Midweek Musings
February 15, 2017 edition
Published the second and fourth Wednesday of the month

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ~Revelations 3:22

New Castle Presbytery

Ten Myths of Collegiate Ministry
By Jason Brian Santos

In my role as the national director of UKirk (PC(USA) collegiate ministries) I’ve had the privilege of talking to a lot of congregations about the “whys” and “hows” of engaging college students in spiritual formation. It’s from those conversations that I offer my Top Ten Myths that seem to stymie congregational efforts to reach out to these young adults.

It’s not my job, don’t we have campus ministers for that?

Wrong! While we do have chaplains, college pastors, etc. leading the vast majority of our campus ministries, they can’t do it alone. In fact, the successfulness of their jobs are intrinsically linked to the congregational support they receive. Not to mention, it is our
job. It became so the first time we professed our baptismal vows to nurture our children and youth in the faith.

I’m too old—that’s a ministry for younger people.

Wrong! In addition your baptismal vows NOT expiring when teenagers hit 18, young people these days actually crave relationships with older generations. You’ve got a wealth of love and knowledge to offer. Don’t be the victim of self-imposed agism.

I’ve got younger kids, college students don’t want kids underfoot.

Wrong! Time and time again, I’ve observed that the most effective collegiate ministries had the patter of little feet around them. College students live in the most peer-oriented time in their lives. They want and need other generations around them to remind them of the broader community of faith.

I’m not hip enough. I don’t even have a tattoo!

Wrong! College students don’t care if you’re cool or if you have tattoos, piercings or the newest iPhone. What they do care about is feeling like they matter. An authentic desire to be in relationship with them transcends any exterior culturally-relevant facades.

There is no college in my area.

Wrong! Yes, it’s more challenging to minister to college students if you’re not near a college, but there are likely college-aged students connected to your congregation. If you don’t have a college near you, start with the students who are. They need you! And, if you have collegiate ministries in your presbytery, there are ways of supporting them too.

College students don’t want to be a part of my congregation.

Kind of wrong. Okay, you might be looking around your church and thinking, “why would a college student want to hang out here?” Truthfully, they may not, but not because they don’t want to be a part of a community. Quite the contrary, they want to feel like they belong to something real and meaningful. A collegiate ministry might be just the way to birth some new vitality in your faith community.

They won’t be a part of our faith community in a few years.

Okay… this one is kind of true. No, college student who participate in your particular community won’t likely become members of your church for the next fifty years. But investing in them while they are in your midst will contribute to their desire to remain in the larger faith community throughout their lives. And, in the end, that’s what really matters, isn’t it?
My church doesn’t have the funds to support a collegiate ministry.

Might be true, however, probably not. The biggest problem in funding collegiate ministries today is that we try financially supporting it through our program budgets rather than our mission budgets. College ministry is a mission, fund it from that budget line instead.

I have no idea how to participate in collegiate ministry.

Back to being wrong again! Just get involved. Be real. Share your struggles with life and faith and they will love you for it and come back for more. If you don’t have one, start one. If you do, ask how you can help.

Can’t I just make a frozen lasagna and call it a day?

Wrong and absolutely not. If your church is offering free meals once a week to college students, it’s a great way to get involved, but don’t be lazy. In my time in supporting our collegiate ministries nationally, I’ve eaten way too much frozen lasagna purchased from the local warehouse stores (and bagged salad and boxed brownies too). In UKirk, we challenge our ministries to demonstrate radical hospitality. Make those starving college students the best meal you can possibly make and then sit down and eat it with them.

Jason has more to offer at the Beach Retreat! Register today to be a part of valuable plenaries, a workshop and discussions!

FREE CHILDCARE is available in addition to: Half-price kids meals and scholarship funds toward retreat packages!

- Sign-up for children on the registration page no later than February 22nd
- Email Bob Schminkey, Stated Clerk (bschminkey@ncpresbytery.org) with your request for scholarship funds.

Click here to register, view the brochure including invitation, schedule and registration form.

REGISTER TODAY and be part of the exploration! Join us at the beach!
New BOP Pension Rep for our region!

Welcome Martha Reisner, our church consultant for the Board of Pensions.

Her contact information is: mreisner@pensions.org

Cell: (215) 587-7049

Visit with Martha Friday evening or Saturday where she will participate at our Annual Beach Retreat and Presbytery Meeting. Also joining us will be Presbyterian Mission Agency Interim Executive Director, Tony De La Rosa.

