

PRESBYTERY OF KISKIMINETAS

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INFO S PAK

February 2006

The INFO-PAK will be distributed in alternate months (when we do not publish a newsletter) to:

Minister members of Presbytery
Clerks of Session, Treasurers, Church Secretaries
Members of Presbytery Committees
Christian Educators in churches of the Presbytery

There may be some items included which are not particularly relevant to you, but for bulk mailing purposes, every packet must contain the same material. Please distribute the information to the most appropriate persons in your congregation.

This INFO-PAK includes the following items about:

- ◆ Presbytery Scholarship Policy and Application Forms
- ◆ Kiski Presbytery Presents Upcoming Programs to Support Your Church: Multimedia in Worship, Presbytery Day
- ◆ Local Church History Seminar at Montreat
- ◆ From the Resource Center: New Resources for Lent and Easter
- ◆ Missional Church Conference Event Info for Adults & Youth
- ◆ News You Can Use

PRESBYTERY OF KISKIMINETAS MISSION STATEMENT

Seeking to be faithful to the Great Commission of Christ and to fulfill the Great Ends of the Church, the mission of Kiskiminetas Presbytery is:

- ▶ To be a partner in mission and ministry with the Sessions of the Presbytery, the Synod and the General Assembly;
- ▶ To provide care and oversight for the congregations and minister members of the Presbytery;
- ▶ To serve as a judicial court of the church; and
- ▶ To affirm the connectional relationships of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

MISSION/MINISTRY DIRECTIONS:

- ▶ The Presbytery will model Christian community in worship, stewardship, fellowship and encouragement in its structure, staffing, programs, and meetings.
- ▶ The Presbytery will support and encourage Sessions as they lead the congregations in mission and ministry in a rapidly changing world.
- ▶ The Presbytery will respond to the reality that we are becoming an “entry level” presbytery by supporting and nurturing *first call* pastors and the congregation(s) they serve.
- ▶ The Presbytery will provide resources, training, and programming to assist Sessions to enhance congregational vitality and faithfulness in mission and ministry. Areas of focus will include:
 - Member recruitment, assimilation, and care
 - Stewardship
 - Revitalization or redevelopment
- ▶ The Presbytery will provide resources, training, and programming to assist Sessions in educational ministries. Areas of focus will include:
 - Church School Support and Teacher Development
 - Leadership Development for ministers, elders, deacons, and clerks of session
 - Worship and Spiritual Formation/Development
 - Youth Ministry
- ▶ The Presbytery will develop a strategic plan for sharing pastoral leadership, merging, and/or closing of congregations with severely limited ability to maintain a vital mission and ministry.
- ▶ The Presbytery will be a faithful partner with the Synod and General Assembly in mission interpretation and support.
- ▶ The Presbytery will support Sessions which are seeking to address pressing social and economic issues affecting the communities in which they minister.
- ▶ The Presbytery will seek to hear and to respond to God’s call for justice and social righteousness and to call the churches of the Presbytery to do the same.

Still Available -

2006 Children’s Mission Yearbooks

The Presbytery Office still has about a dozen **2006 Children’s Mission Yearbooks** available at a discounted cost of \$4.25 each. Designed for use by 3rd through 6th graders, this devotional guide can be used in church school, worship, midweek gatherings, or family devotions. The stories in it are adapted from material for the *2006 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study* and provide a wonderful way to introduce children to the concept of mission.

To Clerks of Session: A Reminder from the Stated Clerk

February 22nd at midnight, EST is the deadline for submitting the Annual G.A. Statistical Report online. It’s a good idea to submit your report sooner rather than later since the closer to the 22nd, the more the system in Louisville gets bogged down and you will spend a longer time submitting your data.

To those of you who have already submitted your report online—THANK YOU!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at donrising@alltel.net or 814.257.8666 (church) or 814.257.8513 (home).

Thanks to each of you for all your service to the church!

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ENRICHMENT EVENT SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Understanding the value of special enrichment events and aware of the stretched financial resources of many families, the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas is pleased to be able to provide scholarships for children, youth and adults to help enable members of the presbytery's churches to attend Presbyterian-related enrichment events. The policy for administration of these scholarship is as follows:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR PRESBYTERY ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIPS?

- Any post high school adult member of one of the presbytery's 89 churches is eligible to apply for an **Adult Enrichment Scholarship** for personal use.
- Any active adult member may apply for **Youth and Children's Enrichment Scholarships** on behalf of their child or youth who is not yet an active member.
- An active youth member may apply for a **Youth Enrichment Scholarship** whether or not a parent is an active member.

WHAT ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE FUNDED BY A PRESBYTERY ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP?

