

Presbytery office hours, continued

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. Leadership Council, Staff Support, the Trustees and the Staff appreciate your continued partnership and prayer in the coming year as we continue to pursue the future we are called to.

I am thankful we are partners in mission and ministry,

Terry Kukuk, Executive Presbyter
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It's a beautiful day in the Presbyterian neighborhood



The Rev. Dr. **Edward McNulty**, pastor of **Blue Ball Presbyterian Church**, Franklin, has reviewed the film, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, for Presbyterian News Service. The film follows the story

of the relationship between famed children's television host and ordained Presbyterian pastor Fred Rogers and the journalist who is to interview him for a magazine article.

"The new film is the story of a relationship and the healing power of friendship, as well as a father-son story," writes McNulty. *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* stars Tom Hanks as Fred Rogers and Matthew Rhys as the journalist.

Ed McNulty is the author of three books published by Westminster John Knox Press ("Praying the Movies," "Praying the Movies II" and "Faith & Film"). McNulty's latest book is "Jesus Christ: Movie Star." He has reviewed more than 2,200 films during his career.

▶ Read the review at <https://tinyurl.com/pcusaday>



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FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

New presbytery office hours for 2020 reflect an intentional shift in operations



The presbytery office in Dayton will no longer be open on Fridays. The office hours will be Monday-Thursday from 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. I wanted to take a moment to tell you about that change and share with you a bit more.

The change in office hours is an intentional shift in operations as we seek to be faithful stewards of our resources while most effectively serving our congregations.

This shift came for a couple of reasons. First, is the reality that less traditional business hours for the presbytery office are required. The administrative hours needed to support current staff are not what they used to be with the automation of many functions and the increased use of computers. Additionally, there is little office traffic, and inbound phone calls have decreased significantly as more people use email and text messaging. Reducing the traditional business hours of the office makes good sense.

Second, the continued focus on aligning the presbytery's vision to prepare, equip, nurture, and connect congregations for their ministries is inviting us into a time of exploration. How can the Presbytery of the Miami Valley respond to God's call upon us as we faithfully live out our vision? Building upon the good work of the Transitional Visioning Team and with ongoing input from the Leadership Council, Staff Support Committee, and Trustees, the presbytery's staffing structure and operating strategy are being reviewed. The change in traditional office hours allows us to shift resources to better prepare, equip, nurture and connect congregations.

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NEXT Church National Gathering March 2-4 in Cincinnati



Registration is open for the NEXT Church National Gathering to be held March 2-4, 2020 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati. This year's theme is "What Do These Stones Mean? Witness, Power, and Hope" and is based on Joshua 4:1-9.

The NEXT Church National Gathering is filled with church leaders (pastors and lay people) sharing stories of their experiences of ministry, new ideas they are trying, and honest conversations about ministry today.

Creative worship centers participants around God's presence, and multiple opportunities to engage in workshops and conversation about particular aspects of ministry foster new and deeper connections.

NEXT Church is a network of leaders - church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, pastors, seminarians and professors - across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful, and more agile.

NEXT Church provides hopeful space for robust conversations about the theology, culture, and the practice of ministry. It supports strong, faithful leadership in a time of adaptive change, and encourages collaboration and creativity across congregations and geographies.

► Learn more and register at <https://tinyurl.com/2020NEXT>

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2020 Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center



Registration is now open for 2020 Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield.

Sixteen camps for all ages are available from June 5 through August 2 and include:

You and Me Camp, Quilting Camps, Beginners Camp, PYC/PYC Junior Camp, Camp Rejoice, Pioneers, Ramblers, Hill Climbers, Highlanders, Voyager, Bushcraft / Archer, Arts and Drama, Garage Band, Fishing Camp, Crew, and Family Camping Weekend.

► More information and registration at www.kirkmontcenter.org

LILLY ENDOWMENT CLERGY RENEWAL PROGRAM Congregations can get up to \$50,000 to help their pastors find renewal



Congregations seeking renewal for their pastor are invited to apply for the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana.

According to a news release from the program, congregations may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to underwrite a renewal program for their pastor and for the pastor's family. Up to \$15,000 of the funds are available to the congregation to help cover costs for ministerial supply while the pastor is away.

There is no cost for congregations or pastors to apply. The application deadline is April 1, 2020. Congregations will be notified as to whether their proposals are to be funded or not by the end of August 2020. Activities funded by a 2020 grant in the clergy renewal programs may begin anytime in 2021.

► Learn more and apply at www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal

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