

Monday Morning in the Presbytery

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

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Editor's Note: changes beginning with this issue.

Beginning with this issue, posters, registration forms, and other material will usually be accessed by links within the newsletter and will not be included with the email. Click on links for events or programs you are interested in.

Page numbers have been added to the newsletter and in the "in this issue". The page numbers will let you know on which page or pages you can find the main sections of the newsletter. Hopefully this will make it easier to find articles you are interested in reading or articles you may want to highlight for others in your congregations or on your session or committees.

News from our E.P., Kevin Keaton

At the April 24th Presbytery meeting, presbyters approved and sent forward to the 220th GA an Overture on Full Access to HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Services in U.S. Correctional Facilities. Rev. Howard Dotson, Westminster, Omaha, will serve as advocate from the presbytery for the overture. Howard serves as a board member of the Presbyterian AIDS Network. One of the ten networks in the PHEWA (Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association.)

"Healthcare Reform and Board of Pension Members"

The Regional Benefits Consultation of April 28-29 provided an overview of the affects of Healthcare Reform to those ministers and church employees whose medical coverage is provided by the Board of Pensions.

The historical exemption of church plans does not apply to the new law; therefore, the new requirements of Healthcare Reform will affect those whose medical coverage is provided by the Board.

The Healthcare and Education Reconciliation Act (H.R. 4872) will be phased in over the years of 2011-2014. Since the law will be applied incrementally, The Board of Pensions has pledged to provide detailed facts to members as they become available.

Several, important coverage provisions will go into effect January 1, 2011.

- Dependent Coverage
 - Coverage of children to age 26 regardless of student or marital status
 - Coverage is not taxable
- Annual/ Lifetime Dollar Limits
 - Annual and lifetime limits are eliminated
 - Some limits may be permitted until 2014
- Pre-existing Conditions
 - No pre-existing condition limitation to children under age 19 effective January 1, 2011
 - All pre-existing condition limitations lifted by 2014
- Preventative Care
 - No co-pay for preventative care "first dollar covered"
 - Board of Pensions already pays 100% of preventative care
- Appeals Process
 - Appropriate notices must be given to appellant
 - Appellant has opportunity to review files
 - Coverage continues pending appeal
 - External, final review is binding

This brief, but not exhaustive summary is to alert congregational leaders of some of the provisions that will have an effect on church personnel. As more, detailed facts and provisions are released, they will be shared as quickly as possible.



Kevin

Missouri River Valley Presbytery Prayer Team Meetings

When and Where: May 15, 10:30 a.m. at Walnut First Presbyterian.

This team is praying for revitalization, re-development, and new church development within our presbytery. **Everyone is invited to attend** or join us in prayer by becoming a part of our internet-based prayer team. Send your email address to walnutpres@walnutel.net and ask to be included on the PMRV Prayer Team list and we will send you the specific prayer requests for our team.

Positions Available

Editor's Note: Please share these opportunities with individuals you know who may be interested in working with youth or children in our congregations.

Full Time Youth Director

Dundee Presbyterian Church of Omaha is seeking a Youth Director.

This position is a full time position with benefits. Candidates must have a love for Christ and Bachelors level degree or equivalency in Christian Education experience.

The Youth Director is not an ordained position. This position will report directly to the Senior Pastor of Dundee.

Please send your resume to: David Daisy, Director of Operations, Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Ave, Omaha, NE. 68132
or by email to: ddaisy@dpcomaha.org

Mission Stories in Our Presbytery

Spotlight on The Sudanese Administrative Working Group

The Sudanese Administrative Working Group has five vacancies. We are looking for individuals with any one of the following gifts or talents or any combination these to serve on the Sudanese Working Group and to help the Sudanese Fellowship move from mission church status to that of a self-sustaining congregation.

Gifts and / or Talents Needed:

- Leadership Training
- Time Management
- Short-term and Long-term Planning for Ministry
- Maintenance (to help train Sudanese – re: routine every day maintenance and how to recognize problems and report to landlord)
- Brainstorming and Out of the Box Thinking
- Finance
- Mentoring Skills
- Outreach
- Boundary Setting

So if this describes you or someone you know, we are asking for prayerful consideration of whether you or they may have a call to serve on the working group and assist the Sudanese Fellowship.

Please contact Carole Warnes, Chair of the Nominating Committee, carolewarnes@hotmail.com if you feel called or if you know someone she can contact and ask to prayerfully consider a call to serve in this important mission or our presbytery.

Mission and Ministry Opportunities in the Presbytery

Presbytery Youth Mission Trip

2010 Senior High Mission Trip

All Senior High Youth in the Presbytery are invited to attend this year's mission trip to Lexington, Kentucky. We will be working with the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church's "Mission Immersion Project." The Mission Immersion Project is committed to identifying & addressing the needs of those whom Jesus called "the least of these" with the goal of "helping youth understand the plight of those who are poor in America.

When: June 19-26

Cost: \$100

Contact: Brent Janzen, Youth Director, Avery Presbyterian Church, Bellevue (402) 690-5258 – or – brjanz01@hotmail.com

For more information: please plan on attending the parent/youth meeting on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00PM at Avery Presbyterian Church, 1910 Avery Road East, Bellevue, NE 68005.

For a flier to give to your Youth, click on or paste the following link in browser:
http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/100501_youth_mission_trip.pdf

If you are unable to attend the meeting and are interested in going on the mission trip, please contact Brent and let him know.

Presbytery Mission Trip: Meet our Nicaraguan Partners!