To be eligible for a Presbytery Enrichment Scholarship, an event must be sponsored by a Presbyterian-related organization. Approved activities include:

- Camp, conference, retreat or mission experiences sponsored by one of the churches of the presbytery, CAPNWP (Westminster Highlands and Lambec), the Synod of the Trinity, one of the Presbyterian-related conference centers, a GA entity or a PC (U.S.A.)-related organization.

For Children and Youth some events which fit this criteria are a Presbyterian summer camp, the Trinity Youth Conference, Synod School, YIPIM, or New Wilmington Missionary Conference.

For Adults some events which fit this criteria would be Synod School, New Wilmington Missionary Conference, an event at Montreat or other Presbyterian Conference Centers, Family Camp or other CAPNWP events, or Wee Kirk.

- Ecumenical events are eligible if a PC (U.S.A.)-related entity is one of the sponsoring partners.

An example of an Ecumenical Conference would include an event sponsored by CORA (Commission on Religion in Appalachia)

- Youth Triennium expenses are not eligible for scholarship since the Presbytery subsidizes the cost of transportation to the Triennium.

WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE EVENTS?

A Scholarship Task Group from the committee on Transformational Ministries will consider requests for events which are not clearly within these guidelines. When the time frame is

insufficient for the Task Group to consider the request, the Chair of the Transformational Ministries Committee, the Presbytery Associate for Transformational Ministries, or the Executive Presbyter shall have the authority to authorize a scholarship request.

FORMULA FOR THE AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Presbytery Scholarships assist with the costs of enrichment events, but are not intended to cover the full cost of events. To this end the following formula will be applied:

- For events costing up to \$100, a scholarship of up to \$50 may be disbursed.
- For events costing between \$100 and \$300, a scholarship of up to \$75 may be disbursed.
- For events costing more than \$300, any scholarship beyond \$75 must be negotiated based upon fund availability.

A maximum total of 5 scholarship (in any combination of children, youth, and adults) may be awarded to applicants from one congregation until June 1. If any scholarship monies remain after June 1, a congregation may forward additional applications.

FINANCIAL NEED AND SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

All applicants should understand scholarship funds are limited, and should only be applied for when the scholarship is needed in order to enable the applicant to attend an enrichment event.

The congregation in which the applicant is a member is encouraged to support applicants financially as well. All applications must be signed by the pastor, moderator or clerk of session, who will indicate whether or not the church will also provide financial support.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms and copies of the policy are available on the Presbytery Website, www.kiskipby.org. Applicants may apply online or download a printable form, which may be mailed or faxed to the Presbytery Office. Application forms may also be obtained from the Presbytery Office.

Scholarship Application Form for Enrichment Events
Child and Youth Application

Family Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Age _____ Birth date _____ Grade in School('05/'06) _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____ Email _____

Your Church's Name _____ Pastor or Moderator's Name _____

Information About the Enrichment Event

Name of the event _____

Date of event _____ Sponsoring Organization _____

Reason you would like to attend this event: _____

What is the cost of the event? _____ When do you need the scholarship money?

Have you received scholarship funds before? If so, when? _____

Scholarship checks will be made payable to the event rather than to the applicant. To whom should your check be made payable?

Where should the check be mailed? (Complete address) _____

Endorsement Information

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Clerk of Session/Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

Is your church willing to contribute scholarship funds for this event? Yes _____ No _____

Please return this form to: Rev. Erin Cox-Holmes, Presbytery Associate for Transformational Ministries, Presbytery of Kiskiminetas, PO Box 339, Yatesboro PA 16263

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Amount granted: \$ _____ Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Scholarship Application Form for Enrichment Events

Adult Application

Family Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Your Church's Name _____ Your Pastor or Moderator's Name _____

Information About the Enrichment Event

Name of the event _____

Date of event _____ Sponsoring Organization _____

Reason you would like to attend this event: _____

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Endorsement Information

Your Signature _____ Date _____

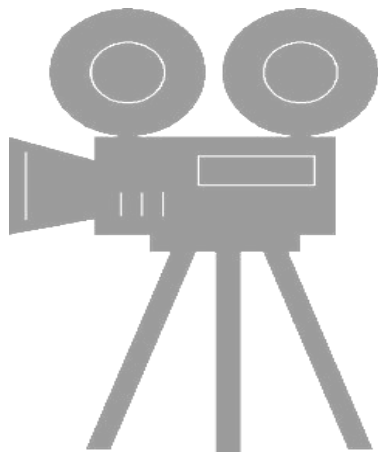
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SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
Session 1: 3 to 6 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 6
Session 2: 9 to Noon
LUNCH
Session 3: 1 to 4 p.m.
Bonus Session:
4 to 5 p.m. for Techies & Geeks

Cost: \$15 per day or \$25 for both. Financial assistance available for members of Kiski Pby congregations. Contact the presbytery office.

