

## AREA 2 MEETING 3/30/06

Following a short fellowship time with beverage and cookies, the MVP Area 2 meeting held at Uhrichsville First Church was convened by Jim Spain. Barb Cunningham led the group in devotions around John 1:14.

Debbie Rundlett, the new General Presbyter, spoke regarding the presbytery's vision/mission and the need for equipping and training. She shared regarding three upcoming training opportunities.

1. MVP Leadership Summit Friday, April 28: 1:30-4:30pm

In our presbytery, we have made a commitment to become a missional presbytery. But what does that mean? And how will we get there? That we might begin to understand what's involved and where we are going, the leaders of presbytery are invited to a Leadership Summit hosted by Council. Our leader will be the Rev. Dr. Ken Priddy. The Monarch Center in Dover will be the site for this event.

2. Healthy Congregation Facilitators will be led by Dr. Debbie Rundlett. More info to come later.

3. Elder Training Event will be led by Rev. Tim Jones on May 20, 1:30-4:30 at Jim's Place in New Philadelphia. (However, Jan in MVP office says it is to be at the presbytery office according to the flyer, so we need to confirm this later.)

### Cluster Reports

**Stark Cluster** continues to meet and have combined activities such as women's retreat, youth activities, and concerts. Newsletter info is sent to each church. May 6 is an upcoming "Cluster Bus Tour" to each of the ten churches.

**Carroll Cluster** continues to write up a newsletter for all the churches. There is a Palm Sunday music program at 7:00 PM.

**Lakeland Cluster** shared a chalk drawing speaker, Christy Reed Bloom and had youth attend a Rebecca St. James and Barlow Girl concert. A joint Maundy Eve Service will be held at Dennison. Note: Newcomerstown appears to be moving to the Cochocton cluster.

Dan Meadows, email: meadows@sssnet.com, is coordinating the info from Area 2 which will be sent to Terri Prouty to be put onto the presbytery web site. Please send cluster and area minutes to him. When going to the MVP web site, you can click on "Area News" or "Vision" and get to the info.

Discussion of musical groups ensued. The following may be contacted at some point: Kent PCUSA praise band, Acoustic Grace Christian Band, Malone student musical groups, Bud Milligan and Jim McConnel (Southern Gospel).

The Presbytery Implementation Team will meet again Friday, April 7 at 10:30-2:30. Discussion will include cluster updates, values to strategic initiative, "Missional Concept" needs to be focus so we live it and believe it. The process and approval for mission dollars, as well as a form for missional interest, will be worked on so that we can begin to answer "what is funded", "how it gets funded", and "how it is received." It was stated that Debbie Rundlett sent out a list of grants

that are available to churches.

Missional tithing churches-cluster and area funding was mentioned.

**MOTION:** Area 2 requests that all missional funding of MVP continue for three more months (through September). Passed. Bill Sadler, our area representative to Mission Coordinating Council will take this to the next MCC meeting.

Brainstorming of future activities for the area included:

Concert Meet again

Evangelism Training and Hands-On Doing of Evangelism (reaching out, marketing, etc.)

Picnic/potluck/concert activities at camp this summer (missional concept discussion -- National

Speaker

for community event (with several break out groups)

A time of CELEBRATION

Rick Bloom could be a contact for suggesting some names.

Referral to previous minutes of other previous suggestions

We decided to begin pursuing three of these. Number 3 above will be headed by Tom Sawyer, Number 4 above by Lakeland Cluster, and Number 5 above by Jerry Snyder and the Stark Cluster, and of course we will meet again. Each church is asked to select a contact person (with email) and email Martha Gerber, pegerber@aol.com, with the information. It was also noted that it would be helpful if we could determine how to provide some transportation for joint activities.

Next meeting is June 1, 2006, at 7:00 PM at the Hanoverton Church, 10236 Plymouth Street, Hanoverton. Bill Sadler will be moderator and Clancy Cherry will lead us in devotions. The meeting was closed in prayer by Mark Unrue.

Your Scribe

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