To learn more about the Missional Leader Assessment program and/or to register, go to http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/

For questions or help with registration, contact Eva Slayton, Administrative Assistant for 1001 New Worshiping communities at 800-728-7228 ext 5244 or eva.slayton@pcusa.org.
STAYING CONNECTED, OUR GIFT TO OURSELVES AND OTHERS

During a five year stretch of managing “long term disaster recovery work” in Eastern North Carolina, I came to understand in very practical ways why the connectionalism of the Presbyterian Church is so important to our denominational life and public witness. Most “recovery” work is organized around short term volunteer groups. A one to two week stay is typical. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (P.D.A.) however, is noted for their commitment to staying pastorally and professionally engaged in assisting communities throughout the major period of their recovery efforts. They are regarded as one of the best disaster response and recovery groups in the country. P.D.A. coached me to stay informed and to stay in touch with my groups and all the others on the scene and willing to help. Here is what I learned!

1. Presbyterians cooperate with one another and with other agencies. We don’t go it alone!
2. Presbyterians are patient and principled taking the time to organize work in ways that honor the communities they seek to serve. We listen first!
3. Presbyterians are ambassadors able to navigate among different social, denominational and special interest groups. We honor differences!
4. Presbyterians have stamina. We share resources and draw support from other Presbyterians across the nation and from around the world. We stay connected! We don’t give up!
5. Presbyterians are sufficiently humble to learn from errors in judgement and to practice forgiveness in the face of misunderstandings. We seek to be peacemakers!
6. Presbyterians practice democracy in decision making and in community building. We protect the interest of the least among us!
7. Presbyterian witness is best expressed in our honest efforts to who work hard, play hard and pray even harder. In spite of our shortcomings we trust that God is at work in our midst.

In our present season of political unrest and partisanship I believe that these attributes might be of help to our church and our nation as we work toward reconciliation. Let’s stay connected. Let’s stay in touch!

In Christ’s Peace, Jim
Our Churches

West Nottingham PC New Stage

Rebuilding the stage to the level of the chancel had been in the planning for several years. The stage will have 22" wide risers built this week. The stage will be painted and carpeted soon. The custom risers can be stored beneath the stage.

The hand-bell choir, with seven tables and several octaves of bells will frequently be used on the stage. During the Time with Children in Sunday worship, the youth will sit on the new risers and hear the weekly message. WNPC has a band with electric guitar and bass players and a drummer and occasionally perform for Sunday morning worship. Each year the stage will be set up with the crèche and manger for the Christmas pageant and for the West Nottingham Pre-School Christmas program.

West Nottingham Presbyterian Church hosts the West Nottingham Academy commencement and baccalaureate services in the fall and spring. WNPC and other churches host the Christmas and Spring concerts of Cecil County Choral Society. (Additional photos are available here.)

Submitted by West Nottingham Interim Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jim Horn

**Share your church stories, accomplishments and missions in the next edition!
Presbyterian World Mission

February 2017—The world is watching

Rachel Yates, Associate Director of Program
Presbyterian World Mission

We monitor the security of our mission personnel, in part by reading daily briefings from news sources and the U.S. Department of State. Typically the reports follow no pattern: a kidnapping, an outbreak of disease or a military conflict, affecting various countries.

January 20 was different. On that day, when Americans prepared to inaugurate their new president, the world reacted. To the North, we were alerted: “Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Ottawa (Canada), Planned Demonstration.” To the South, we were warned: “The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City informs U.S. citizens that due to demonstrations scheduled to take place in the vicinity of the Embassy during the afternoon of Friday, January 20, 2017, the Embassy will be closed to the public.” It wasn’t just an occurrence among our nearest neighbors. Similar protests or planned demonstrations were reported for Spain, Hungary, Kosovo, Denmark, Paraguay and the Netherlands. Press coverage that day identified protests occurring on every continent, including Antarctica.

No matter your personal views on President Trump or your political affiliation, we cannot deny that the world is watching America closely. The scrutiny won’t be limited to our government’s actions, but will extend to our actions as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our faithfulness to the Bible, our Reformed theology and our commitment to social justice will be tested. Read more here.
Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow
Rev. Lyle J. Dykstra, D. Min

Upon coming back from our 8 years in Kenya, I felt a little like a “fish out of water.” I wondered if I could get back into life in the church and community in a way where I could see that I was working to resolve some of the justice issues in our society.

