

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church's March 2010 Newsletter

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Niles First On-Line Bible Study By: Rev. Henry Pearce

The idea for the weekly on-line Bible study on the Niles First Presbyterian web site grew out of a contentious meeting of the church's Christian Education meeting in the fall of 2008. The church's pastor, Henry Pearce, was delivering another of his impassioned appeals for Committee members to get involved in regular Bible study. Some of the committee members were clearly getting sick of hearing it.

"We'd love to come to Bible study," they said, "but we have jobs and families. There's just no time left for an evening of Bible study each week."

"All right, then," the pastor said, "what if I post a Bible study lesson on the church's web site each week? Will you use that?"

The CE committee members exchanged glances and shrugged. "Why not?" And a new part of the congregation's CE program was born.

Nearly eighteen months later, the Evangelica On-line Bible Study at www.NilesPresby.org has just reached its 75th lesson on the Gospel of Luke. Each Friday, a new lesson appears, usually based on a single passage as designated by the New International Version of the Bible.

The lessons are usually about 1,400 words long, and they're based in part on the commentaries in the New Interpreter's Bible, the Word Commentary Series and the Anchor Bible. Each lesson includes analysis of the passage and a number of questions for reflection. The pastor says each lesson takes about three hours to write and post.

About six months ago, the study came to the attention of an official in the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship, who started recommending Evangelica to interested Presbyterians. Since then, the weekly usage has gone up substantially. The "comments" function has brought in a few interesting responses – including one from a woman in the Philippines who said she's been using the service for her first serious study of the Bible.

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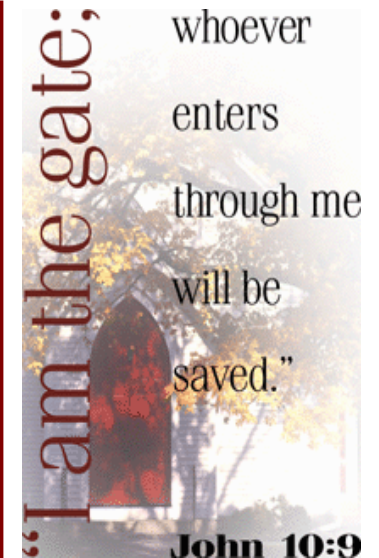
U.P.C. & TECHNOLOGY FOR MINISTRY

By Rev. Ross Slaughter

The United Presbyterian Church, Cuyahoga Falls, along with the development of its New Creation Worship Service (a contemporary worship venue at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning) has been the development of its use of technology. The New Creation Service uses a projection system as each part of the service is displayed (song lyrics, prayers, etc). We are able to integrate and run video clips during the service itself, either from DVD or from the Internet, which gives today's worshiper a fuller, more rounded worship experience as themes are explored and experienced in worship.

Our New Creation Services are videoed digitally and uploaded to the Internet at www.Tangle.com/FallsUPC. People use this to catch up on messages in series and allows our military personnel around the world to log on and get a touch of home.

We have capitalized on the use of Facebook and have developed our own page "MyUPC" with 140 people currently joined to this page. We keep the schedule of church events current at "MyUPC" and post video and maintain online discussion opportunities. U.P.C maintains a full website with much about our church and programming at www.cfupc.org.



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WingClips

By: Rev. Christy Ramsey

WingClips makes it easy to get movie clips legally and efficiently on the screen to illustrate a message. Their recently updated web site at www.wingclips.com allows anyone to download clips complete with the license to use them in worship in Mac friendly Quicktime (MOV) format or PC based Windows Media files (WMA).

Anyone can get medium resolution clips free, with a subscription comes high resolution files, more search options, and sermon outlines. If you sign up for the paid service, note that it is a subscription and you will be automatically charged monthly or yearly.

They have clips from current and recent films as well as classic moments from religious themed movies. I usually am able to find at least one that matches my theme every week. With special purpose, privately produced clips going for \$10-\$30 each, 50 clips for \$149.00 a year premium subscription is quite a bargain for me. Others may find the \$79/year professional or even the free basic subscription fills their need.

Professionally produced clips from current films licensed for displaying during worship is a great service from WingClips.com.



Emergency Sermon in a Can

By: Bob Stahl

Our church has been using projection in worship since 1999, and have expanded our capabilities since that time to include projection of live and prerecorded video. Last summer our pastor experienced difficulties in securing someone to fill the pulpit during his vacation time. He approached me with the idea of recording a sermon and playing it on Sunday during worship.



Since we have the equipment and know how, it was simply a matter of scheduling a time to record the sermon. When the sermon was used the response from the congregation was overwhelmingly positive.

Technically, we use digital camcorders, a MX Pro digital mixer and record directly to DVD. Sound is brought directly into the recorder from our sound system using our standard over the ear microphone. If you do not have access to a mixer, I would strongly recommend using multiple cameras and editing software to give a multiple points of view to keep visual interest. Attention should be paid to good lighting and sound reproduction, remember, we are delivering the Word of God, it is worthy of our best effort.

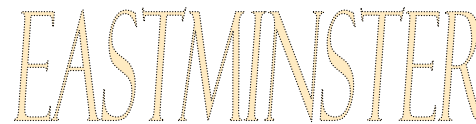
After our success, we have since recorded an "emergency" sermon to be used in case of sickness or other times the pastor may not be able to attend worship.

Youth Mission Initiate LIVE

Youth Video Challenge

Presbyterian youth groups across the country are invited to participate in an on-line Youth Video Challenge as part of ymiLIVE (Youth Mission Initiative LIVE pronounced why-em-eye LIVE). Youth groups will compete to win one of the two \$25,000 endowment funds established by the Presbyterian Foundation to benefit their church youth ministry programs.

The inaugural ymiLIVE Youth Video Challenge in 2008 provided members of PC (U.S.A.) across the country the opportunity to be amazed, entertained

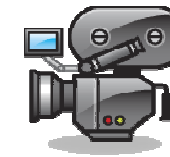


and inspired after viewing the video submissions from over 100 youth groups.

"This You Tube-Generation has such unbelievable creativity when it comes to saying what they believe through videos," said Tom Taylor, President of the Presbyterian Foundation.

"Some of these kids' video-statements of faith are funny, others are heart-wrenching. All of them are profoundly meaningful when one reflects that they are being created by our teens who our culture is pulling in so many other directions, many of which

are destructive. I thank God for the ymiLive Challenge as a ministry to our youth and for their ministry to us in return."



Youth Groups create a 2-4 minute video with their interpretation of John 7:38, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters," which is the theme of the 219th General Assembly, then post their video to ymiLIVE.org.

Video submissions will be accepted March 15—June 1. On-line voting by youth group members, leaders, parents, friends and families will continue through June 7. During that time, on-line voters will narrow the field of video entries to a group of 10 finalists. Final selection of the two winning videos will be made by a vote of the General Assembly Youth Task Force and announced during the 2010 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Minneapolis, Minnesota in July.

Interested Presbyterian youth groups can register now at ymiLIVE.org to participate in the Youth Video Challenge.



One of the 15 finalists nationwide in 2008 was our Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church in Boardman, OH.

Which Eastminster Youth Group will be a winner in 2010?????????