

Monday Morning in the Presbytery

A weekly news update from the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley in Iowa and Nebraska

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Everyone is invited (clergy and laity)



To a birthday lunch in honor of Joan Royer,

the always-gracious administrative assistant in Presbytery Office.

When: Tuesday, January 19 (*her 55th birthday*) 12:00 noon

Where: the Community Room at Pacific Springs Retirement Village. (805 South 173rd Ct., Omaha.)

Cost: \$6.00 (includes the meal, beverage and dessert.)

Bring payment with you.

Important R.S.V.P. to:

J. Keith Cook, if you are attending, so he can let the chef know how many to prepare for!

Phone 402-571-1988 or **e-mail** jkeithcook@cox.net .

(Directions: Get to 168th & Pacific Sts; go west 1/2 mile to 174th St. Turn north; go 1/3 block, then turn right, going through the gates. Then, head north toward the 3-story apartment building. Enter the building through the main doors at the center of the building. Once inside aim north all the way down the hall to the circular stairs. Go down those stairs (or take the elevator just before the stairs).)

Pastors: Mission Madness is coming in March!

Expect a call from Will Clanton about this exciting event.

News from our congregations:



Nadia Mullin was installed as associate pastor at the Church of the Cross yesterday. When you see Nadia introduce yourself and welcome her to our presbytery.

Barbara Todd will be installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Missouri Valley on Sunday, January 24 at 4 pm. A light supper to follow installation.



This past year the **Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship** was featured in the PC(USA) Mission Yearbook – the story highlighted their Christmas Day celebration and service which was held at First Presbyterian Church in Omaha. Photos of this year's Christmas celebrations along with New Year's greetings for all of us from the Fellowship can be viewed in the attached pdf document. Enjoy!

29th Annual Rural Ministry Conference
March 7-9, 2010
Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque IA

Where leaders in rural communities and congregations gather to gain insight and inspiration, to network and neighbor that our ministries might be empowered. This year's theme: **"Nurturing Generosity" ~ releasing God's abundance in a time of perceived scarcity.** *To view full brochure and register, download the brochure attached to this email or visit <http://www.ruralministry.com>*

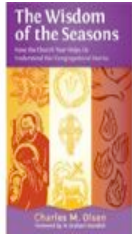
Presbytery Youth Event
Winter Lock-In
February 19th/20th
Avery Presbyterian Church
(1910 Avery Rd East in Bellevue)

The lock-in begin at 9pm on February 19th and end at 8am on the 20th.

Cost of this event is only \$25

For more information or to register contact:

Kris Adler at 553-4500 or <mailto:kris@centralpresby.org> by Thursday, February 11th



The 2010 Winter Pastors' School
When Church Stories Become Songs
February 1 - 4, 2010
Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska
Registration and fees are due by January 12, 2010

For more information and the registration form see <http://www.pmr.org/> and click on *Pastor's School, brochure* on the home page or under news and events or clicking on this link: <http://www.pmr.org/events/The 2010 Winter Pastors School 09 30 09.pdf>

Heartland Presbyterian Center - Kansas City, MO
Hosting three Board of Pensions educational seminars

All three seminars are open for registration until January 22, 2010.

The seminars for Benefits Plan members are:

- Getting in Shape Fiscally: Financial & Retirement Planning for early to mid-career (Febr. 23)
- Growing into Tomorrow...Today: Financial & Retirement planning for mid to late career (Febr. 24-25)
- Post-Retirement: Financial and Retirement planning for Plan retirees and survivor spouses (Febr. 26)

Information on the Seminars including links for online registration can be found under news and events on the presbytery web site <http://www.pmr.org/> or by clicking on: <http://www.pmr.org/news.htm>

Fundraising Dinner For Meme Delgado, a 5 year-old transplant patient

When: Fri. Jan 29, 5-9 PM

Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3416 Woolworth Ave, Omaha, NE 68015

Cost: \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Attached to this email is a poster you can use to help promote this event.

