

Presbytery of Ohio **OUTREACH** Summer 2009

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church



Trinity OPC — Huntington, WV (Grace OPC/ Columbus, OH) Pastor Boone Leigh finished his ministry in Huntington this spring. The session of Grace OPC in Columbus continues to provide oversight, leadership, and pulpit supply for Trinity Mission. While this has been a trying time the group has remained faithful and united

to the vision of an established Orthodox Presbyterian congregation in Huntington. The gospel continues to be preached and shared. Outreach continues and the session is hopeful a new pastoral candidate for Trinity will be considered for the work at the fall presbytery meeting. Please pray for God's blessings on the work in Huntington and for his mercy and grace to sustain and provide for Pastor Boone Leigh and his family.

Lake OPC – Cleveland, OH (Covenant OPC /Mansfield, OH) It was reported at the spring presbytery meeting that Pastor Dan McManigal had declined the call to Lake OPC in Cleveland. The CHEX Committee also reported that the current economic recession had greatly affected the ability of the denominational Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension to fund new works. After much prayer and planning given the presbytery's own budgetary concerns, a special meeting was called in April. The presbytery in conjunction with the denomination approved a plan to have RHM Larry Oldaker labor as the Organizing Pastor of Lake OPC/Cleveland starting in May. Pastor Oldaker will continue to function as RHM for the presbytery as he is able. The plan outlined for the presbytery envisions Pastor Oldaker laboring to organize the Lake OPC Mission while also assisting other developing groups. Once Lake OPC is organized Pastor Oldaker will then move to organize another mission work of the presbytery while developing yet more works. The hope is that Pastor Oldaker will serve as a presbytery evangelist working to develop new missions and saving the denomination and presbytery money. Pastor Oldaker has termed his redefined call as a "serial church planter!" Please pray for the progress of the Cleveland mission, especially for the acquisition of a new meeting facility so that weekly Sunday morning worship can be established. New contacts are being made and the group's first VBS is being planned for June. Pray also for Pastor Larry Oldaker's transition as he labors in the Cleveland area.

Developing Mission Works...



Redeemer OP Mission – Wilkesburg/Pittsburgh, PA At its spring meeting the Presbytery of Ohio acted to recognize Redeemer OP Mission as a mission work of the presbytery and placed it under the oversight of the session of Covenant OPC/Grove City along with Pastors George Scipione and

Larry Oldaker. This small group continues to reach out into the Wilkesburg neighborhood through advertisement, visitation, and invitations to special events hosted by the Scipione family. Weekly Bible study and Sunday morning worship are being led predominately by Pastor George Scipione. Another family has recently joined the group and the prayer is that God will add 3-5 new families to the work by the fall presbytery meeting. Please pray that God would rebuild the OP witness to this area.

Grace OPC Mission – Huron, OH (Covenant OPC/Mansfield, OH).

Discipleship, outreach, and weekly morning worship continues as Pastor Larry Oldaker works with the 5-6 core families. Several visitors have come and Pastor Oldaker appreciates the other ministers of the presbytery that have provided pulpit supply. Radio announcements have been recorded and an enhanced website is being developed. Please pray that God would bless outreach efforts and that many would hear and respond to the gospel.



New Contacts...

Pastor Larry Oldaker reports contacts with 2-5 families in the **Louisville, KY** area. Plans are underway for a Bible study. Pastors Mark Melton and Larry Wilson have been asked to assist these families to see if an OP presence can be established in the Louisville area.

The Friz family (frizfarm@gmail.com) of Covenant Reformed OPC in Evansville has reached out in **Huntingburg, IN**. They have started a Bible study and wish to see an OP congregation established in that area of Indiana. If you'd like to help, contact them or Covenant Reformed OPC in Evansville, IN.