

Catch the Building Spirit, continued

new Habitat home at 6860 Shadowbrook Road in Trotwood for **Alvin and Felicia Lewis** and their four children. The Lewis family have lived in the Dayton area for many years and were desperate for decent affordable housing. After meeting all the requirements and putting in many extra hours of sweat equity, the family was elated to get their new home.

The 2017 Presbyterian and Catholic build will again start on Memorial Day Weekend. Email Hank Baust at hbaust@woh.rr.com or call 937-429-0360 for more information.

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

TOP THEOLOGIANS COMING TO PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean on January 15



Dr. **Kenda Creasy Dean** will speak at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, on Sunday, January 15, 2017, 6:00-8:00 P.M. (dinner included). This program is for all PMV Youth Groups, Youth Advisors and their friends. The event, co-sponsored by Presbytery of the Miami Valley and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, is a part of a series bringing top theologians to the presbytery.

Dr. Dean is an ordained United Methodist pastor in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and Mary D. Synnott Professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary. She is the author of many books on youth and the church.



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PRESBYTERIAN/CATHOLIC COALITION

Catch the Building Spirit completes 24th Habitat House



Catch The Building Spirit, a coalition of Presbyterian churches working with Catholic churches, completed their 24th house build together this summer. Each year the coalition works together to fund and build an affordable home for a low-income family in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton.

A special thanks to the participating Presbyterian churches from Presbytery of the Miami Valley: **Bath, Central, College Hill, Corinth, Fairborn First, Fairmont, Faith, Memorial Dayton, Southminster, and Westminster Dayton.** The churches provided meals, many hours of volunteer labor, and over \$13,000 in funding.

On September 17, 2016, the Catch the Building Spirit coalition dedicated the

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A NEW PRESBYTERY NETWORK

The Third Thirty Network: A Ministry for Older Adults



The Network Support Committee of Presbytery of the Miami Valley recently agreed to the formation of a new Network that addresses a topic that affects us all whether we like it or not. Known as "The Third Thirty" network, the aim is to educate, inspire and prepare us all for the

inevitable challenges as we get older and specifically approach or surpass "The big 60". Additionally, many of us in our '50's and '60s are either caregivers or actively involved in the parenting of our parents who are typically in their '80s and '90s. Started at Bath Church two years ago, the "Third Thirty" is run along the lines of a discussion group within an individual church. There is no rigid syllabus but there are topic areas for discussion and enlightenment. Most of the education comes from the participants themselves who share their experiences, their concerns, and gather courage, strength and encouragement from each other. Expert guest speakers are also utilized where appropriate or so desired.

The instigator of the network, **Chris Pomfret** at **Bath Presbyterian Church**, Dayton, is supported by **Stan Aultz** from **Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church**, Kettering. Chris's desire is to emulate what was started at Bath and help other churches in our Presbytery to start their own "Third Thirty" group. Chris has an introductory presentation and outlines for topics to discuss, so if you want an initial meeting with a group within your church, then Chris and Stan will be pleased to come and meet with you. Chris also envisions having Third Thirty groups come together occasionally during the year so that specific successes experienced by groups can be shared with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ as well as bringing in a special speaker.

If you want to know more about the Third Thirty Network please telephone Chris at 937-545-6667 or send email to chris@treble-one.com.

A Special Invitation to the November Presbytery Meeting

The presbytery's Transition Visioning Team invites all currently-serving session members and pastors at each church in our presbytery to attend the Saturday, November 12 presbytery meeting at **First Presbyterian Church**, Middletown.

As part of its mandate to assess the presbytery's mission, the Team seeks perspectives from pastors and ruling elders now on sessions about whether the presbytery's current mission statement and covenant express what the presbytery is and does and should be in the future. Your ideas and suggestions are vital, so please plan to attend the meeting, which starts at 9:00 A.M. on November 12.

THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER AT SOUTHMINSTER

Free resources for all churches in the presbytery



The Learning Resource Center (LRC) at **Southminster Presbyterian Church**, Centerville, is open to all members or staff of the churches in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. There are no fees required to use the materials.

Some of the resources are designed to help teach a class, while some will be especially for individuals to use for study, devotions, or to read for enjoyment. There are many videos/DVD's, some with study guides for teaching and others for personal use. The collection has an extensive fiction and children's collection.

The LRC is open for self-serve anytime the church is open, 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Monday-Friday. For assistance, email **Gay Amos** anytime at library@sminster.com or call 937-433-1810 on Mondays.

► Visit the LRC website at sites.google.com/site/lrcatsm