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Using Multimedia in Worship Conference

March 5-6 2006

At the Punxsutawney Presbyterian Church

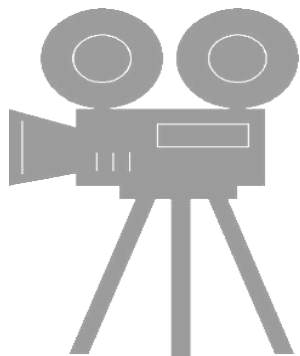
With Michael Bausch & Teri Dary

- Learn how to plan worship integrating clips from popular films and music.
- See how to add projectors, screens, & computers to a typical worship space
- Discuss why visuals are so important to today's worshipping communities.
- Receive tips for building support for using visuals in your own church.
- Understand how a worship team works together.
- Gain insight about the teams you'll need and how to recruit them.
- Reflect theologically about technology, worship, and culture.
- Learn about three ways to use media in worship: Illustrative, Supportive, Interactive

Michael Bausch is pastor of the Union—Congregational Church United Church of Christ of Waupun, Wisconsin, where he and a worship team offer a multimedia worship service as part of their Sunday morning schedule.

Teri Dary serves as media arts coordinator at the church. A liturgical media artist, she produces the worship presentations each week. Dary and Bausch have been feature presenters at numerous conferences and seminars. Bausch is the author of *Silver Screen, Sacred Story: Using Multimedia in Worship* published by Alban Institute.

Media Integrators, the company which "retrofitted" the Punxsutawney sanctuary, will be available for demonstration and consultation during breaks and lunch on Monday. They may be reached at mintegrators.com, or at 440-786-1287 or 866-501-7900 (Toll Free).



At the PUNXSUTAWNEY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
106 E Union St
Church Phone number for
same-day messages and
directions is
814-938-5560

HOW TO REGISTER

You may register by any of the
following means:

▶ Complete the form & return it
to the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas,
PO Box 339, Yatesboro, PA 16263
(checks payable to Presbytery of
Kiskiminetas)

▶ Register online at
www.kiskipby.org

▶ Phone the Pby Office at 724-
783-7196;

▶ Fax it to 724-783-7198

Using Multimedia in Worship Conference Registration

March 5-6 2006

Please fill out one form for each person:

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Church _____

Email _____

____ I am registering for Sunday, March 5 ONLY (\$15.00)

____ I am registering for Monday, March 6 ONLY (\$15.00 includes lunch)

____ I am registering for both March 5 & 6 (\$25.00)

____ I am a member of a Presbyterian church in Kiskiminetas Presbytery and would
like information on scholarship assistance

☛ Registration Deadline: February 27

Please prepay your registration! We take checks and paypal.

Paypal id is payments@kiskipby.org. Cancellation deadline: Feb. 27 — otherwise you are
responsible for \$10 lunch charge if a “no show” for the March 6 date.

Overnight accommodations may be arranged reasonably at the Pantall Hotel in Punxsutawney,
beside the church. Hotel phone number is (814) 938-6600. Please note that dinner on March 5 is on
your own if staying in the area. Restaurant suggestions available.

The Punxsutawney Presbyterian Church is located on Routes 119 (northeast/southwest) and 36 (north-west/
southeast). These roads converge for several blocks as the main street. The Presbyterian Church is at the cor-
ner of Union and Findley Streets, one block south of the main street and one block east of Route 119. There is a
public parking lot across from the church.



PRESBYTERY DAY 2006

Sunday, May 7, 2006
Calvary & Graystone Churches
in Indiana

Biblical Storytelling

with Dennis Dewey

sponsored by the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas Committee on Congregational Ministries

Presbytery Day 2006 will feature workshops for adults, a program for children, dinner and worship! This year our keynote speaker and worship leader is Rev. Dennis Dewey, a "minister of biblical story."

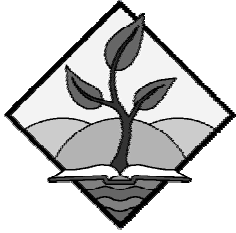
Participants in this seminar will discover how post-modern Christians discover pre-literate spirituality that is both ancient and contemporary. Plan to attend if you are a preacher or teacher who wants to learn to perform biblical texts as lively stories. Young folks are invited, too!

Here's what others have said about Dennis Dewey:

- ★ "Dewey helped our congregation find connections between the biblical stories and their own stories!"
- ★ "I've been going to church all my life, but never heard the story until Dennis Dewey told it!"

On Monday, May 8, Dennis will present a **preaching workshop** for pastors and CLPs at the Calvary Church in Indiana.

New Resources for Lent and Easter



KISKIMINETAS PRESBYTERY RESOURCE CENTER

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Phone: (724) 783-7406

Email address: kiski@kiskipby.org; on the web at www.kiskipby.org

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Lynn Rising, Resource Center Coordinator

For Your Weekly Lenten Study

Parents of the Passion (BK 5BX 187)

The author takes us into the homes of 7 families in Palestine to help us imagine how the parents of Thomas, Simon the Zealot, Nathanael, Peter, Judas, James the Less and Jesus must have felt as they witnessed the actions of their adult children. These 7 monologues are appropriate for use during Sunday or mid-week worship during Lent.