The doors opened in a natural way for me to connect with the CDNJC. The Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow is an action oriented group. It does work on:

- Race and Racism
- Legislation in Dover
- Economic Development
- Education and Prevention
- Police, Courts and Judicial Fairness

At a meeting in early Dec the group working with the police had a third meeting in which the following ideas were owned by citizens and Wilmington Police:

- Both police and citizens should come out of every encounter safely
- Justice should be applied equally everywhere: crime should have the same consequences wherever it happens, and whoever commits it, without regard for race, economic status, etc.

You are most welcome to connect with this group, the more people involved, the more impact in our society. Monthly meetings update us on what is happening. Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at one of the following churches: the Unitarian Universalist, Mother Africa, Trinity Episcopal, Hanover Presbyterian, and occasionally First and Central Presbyterian.

A faith based coalition, like the one in Wilmington is currently being organized in Sussex County.

If you want further details about all of this please contact me by email (dykstraly@gmail.com) or telephone (see the directory or contact the Presbytery office).

In Peace, Lyle

Midweek submissions: adminoffice@ncpresbytery.org
MISSION ADVOCATE, New Castle Presbytery
Terry Lee Dykstra

I would like to encourage every church in the Presbytery to give to Presbyterian World Mission. As you can see by looking at the chart below, we can do more. In total, our combined gifts of all churches in New Castle Presbytery amounts to about $49,000 per year. We are better than that.

Yes, I know we give to many other worthy groups - our mission work is deep and wide - and I hope we continue to partner with others. However, I think you would agree that we have a special calling to partner with our Presbyterian mission co-workers.

CONTRIBUTION TO PRESBYTERIAN WORLD MISSIONS over a 2 year period
Data was obtained from PCUSA World Mission Finance

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Blessings and peace, **Terry**
As an interfaith peacemaker I have admired the Interfaith Youth Core for years. See IFYC.org.

Here is a brief collection of reflections/videos by IFYC members about their take on recent political developments in the U.S. I think you may find it encouraging: http://view.email.ifyc.org/…

Incarcerated Veterans

A friend in Seattle, Roger Kluck, is doing exemplary work with incarcerated veterans, using AVP, the Alternatives to Violence Project. Watch this video to hear from some of the veterans in his last AVP sessions: http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/crime/article130168544.html

Our local group, Interfaith Veterans' Workgroup, is planning to use this same strategy, first with incarcerated veterans, then later, if we can recruit participants, with veterans in general.

Pastor and Vietnam vet, Tom

Vietnam combat vet
Convener of the Interfaith Veterans' Workgroup
tcd123@gmail.com
302-429-0607
February 15, 2017

We send greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Because you have faithfully and generously supported the mission of the PC(USA) in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), we wanted to share this important update with you.

We are thankful for the conscientious and dedicated service of our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission co-workers Bob and Kristi Rice and Ruth Brown in DRC. Your support of their work in prayer, encouragement and financial contributions means so much to these mission co-workers, the whole Presbyterian World Mission family and the members and church staff of the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC) with whom they have worked.

Bob and Kristi Rice—Since January 2010, Bob and Kristi have served alongside members of CPC’s Department of Evangelism and Christian Education, as well as liaising with members of the CPC’s Community Development Program, seeking to meet the spiritual and physical needs of God’s people in Congo.

Ruth Brown—Since January 2011, Ruth has been working as a food security and development specialist, assisting coalition members of the CPC’s Development Program to address the root causes of poverty as well as spiritual needs through use of Community Health Evangelism methodology.

Bob, Kristi and Ruth, currently on interpretation assignment in the United States, were anticipating returning to their work in Congo in early 2017. However, in late January, the leadership of the Presbyterian Church of Congo asked that these colleagues not return to service in the Congo until there is resolution to the conflict dividing the Presbyterian Community of Congo. Because that conflict has been an issue for nearly four years and resolution does not appear in sight, World Mission, in agreement with Bob, Kristi and Ruth, feel that good stewardship of human and financial resources compels us to begin considering other opportunities for their service. We are currently exploring the best way to use the talents of these three and reassign them based on their individual skills as well as requests from other World Mission partners.

