

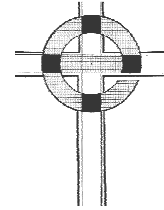


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Good News from EDU (Education and Discipleship Unit)

We are happy to share with all of you the success of the Educational Event that was held on April 17!

We had attendees from different churches in our Presbytery: Fanwood, Westminster in Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Siloam-Hope, Woodbridge, Second Elizabeth, Pittstown, Crescent Ave., Metuchen, Oak Tree, Middlesex, Third Westminster in Elizabeth, Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield, Garwood, Calvin in Linden, Iselin, and Willow Grove in Scotch Plains. We even had some visitors from First Presbyterian Church in Hackensack and South Presbyterian Church in Bergenfield.

Rev. Greg Albert, IEP, opened the event with worship. He also led two workshops: "Overcoming our Fears in Evangelism" and "Effective Deaconing". Rita Boyer ran a very interactive workshop: "8 Ways of Teaching the Bible". People attending the "The Clerk of Session" workshop, not only learned more about the job of a Clerk of Session, but were sent home with useful materials such as Clerk's Manuals and Books of Order. Finally, Rev. Robert Beringer helped discern what is the roll and importance of Elders as he led the "Officer Training for Elders" class.

For Christian Educators we had a Vacation Bible School Display, with kits from Augsburg, Abingdon, Cokesbury, Gospel Light, and Group. We will have these materials on display for a couple of weeks more, so if you are interested in reviewing them before you decide which one to buy, you can stop by the Resource Center any time from Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Finally, we want to thank the workshop leaders and the participants for making this a great event!



11th Annual National Multicultural Church Conference

Chicago, May 26-30, 2010

Pre-conferences May 26-27, 2010

The conference seeks to explore "growing the Christ's church deep and wide" in an increasingly diverse world. The conference is a place of differences. People with varying languages, cultures, ethnicities, theologies, genders, generations and backgrounds will come together to recognize the amazing potential of differences and, through affirming and celebrating those differences, create something new.

For more information visit:

<http://www.pcusa.org/multicultural/conference.htm>

Coming Events from PC(USA) and beyond

- Older Adult Week
May 2—8, 2010
- 11th Annual Multicultural
Conference (Chicago)
May 26-30, 2010
- 219th General Assembly
July 3-10, 2010
Minneapolis, MN
see also PCUSA
Planning Calendar

What makes a good church website?

A good church web site is

- one-third basic info
- one-third come-hither
- one-third drama.

Basic information is the easiest to manage. You ask the question, "What information do visitors, prospective members and members need to find?" You notice that it isn't just members' needs that matter. Then you provide information.

- **Visitors** need to know where you are located, what time events happen, and whether children are welcome.
- **Prospective members** have visited and now need to know what you value, what you have to offer them, and whether they are welcome.
- **Members** need to know what's for supper on Wednesday, who's preaching Sunday, where small groups are meeting, and whether anyone's life is being transformed.

Come-hither means the "hooks," the many ways you say why people should get out of bed on a Sunday morning, why they should stop by on the way home Wednesday, why they should join a small group, why they should seek a mission, why they should give.

This won't be earnest words by a service provider, like the pastor. It will be tales from life: pictures of Sunday, testimonials, reports from mission trips, lessons learned in groups. Putting "meat" to the "why."

Drama is the mystery that people yearn to experience. It's the transformation that lies ahead. It's the story of a life restored to sanity and hope. If you ask people, they will tell you about the drama they seek. If you listen closely, they will tell you about the drama they have witnessed.

Drama requires pictures that speak of complexity, site design that hints of depth, and content that grabs hold of a person's imagination.

Notice that all of this is "customer-driven," not "provider-driven." Your web site is a critical component in a great work of engaging, listening, serving, loving, encouraging the people whom God has brought to your site, to your door and into your fellowship.

It isn't a bulletin board.

(The above article was written by the Rev. Tom Ehrich, founder of the Church Wellness Project. For more information about the Project, go to church-wellness.com.)

What's Happening in The Presbytery of Elizabeth

Fish (Chicken) & Chips Dinner
Friday, April 30, 2010
 First Presbyterian Church
 1295 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, NJ
 (732) 283-1188

Open House at Johnsonburg
Saturday, May 1, 2010
 Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center
 822 Rte 519, Johnsonburg, NJ 07846
 For more information call (908) 852-2349

Plainfield Presbyterian Combined Worship
Sunday, May 2 * 10:30 am
 Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church
 170 Watchung Ave., No. Plainfield, NJ 07060
 For more information call: 9908) 755-2781

Salem Roadhouse Café: Carla Ulbrich
Saturday, May 8 * 7:30 pm
 Townley Presbyterian Church
 829 Salem Rd., Union, NJ 07083
 For more information: (908) 686-1028

Session Minute Review III
Tuesday, May 25 * 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
 First Presbyterian Church
 45 Market St., Perth Amboy, NJ

Special Needs Camp
June 13-17, 2010
 Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center
 For more information contact Mike Socia at
 (908) 852-2349

Session Minute Review IV
Tuesday, June 29 * 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 The Presbytery of Elizabeth
 525 E Front St., Plainfield, NJ

Zumba – Aerobics - Toning
 United Presbyterian Church
 525 East Front St., Plainfield, NJ 07060
 For more information: (908) 756-2666

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2009-2010 BOOK OF ORDER
2010-2011 PLANNING CALENDAR
2010 MISSION YEARBOOK
Call 908-755-3776

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