



## 2010 Oreon E. Scott Lectures- Your Invitation

You are invited to attend the 55th Oreon E. Scott Lectures to be held April 12 - 13, 2010, at Bethany College. This year, our lecturer is Bonnie Thurston.

Registration for the

Lectures opens at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 12, at the Mountainside Conference Center. The day's events begin at 10 a.m. with a greeting, followed by Ms. Thurston's first presentation. At Monday's Timothy Luncheon, participants will hear from Ann Updegraff Spleth, Vice President for External Relations at Christian Theological Seminary.

During free time provided after the Monday afternoon lecture, you can tour Bethany's two National Historic Landmarks - the Campbell Mansion and Old Main.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Bethany Memorial Church, followed by a worship service and sermon at the Church.

## Please Join Us!

Bethany College is honored to host the 55th Oreon E. Scott Lectures. We are pleased to provide an opportunity for the Church's leaders to learn from distinguished speakers and enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends, all while experiencing the beauty and serenity of our historic Bethany College campus.

We are especially excited that Bonnie Thurston will be presenting at the 2010 Oreon E. Scott Lectures. We hope you will also be able to join us at this year's event.

Dr. Scott D. Miller  
President

## Bethany College's 2010 Oreon E. Scott Lectures

Bethany College was founded March 2, 1840, by Alexander Campbell, whose vision of a restored church included an informed and reasonable faith on matters pertaining to the Bible and a moral life.

Since its founding, Bethany has been a four-year private liberal arts college affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Bethany is proud of its relationship to the church and offers opportunities such as the Oreon E. Scott Lectures for the strengthening of church leaders.

Oreon E. Scott graduated summa cum laude from Bethany College in 1892. He received his bachelor of laws degree from the University of Michigan in 1894. Later, Mr. Scott was elected a trustee of Bethany College. His service to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) included charter membership of the Pension Fund, membership on the executive committee of the National Benevolent Association, president and chairman of the Christian Board of Publication and president of the board of trustees of the National City Christian Church.

The Oreon E. Scott Foundation was established to strengthen the church and continues its support at other Disciples-related colleges and institutions.

We are grateful for the continued support provided by the foundation for the Oreon E. Scott Lectures.

## The Lord's Prayer: Personal Piety and Global Justice

### Schedule of Presentations

#### Monday, April 12

10:15 a.m. Our Father: Let God Be God!  
(Matthew 6:9-10)

Noon Timothy Luncheon  
Praying for Growth: How a prayerful culture can build your congregation

1:45 p.m. Our Needs: Blessings for Everybody  
(Matthew 6: 11-13)

7 p.m. Worship Service  
*Rev. Scott Thayer Presiding*  
Sermon: Raising the Bar  
Luke 4:16-30

#### Tuesday, April 13

9 a.m. The Prayer for Praying and Preaching

### Housing

Housing at Gresham Inn at Bethany College is on a first-come, first-served basis. Rooms are \$65/night + tax. Call the Gresham Inn at 304-829-7622 or 304-829-4343 for reservations or further information. Be sure to mention that you are part of the Scott Lectures.

Breakfast is available at Benedum Commons on the Bethany campus.

### Registration Information

Return this form and your total payment (with check payable to Bethany College) to Office of Church Relations, PO Box 478, Bethany College, Bethany, WV 26032.

For more information please contact the Office of Church Relations at 304-829-7723 or by e-mail at [jpyle@bethanywv.edu](mailto:jpyle@bethanywv.edu).

See the attached registration form for using your credit card to charge your registration and meal fees.

REGISTRATION FORM - Oreon E. Scott Lectures  
April 12 - 13, 2010, at Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va.

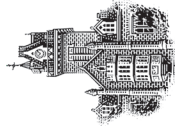
Please make the following reservations for me:

# attending \_\_\_\_\_ Registration: \$10/person  
\_\_\_\_\_ Monday: Timothy Luncheon at Harder Hall \$10/person  
\_\_\_\_\_ Monday: Dinner at Bethany Memorial Church \$12/person

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*Personal Piety and Global Justice*



## **The Lecturer - Bonnie Thurston**

Bonnie Thurston, a native of West Virginia, currently lives quietly near Wheeling, W.Va. having resigned the William F. Orr Professorship in New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2002. She earned the B.A. in English (First Honors) from Bethany College, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. She has done post-doctoral work in New Testament at Harvard Divinity School; Eberhard Karls University in Tuebingen, Germany; and the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem. Bonnie has written or edited fifteen theological books and over 100 articles, has contributed to reference works in New Testament and taught at the university level for 30 years. Her scholarly interests in New Testament include the gospels of Mark and John and the Deutero-Pauline canon and, more generally, the history of Christian Spirituality and prayer. Her church affiliations include the Episcopal Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She was ordained in 1984 and has served as co-pastor, pastor, or interim of five churches and twice in overseas ministries. She is a spiritual director and retreat speaker. Bonnie is a widow, an avid reader, gardener and cook, enjoys classical music (especially the opera and liturgical music) and loves the West Virginia hills.

Bonnie wrote her doctoral dissertation on Thomas Merton and is particularly interested in his poetry and inter-religious thought. She was a founding member of the International Thomas Merton Society and served as its third president. She has written more than 20 scholarly articles on Merton, given retreats and lectured on Merton widely in the U.S., Canada, the U.K. and Europe. She is the editor of Thomas Merton and Buddhism (Fons Vitae Press, 2007) and of Hidden in the Same Mystery: Thomas Merton & Loretto (Fons Vitae, to appear).

Most recent books: The Spiritual Landscape of Mark (Liturgical Press) (won 3rd place in the Scripture category of the Catholic Press Association of the U.S. and Canada) For God Alone: A Primer on Prayer (London: Darton, Longman, Todd & University of Notre Dame Press).

Bonnie is the author of two slim collections of verse, The Heart's Lands and Hints and Glimpses, both published by Three Peaks Press, Wales. Her poetry has been accepted by many periodicals most recently The Christian Century, The Merton Seasonal, Quattrocento (Wales), Spirituality and Health, Spirituality (Ireland) and Spiritus. She was a runner up in America magazine's 2007 Foley Poetry Contest and in 2008 gave readings at Cathedral College of the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Society of the Sacred Cross, Tymawr Convent (Wales) and the Ohio County Public Library in West Virginia.