The ministry of other mission personnel currently serving in Congo will not be directly affected.

We are grateful for the continued commitment of Bob, Kristi and Ruth to the mission of our church. We ask that you accompany us in this reappointment process by continuing your prayers and support for the Rices and Ruth Brown. Many of you have contributed to the sending and support of these mission co-workers. Please know that, while these mission co-workers discern their next assignment and are reappointed to other countries, your gifts will follow them in their new locations. Please also pray for Christ’s reconciling power to bring healing and unity to the Presbyterian Community of Congo.

Peace of Christ be with you!

Rachel Yates
Associate Director for Program

Tamron Kelth
Associate Director for Administration
American Heart Month

In the United States, someone has a heart attack every 42 seconds. Each minute, someone in the United States dies from a heart disease-related event. About 610,000 Americans die from heart disease each year—that’s 1 in every 4 deaths.

Coronary heart disease is the most common type of heart disease, killing about 365,000 people in 2014. This month, the NCP Health Ministry is asking you to know your statistics—visit the Health Ministry page today to learn more about heart disease and help us celebrate American Heart Month this February. View this month’s article here to learn more!

The Health Ministry archives have articles you may have missed! Click here to catch up!

Stephanie Scully Eskridge,
RN, BSN

Questions? healthministry@ncpresbytery.org

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity.”

~John F. Kennedy
It’s Camp Time!

Camp programs and events are currently scheduled for the upcoming spring and summer. Visit the sites below to schedule soon to take advantage of experiences that last a lifetime!

Johnsonburg Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center - 822 Route 519 - Johnsonburg, N.J. 07825
Phone: 908-852-2349 OR 908-852-2401 Fax: 908-852-0045 Email: info@campjburg.org

Pocometh • 136 Runkers Wharf Road • Centreville, MD 21617 • Ph (410) 556-6900 • Fax (410) 556-6901

Montreat.
401 Assembly Drive
PO Box 969
Montreat, NC 28757
800.572.2257

Massanetta Springs
712 Massanetta Springs Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
phone: 888-627-7774
fax: 540-433-6118
email: info@massanettasprings.org

Camp Donegal
303 East Telegraph Road
Airlie, PA 17302

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

(Submit your information and provide the link to your flyer on your webpage/Facebook for inclusion in subsequent editions. Click on each event for additional information)

*Life is full of interesting things ... embrace, celebrate and share!*

During the Month of February

Our 25th Year Black History Month at Hanover Church
18th and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE
February 19th, 11:00 a.m. – Guest Preacher: J.B. Redding
February 19th, 4:00 p.m. – Gospel Vespers
More information, visit the Hanover website [here](#)

2/26/2017, 12:30 p.m. Christiana Presbyterian Church
15 N. Old Baltimore Pike, Christiana, DE
(1/2 mile south of Christiana Mall)

**Christians Creations Paint Party:**
$30.00 a person

Please RSVP by 2/22 to Kae Lynn Freel
302-737-7013 to reserve a spot for you and a friend

**Lunch will be sold from 12-12:30 for $5.00 (Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Chips and a drink)**

2/24-26/2017 3/2-4/2017 Marriage Encounter Weekends
Vandiver Inn, Havre de Grace, MD

For more information and registration, contact Greg & Shirley Hills
solchvarya@hotmail.com or (302) 453-9538

Both weekends are hosted by the Presbyterian Expression of M.E.
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<td><strong>New Castle Presbyterian Women Annual Retreat 2017</strong> - “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”</td>
<td>Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Registration now available with deadline for registration March 10th. Mark your calendars! Registration is available on the PW website: <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/pwinncp/">https://sites.google.com/site/pwinncp/</a></td>
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<td>4/28-30/2017</td>
<td><strong>Johnsonburg Spring Women’s Retreat</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Vendors wanted for Country Market – Crafty Creations &amp; Funky Finds – at First Presbyterian Church</strong></td>
<td>The Presbyterian Women (PW) of First Presbyterian Church Newark, 292 West Main St, are planning a craft and flea market event on May 6 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are seeking vendors now who make their own crafts and individuals with flea market items they no longer need but someone else would treasure. Spaces, inside and outside, will be available for $25.00. Funds raised go to support the missions of PW including local missions of Empowerment Center, Hope Dining Room and Newark Area Welfare Committee. For more information, visit the website here.</td>
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Seeking Blue Hymnals

Has your church upgraded to the new Presbyterian hymnal and now you are looking for a good home for your treasured blue hymnals?

