

Catch the Building Spirit, continued



The Reynolds-Evans Family

On September 21, 2019, the Catch the Building Spirit coalition dedicated a new Habitat home at 203 W. Pease Avenue in West Carrollton for the Reynolds-Evans Family and their four children. The family had been living in a two-bedroom apartment. After meeting all the requirements and putting in many extra hours of sweat equity, the family was elated to get their new home. Their handicapped

daughter now has lots of room to roll around in.

For information about the 2020 build and how you can get involved, email Hank Baust at bausthd@gmail.com or call 937-429-0360.

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

PMV receives prayer flags from a New York City church



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a connec-tional church. We love and care for each other, especially in times of trial. In this vein, the **New Hempstead Presbyterian Church**, New York, NY, was moved to reflect their love for and solidarity with the people of the Miami Valley.

The New Hempstead congregation chose to show this caring by creating prayer flags expressing their prayers and concern for all affected by the August mass shooting in Dayton and all who have been impacted by gun violence.

The banner has been displayed at recent presbytery meetings and is available for all in the presbytery to share and know the love of others who care for us. Any church interested in displaying the banner and the accompanying letter may make arrangements with the presbytery office to pick them up.



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PRESBYTERIAN/CATHOLIC COALITION

Catch the Building Spirit completes 27th Habitat House



Catch the Building Spirit, a coalition of Presbyterian churches working with Catholic churches, completed their 27th 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. Habitat Houses through Catch the Building Spirit is a **network of Presbytery of the Miami Valley**.

A special thanks to the participating Presbyterian churches from the presbytery: **Bath, Central, College Hill Community, Corinth, Fairborn First, Faith, Dayton Memorial, Southminister, Sugarcreek, and Dayton Westminster**. The churches provided meals, many hours of volunteer labor, and over \$12,000 in funding.

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JOIN IN A SHARED STUDY FOR 2019-20 Monthly Foundations Focus



For 2019-2020 we, as a presbytery and as individual churches, are invited to explore together a portion of our **Book of Order: The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity**, as a way of equipping ourselves for ministry in the 21st century. As you may remember, earlier this century the Book of Order went through a period of reformation which culminated in the adoption in 2011 of the New Form of Government (often called "nFOG").

One of the changes which came with this was the formation of a new section on the foundations of Presbyterian polity. This was created from a variety

of sources including Scripture, documents from the early Christian church and Reformed tradition, and early portions of the former Form of Government, all identified as foundational principles and placed within the context of God's mission for the church in the world.

This may sound like a daunting task and yet actually there are only three chapters in this section, and we will be focusing our energies on two of those. Often the content of these chapters is skipped over, but they provide us with a view of the riches of being Presbyterian. Studying them with the Holy Spirit working in and through us may open us to new ways of being Presbyterians together. We may become better equipped for our ministry ahead as we read, discuss, pray, and even sing about our foundations.

The texts of key parts of the Foundations, along with reflection questions and a prayer, are included in the monthly resource, linked to below. We hope you will use this resource in committee and session meetings, group gatherings, classes, and personal spiritual moments.

Know that as you are doing this, so are your brothers and sisters throughout the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

- ▶ Get the Monthly Foundations Focus at <https://tinyurl.com/Foundations-Focus>

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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