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“And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”
Mark 8:29

For the week of February 8, 2018

The Cincinnati Sampler

SEVEN DAYS—MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Thursday, February 15 is the due date for all workshop registration forms for the Presbytery meeting. Workshops are included as a part of the Presbytery meeting scheduled for February 24 at Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian Church! Every church leader is encouraged to take advantage of the learning opportunity, and a registration form is required.

Registration forms can be found on the Presbytery of Cincinnati website at the “Office Forms” tab on the left side of the home page, and also at the “Presbytery Meeting Docs” tab in the same location. **All workshop registration forms are due to the Presbytery office by Thursday, February 15.** Yes—stuff a form in the worship bulletin, and distribute at Session and Deacons meetings. We’re looking forward to connecting with the Presbyterian family to strengthen our discipleship together and equipping the saints for the work of ministry!

The Reverend Dr. Joan Gray will be our keynote speaker on Saturday, February 24, and will be leading a workshop on “Ruling Elders as Spiritual Leaders”. In addition, Reverend Gray will be a guest preacher at Covenant-First Presbyterian Church during morning worship on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

SUMMER PROGRAM AT WINTON

Winton Hills Community Presbyterian Church Summer Program is planning ahead and inviting the Presbytery to respond. One emphasis planned for the buildings-skills summer program at Winton is “Following Directions”, and to accomplish this outcome, the staff of the summer program intend to use LEGOS (the popular building blocks). If you have **gently used “LEGO” building sets WITH DIRECTIONS** please contact Kathy Angi, Moderator at Winton Hills. And, if you could serve as a willing summer volunteer who likes children and building with LEGOs, please contact Kathy Angi. Thank you Presbytery!



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Monday through Thursday

POC WEEK IN REVIEW

FEBRUARY 2018

CALENDAR

**PRESBYTERY OF
CINCINNATI (POC)**

Sun 11 Feb

2:00PM Evaluate and
Imagine Team—offsite

Tues 13 Feb

9:30AM Bible Study for
Pastors and Preachers at
the Presbytery Office—
Rabbi du Jour is Nancy
Kahaian

Wed 14 Feb

ASH WEDNESDAY

Thur 15 Feb

10:30AM Committee on
Preparation for Ministry at
the Presbytery Office

2:00PM Papers Posted for
the Presbytery Meeting

Mon 19 Feb

PRESIDENTS DAY
Observed
**PRESBYTERY OFFICE
CLOSED**

Tue 20 Feb

9:30AM Bible Study of
Pastors and Preachers at
the Presbytery Office—
Rabbi du Jour is Kevin
Waters

Fri 23 Feb

6:00PM Clergywomen
Meet and Greet with Joan
Gray at Christ, Milford



This photo reflects some of what happened in the Presbytery of Cincinnati (POC) last week: Presbytery Youth Connection “Glimmer of Hope” Retreat, the first Preaching Lab with Ron Allen, and the final worship service at Norwood Presbyterian Church.

Additional opportunities in the coming weeks include:

- Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, February 24 at Madeira-Silverwood with Joan Gray, Workshops, Fair Trade Shop from our own Presbyterian Women in POC, and a book store with over 50 titles from Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (bring checks or cash - no cards accepted). There are also plans to Skype with a mission co-worker!
- “Facilitating Healthy Pastor-Congregational Relationships” on March 23-24 at Richwood PC. Richard Blackburn from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is the workshop leader. The pre-registration fee is \$45, and post-March 12 the fee is \$55. We hope to see one Elder (at least) from every congregation in the Presbytery. A registration form can be found at “Office Forms” on the Presbytery website.
- Rev. Dr. Anthony LeDonne from UTS-Dayton, returns to teach Tuesday morning Bible Study in March.

CHRISTIANS AND LENT

Traditionally, the 40 days of Lent (sans Sundays since every Sunday is a “little Easter”) mark a special holy season in the Christian church. As those who follow in the way of Christ, and in light of what the Gospel of Mark teaches about Christian community, during Lent we turn toward Jesus with the intention of deepening the practice of our faith—announcing the good news, working signs of the Realm of God in our present time, and continuing to do what Jesus did, being a revelation of the presence of Christ. The activity of God expressed through the faithfulness of the church helps bring about the new creation we yearn for during this holy season.

Many congregations will worship on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, and you are welcome in any Presbyterian congregation hosting Ash Wednesday worship, including Beecher in Indiana, Immanuel in Clifton, Northminster in Finneytown, or Richwood in Kentucky and begin the holy season of Lent with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Throughout Lent, some congregations are hosting mid-week series (*example*: Immanuel and Carmel sharing a mid-week Lenten Wednesdays together) and others host Fish Frys during Lent (Montgomery and Pleasant Run) and you can support those also!