Nebraska Social Justice Opportunity:

A Call for Compassion: Increase Funding For Crime Victim Families

Wed. January 13, 11 a.m.

Rally for LB 510 ~ Douglas County Courthouse (18th and Harney Omaha NE)

For more information: contact Rev. Howard Dotson (612) 702-3151 or hr_dotson@yahoo.com

Interfaith Youth Service Project

Project Interfaith is looking for up to 18 young people ages 17-22 of diverse faiths and beliefs to participate in our first interfaith youth service project. Participants will spend several weeks at a designated service site serving community members in need. They will be asked to keep video diaries during this experience chronicling their reflections faith/beliefs and service and exploring how this service experience impacts their faith/beliefs.

Participants should expect to give approximately 3 hours a week to this program beginning the week of February 14, 2010 through the week of March 21, 2010.

Complete information about the Interfaith Youth Service Project and an application can be found at:
[http://www.projectinterfaithusa.org/sites/all/files/pageFiles/Project Interfaith Youth Service Project Application.pdf](http://www.projectinterfaithusa.org/sites/all/files/pageFiles/Project%20Interfaith%20Youth%20Service%20Project%20Application.pdf)

Those interested should complete and return an application to Project Interfaith by January 15, 2010. Participants will be notified if they have been accepted into this program by February 1, 2010. Please email info@projectinterfaithusa.org with questions.

An invitation to attend: Financial Peace University

Where: First Presbyterian Church, Calvin Hall

When: Classes begin Sunday, January 17th, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

- Lunch and Child Care will be provided.
- Space is limited
- Cost \$99.00; Scholarships are available









To register: contact FPU Coordinators Aaron or NeEtta Gillespie at 402-554-4774 or Rev. A. David Paul at 402-203-6400.

For more information: <http://www.fpcomaha.org>

Event Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan	11 4PM THEOLOGY AND WORSHIP (PANERA - CB MALL)	12 6:30PM PMRV - KLOBOUKY TEAM (BOHEMIAN CAFÉ)	13 5PM MISSION (PRESBYTERY OFFICE)	14 10:30AM DOCKET PLANNING GROUP (PRESBYTERY OFFICE) 1PM PREP. FOR MINISTRY (CENTRAL) 3PM COUNCIL (CENTRAL)	15	16 10AM SUDANESE WORKING GROUP (CLIFTON HILLS)	17
Jan	18 PRESBYTERY OFFICE CLOSED ~ MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY	19 9AM STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES (PRESBYTERY OFFICE) NOON~ BIRTHDAY LUNCH: JOAN ROYER (PACIFIC SPRINGS)	20	21	22	23	24 4PM BARBARA TODD, INSTALLATION, PASTOR, MISSOURI VALLEY

Prayer Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan	<p>11</p> <p>Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: Avery Their pastor is Rev. Gary Warren.</p>  	<p>12</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Stuart Baxter. Stu is retired and living in Omaha.</p>  <p>Give thanks for Ed Fish. He is celebrating his 90th birthday today!</p>  <p>Pray for Brandon Gamble, member of the Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Bill Beatty. Bill is retired and living in Omaha.</p>  <p>Pray for Josh Nord, member of the Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray for Rev. John Besancon. John is retired and serving as a chaplain at the Omaha VA hospital.</p>  <p>Pray for Taylor Stevens, member of the Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Deborah Boucher-Payne. Deborah will begin serving as stated-supply at Carter Lake in February.</p>  <p>Pray for Mitchell Woods, member of the Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pray for Laura Miller, member of the Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee</p> <p>Continue praying for Kevin Keaton as he recuperates and continues working as our Executive Presbyter from Texas.</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for the members of the Committee on Ministry (Rev. Sally Carlson, Chair), and CLP students: Bob Sieck and Susan Smith and for Lynn Baldwin, who has finished his course work and is doing pulpit supply.</p>

- Please send dates, times, locations of events to pmrv.mondaymorning@gmail.com. However, to plan and schedule events talk with Joan Royer (joan@pmrv.org or 402-553-8300 or 800-603-8980).
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