Living with the Mind of Christ (BK 5BX 027)

Based on Philippians 2:1-11, this study includes 7 sessions, one for each Sunday in Lent, including Easter Sunday. Each session features a scripture reference, a personal reading, and questions for personal reflection or group discussion.



The Inner Circle (BK 5BX 192)

The lives and calling of each of the 12 disciples plus Paul are covered in this resource, which also includes discussion questions. The eight lessons would work well as a Lenten study.

Cries of Faith (BK 5BX 188)

The eleven monologs included are the personal, capsule thoughts of those acquainted with Christ during his time on earth. Each captures one aspect of Jesus' earthly ministry. Each takes about 3 minutes and can be easily incorporated into a worship or mid-week service. Included are Zacchaeus, the Samaritan Leper, Thomas, Blind Bartimaeus, a Pharisee, Mary of Bethany, Judas, Peter, Barabbas, and Mary Magdalene.

People Who Met Jesus (BK 5BX 194)

Author Ron Lavin takes another look at the final days of Jesus' life on earth through the eyes of the people whose lives were changed by encounters with the Lord. The chapters and discussion questions lend themselves to a Lenten study, with a few sessions left for after Easter.

Where's Noah? (BK 5BX 191)

This resource features the classical biblical story of Noah, the flood, and God's salvation in a worship format that engages all generations. There are monologues, brief sermons, crossword puzzles, an Easter sunrise play, and other creative worship/learning experiences.

For Kids

Mystery of the Shaking Ground (BK 5BX 190)

Several very easy dramas, speeches and recitations for children are included in this reproducible book. Poems, prayers, fingerplays, and reflections complete this collection about Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Props for Easter! (BK 5BX 189)

A large Easter basket captures the attention of some children. In it are a variety of items: a perfume bottle, towel and bowl, bread and goblet, bag of coins, praying hands, lily, crown of thorns, and more. These visual symbols tell the Easter story, from Palm Sunday to the empty tomb. This children's presentation can be a part of special program or worship service.



Tenebrae and Good Friday

A Service of Shadows (BK 5BX 181)

As the Passion narrative is read, 15 candles will be extinguished, one at a time. A suggested order of service and alternative ending with communion are included.

Day of Redemption (BK 5BX 182)

Two services are included: a Tenebrae service based on the seven last words of Jesus and a worship drama entitled "The Escape," which may be used as part of a Good Friday service or used at a different time.

Reflections on the Crucifixion (BK 5BX 183)

This Tenebrae service, reflecting the thoughts and feelings of Jesus' disciples on the original Good Friday, can be used as a 1-hour service or adapted for a 3-hour service.

With Love from Jerusalem (BK 5BX 184)

This ecumenical Good Friday worship service is based on the idea that the news of Jesus' death must have first been proclaimed by eye-witnesses to others through letters to friends. The service requires no special props or costumes and can be conducted by the pastor alone or with the help of laypeople.



In His Steps (BK 5BX 185)

Designed as a Protestant version of the stations of the cross experienced by Roman Catholics, this ecumenical Good Friday service includes an order of service and a sample bulletin to be copied.

Gathering at Golgotha (BK 5BX 185)

A simple yet dramatic reader's theater presents the human drama at the heart of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion by focusing on the emotions of those with whom He was most intimate. Minimal rehearsal and few props are needed.

For Your Sunrise Service

From a Soldier of Rome to a Soldier for Christ (BK 5BX 193)

Give your congregation a new perspective on the Easter story with this chancel drama that depicts the familiar events of Jesus' death and resurrection from the viewpoint of a Roman soldier. A narrator reads most of the script with a flexible cast of actors portraying key people in and around the time of the crucifixion.



A Little Lenten Lexicon

Our English word **Lent** comes from an Anglo-Saxon word which means "to lengthen" and is associated with the lengthening of days in the spring. It is the sacred period of 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from Old Testament times when sackcloth and ashes were used as symbols of repentance.

Shrove Tuesday has never officially been a part of Lent, but from earliest times it has been a day when people confessed their sins and were "shriven," an archaic word meaning to absolve or cleanse.

On **Maundy Thursday**, Christians commemorate the meal where Jesus broke bread and gave the cup to his disciples, initiating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. John's Gospel tells of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and giving them a new commandment. The word Maundy comes from the Latin word for commandment.

The **liturgical color** for the Lenten season is purple, which represents repentance, royalty, and suffering. On Easter the color changes to white, the festival color which signifies purity.

The **date of Easter** is determined according to the moon's phase. Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the date of the first full moon that occurs on or after March 21st.

