

Help Build Wall Panels on Saturday, May 13



This year only, as a special celebration of its 25th year of building, Catch the Building Spirit invites everyone, young and old, youth groups, families, etc. to come nail together wall panels on May 13 to be used in the Habitat house build this year. The lumber will be on site and all you have to do is show up at the appointed time. You can bring your own hammer, tape measure and pencil, or tools will be provided for you.

The wall build will take place at two sites on Saturday, May 13:

-10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Wilkinson St., Dayton

-12:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M. at St. Charles / Alter High School, 4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering,

Sponsor a Wall Panel

As part of its 25th Anniversary Year, Catch the Building Spirit hopes to provide this one-time extra funding to allow it to finance the entire house.

Buy a large wall panel for \$250, a medium wall panel for \$200, a small wall panel for \$150, or make any donation. Your name or the group name can be written on the wall panel and your name posted on Catch the Building Spirit's "Wall of Fame".

► Learn more about Catch the Building Spirit & donate at www.catchthebuildingspirit.org



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CATCH THE BUILDING SPIRIT 25th ANNIVERSARY Presbyterian/Catholic Habitat Build begins May 27



Catch the Building Spirit, the Presbyterian/Catholic Habitat for Humanity partnership, now in its 25th year, will begin construction on this year's house at 6725 Little Richmond Road, Trotwood. Blitz Week (when the main structure of the house is built; walls, siding, roof, etc.) will begin Memorial Day weekend, May 27, and will run through June 2. Construction will continue throughout the summer to complete all the rest of the house.

If your church is interested in participating with labor, hospitality, or financing, please email **Hank Baust**, Presbyterian Coordinator for Catch the Building Spirit, at hbaust@woh.rr.com or call 937-429-0360.

Habitat Houses through Catch the Building Spirit is a designated network of Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

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The 2017 Habitat House Family

Register now for Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center



Registration is now open for 2017 Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield.

Camps for all ages are available from June 10 through August 13 and include:

You and Me Camp, Quilting Camp, Beginners Camp, PYC Junior Camp, PYC Camp (with Robotics, Sports, Science, Art, and Music tracks) Camp Re-joice, Kids Camp, Adventure/Sports/Discovery Camps, Two Week Camp, and Family Camping Weekend.

► Camp schedule & registration at <http://kirkmontcenter.com>

NEW LOCATION!

Covenant Gathering July 16-21



The annual Covenant Gathering will be held July 16-21 at its new location, the Geneva Retreat and Conference Center, Rochester, Indiana. Join Christian friends from Synod of the Covenant and Synod of Lincoln Trails and beyond.

COVENANT GATHERING "Discover and explore how we are blessed by God and how to share that blessing within your families, your churches, and the world. Covenant Gathering is a little bit conference, a little bit vacation, with facilities for all abilities!!!

"Come learn, worship, relax, and refresh. Adult classes include options: Being Mortal; Big Bang Theory; Do Not Be Afraid! Bible study; Presenting God's Word in Speech, Drama and Song; Waking Up White; Social Media 101 for Churches.

"Children and Youth have age-appropriate educational and fun activities taught by experienced teachers and leader."

► Learn more and register at www.covenantgathering.com

Big Tent July 6-8 in St. Louis



Presbyterians from around the country will join together at Big Tent 2017, held on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis, MO, July 6-8. The theme will emphasize the hope of the Gospel and its power to transform society in our current cultural context, marked by anxiety, racial division, political animosity, and economic inequality.

Through dialogue, workshops, exhibits, and engagement with one another, participants will engage the Church in its mission of justice-making and peace.

► Learn more and register at <http://tinyurl.com/bigtent2017>

JUNE 4-7 AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

7th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality



The 7th International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality will be held June 4-7 at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL. This year's conference theme is "Transition and Transcendence: Transforming Ageing Through Spirituality." The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) is sponsoring the Congregational Track at this year's conference and two of the keynote speakers are well respected Presbyterian pastors, authors, speakers, and visionary leaders – the Rev. Dr. **Eileen Lindner** and the Rev. Dr. **John Buchanan**.

Chris Pomfret, POAMN Vice President and one of the founders of Presbytery of the Miami Valley's Third Thirty Network, encourages people from our presbytery to attend: "It is a wonderful opportunity for the presbyteries and congregations in the Great Lakes Region to participate. This conference will go back overseas next year (where it originated) and may not return for many years, so we are especially pleased to be partnered with them this year."

► Learn more and register at www.7thinternationalconference.org