Green Hill Presbyterian Church is interested in obtaining additional blue hymnals for their congregation.

Please contact Green Hill’s church office: (302) 652-5065

Social Security Update

2017 March “Welcome to Medicare” Events

New Castle County
March 15, 2017 Rockland Place, 1519 Rockland Road, Wilmington 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
March 20, 2017 Hockessin Library, 1023 Valley Road, Hockessin 10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
March 29, 2017 Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Road, Newark 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Kent County
TBA, Dover Public Library 35 E. Loockerman St. 10:00 a.m –12:00 p.m.

Sussex County
March 16, 2017 Georgetown Cheer Community Center, 20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Please call DMAB 1-800-336-9500 to reserve a seat
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<td>Develop and lead youth club program including weekly meetings and special events.</td>
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<td>1. Conduct weekly meetings at the church or approved alternate location</td>
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<td>Pastor</td>
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<td>701 S. Maryland Ave., Wilmington, DE</td>
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<td><strong>Administrative Assistant, Part-time</strong></td>
<td>Olivet Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE is seeking a part-time (4 hours/week) Administrative Assistant. View the position description here.</td>
<td>Please RSVP to: Pastor Mawuna Gardesey (<a href="mailto:m.gardesey@yahoo.com">m.gardesey@yahoo.com</a>)</td>
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| **Interim Pastor**       | **New Covenant Presbyterian Church**  
1131 Jamison Corner Road, Middletown, DE  
Biblically grounded church family dedicated to serving God, and sharing Christian fellowship, love and caring with the world is seeking an Interim Pastor. For more information:  
http://www.newcov-church.org/announcements.html | **Call for Interim Pastor**  
New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Middletown, DE (NCPC) is seeking our 1st interim pastor. Our interim pastor will fill either 6 hours or evenings of services to meet church family and community needs. We are seeking a pastor to guide us through the process of calling our new permanent pastor. NCPC is a biblically grounded church family, dedicated to serving God, sharing Christian fellowship, love and caring with the world. We have over 100 families and are considered a very rapidly growing part of Middletown.  
We have many active ministries, including Christian Education, Congregational Life, Men’s Power Group, Women’s Bible Study, Choir, Men’s Choir, Prayer Board, Children’s Choir, Choir, Youth Club, Volunteer Alumni Group, Saturday School, Worship, Annual Youth Retreat, Annual Singing, Senior’s/Pastor Christmas Stockings and Annual Prayer Dinner.  
We have been blessed with a scholarship from the New Castle Presbyterian for a youth assistant pastor where we need to be filling now. We are blessed with help from a Church Secretary and wonderful support. We need highly motivated Sharons, Trustees and Missionaries. Additional information about our church is available on our website:  
http://www.newcov-church.org/announcements.html  
clerk@ncpcorg/  
302-448-1942 | |
| **Building Maintenance Technician** | Concord Presbyterian Church & Preschool  
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"I strongly suspect that if we saw **all the difference** even the tiniest of our prayers make, and **all the people** those little prayers were destined to affect, and **all the consequences** of those prayers down through the centuries, we would be so paralyzed with awe at **the power of prayer** that we would be unable to get up off our knees for the rest of our lives."

~Peter Kreeft, Professor of Philosophy, Boston College

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Speer Trust – **Grant Applications for Spring, 2017**

The Speer Trust grant process is open for applications! The spring cycle will include applications received through the April 1st deadline. For more information, visit the website [here](http://example.com) or contact the Presbytery office for more information.

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**Who Benefits from Speer Funds?**

The main purpose of the fund is to assist organizations of people who live in Delaware or the Eastern Shore of Maryland and have low incomes to gain control over their own lives as they address the root causes of poverty. To accomplish this, funds are awarded to organizations working in partnership with Presbyterians mutually committed to making their community a better place to live.

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**From a Speer-funded Project by Evelyn Townsend**

“Speer provided us with the information we needed. They’ve opened doors that have been closed to organizations such as ours. They’ve given us support along with funding. They don’t just give you the money. They help you gain the knowledge to stand alone.”
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