generosity of the Lilly Endowment through its "Making Connections" initiative, and is offered to participants **at no cost**.

For more information and for application materials, please visit our web site:

www.vts.edu/education/collegium

Email: SummerCollegium@vts.edu

Phone: 703461-1760

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

December 15, 2009

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church

307 South Washington Street, Crawfordsville

Thursday, November 5

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Coffee Shop— 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Luncheon will be served 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Featuring...

- handcrafted holiday decorations
- toys
- handmade greeting cards
- baked goods
- candy
- delicious oven-ready casseroles
- homemade noodles
- a "Treasures & Collectibles" room
- Equal Exchange coffee and tea

Hope you can come!

CONGRATULATIONS

Calvary Presbyterian Women received the Christian Service and Dedication award given by the Women's Association of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley.



Calvary's Presbyterian Women's group is committed to ministering to the needs of women and children at Calvary, in our community and throughout the world.

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

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

*Central Time Zone

PWV Meetings & Events

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 - Administrative Ministry Team
- 1 - 4 pm - Commissioned Lay Pastors Continuing Education
- 1:30 pm - Called Council Meeting

Sunday, November 15

- 4 pm - Rev. Lyle Ewing Installation Service, Auburn PC

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.