When: October 29 – November 5, 2010

Who: Everyone!

For Informational Flier, click on or paste the following link in browser:
http://www.pmr.v.org/newsletters/mm_100308_mission_nicaragua.pdf

Contacts: Lyle Franzen at lyl_franzen@yahoo.com or 210-6845, or
Joyce Serenil at 345-6093 or blackcat100@cox.

Vehicle Needed!!!

for a UNMC transplant family during their stay in Omaha

Do you have a vehicle you would like to donate or sell inexpensively?

If so, please notify Westminster Presbyterian Church.

By phone: 402.345.5423 or **By email:** westminsteromaha@msn.com

Scholarships

For Synod School. Calvin Crest Summer Camps or Special Needs Camps

Missouri River Valley Presbytery is offering a variety of scholarships for Synod School (July 25 - 30); for Camp Calvin Crest summer camps; or for Special Needs camps, to be attended in 2010.

For the application form, click on or paste the following link in browser:
browser: http://www.pmr.v.org/newsletters/mm_100329_scholarship.pdf

Return the completed application to Linda Reffert at Hope Presbyterian Church.

These scholarships are administered through the Faith Education & Leadership Development Committee of the Presbytery.

News from our Congregations

Faith Church



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

When: Wednesday evenings, June 2 – August 25, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Where: Faith Church

This summer take advantage of the opportunity to learn how to use your money God's way and end up in better financial shape than you ever thought possible. In 13-lessons, *Financial Peace University*, taught on video by best-seller author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey, takes the knowledge from Scripture and turns it into real action steps in our lives.

***Financial Peace University* is for every adult and youth – from the financially secure to the financially distressed.** It will be the best time you'll ever have learning about money!

Each family (from a single adult to a married couple with teenagers) attending will need to purchase a lifetime membership kit which includes a lifetime membership to attend classes anywhere and anytime at no extra fee, a workbook containing all 13 lessons, budgeting forms, an envelope system, all 13 lessons on CD and a copy of Dave Ramsey's book *Financial Peace Revisited*. **The lifetime membership kit costs \$100 per family.**

Sign up today for one of the free preview classes: Sunday morning, May 16, 9:30 am or Wednesday evening, May 19, 7:00 pm.

For more information or to register, please check online at www.DaveRamsey.com or contact Pastor Mark Miller (331-6944, Mark@faith-presbyterian.com).

Westminster, Council Bluffs

GRILLED STEAK SUPPER

When: Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Westminster Church Fellowship Hall, 517 South 32nd Street, Council Bluffs

Cost: \$7.00 (PREPAID)

Meal includes grilled steak, baked potato, vegetable, roll/butter, beverages and dessert.

Prepaid tickets are available from: John & Mary Adkins, Chris Gillette, Don & Joan Hoden, Arny & Fran Rathke, Royce Tornblom
or by calling the church office (322-5732).

Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, June 20th!!!

Sponsored by the Fellowship-Dream Team !!

Invite your friends!

Bring your family!

Presbyterian Women

Synod of Lakes and Prairies' Gathering of Women

When: June 16 – 19, 2010

Where: Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa.

For information or a registration form, click on or paste the following link in browser:

Gathering Information: http://www.pmrv.org/newsletters/mm_100308_synod_gathering.pdf

To Register: http://www.pmrv.org/newsletters/mm_100308_synod_gathering_registration.pdf

Social Justice Opportunities

"I've Got a Name" Human Trafficking Conference



Imagine violently, brutally losing everything – your family, your freedom, your hope, and your identity, even your name. This is the sad reality for the one million children each year forced into the global sex trade industry.

You have the opportunity to help prevent this injustice and provide a future of hope for these voiceless children! Learn how Tiny Hands International, a Lincoln-based organization, is making an impact on the lives of these innocent girls.

Where: Berean Church, 400 S. 70th Street, Lincoln

When: Tuesday, May 4th at 7 p.m.

Each girl has an identity and a name...help protect it. **I've Got a Name** is an initiative to create awareness, prayer, and financial support to help eradicate sex trafficking, with an emphasis on protecting the daughters of Nepal.

For more information, contact Denise at Tiny Hands International at (402) 310-9271 or via e-mail at denise_THI@hotmail.com.

Editor's Note: The sex trafficking industry is one of the most devastating inhumanities in the world today, and it is growing. Young girls are kidnapped, sold by their parents, or lured by false marriages and false offers of employment. They are then smuggled to another country where they are forced to work as prostitutes. These children, some as young as seven years old, are forcibly detained in a strange land, and made to service several clients a day against their will, usually until they contract HIV or another disease, at which time they are turned out on to the streets to die. Many women will have had several children by that point born to them by sex clients. Tiny Hands International of Lincoln NE is fighting the sex trafficking industry by monitoring national borders between Nepal and India; they are intercepting girls before they arrive at their destination.

For a promotional poster, click on or paste the following link in browser:

http://www.pmrv.org/newsletters/mm_100419_sex_trafficking_concert.pdf

Benefit Concert for Every Baby Matters ~ One World, Omaha

When: Sunday June 13, 5-9 PM

Where: Arthur's 222 North 114th St Omaha 68154

Local Bands are volunteering their talent for the event.

Consider coming together to support weekly prenatal clinics at South Omaha for One World's expectant moms.

- **Plan to attend** the concert.
- **Promote the concert** in your congregation or at your office,

For more information, contact: Howard Dotson hr_dotson@yahoo.com



For the promotional flyer, click on or paste the following link in browser:

http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/100501_charity_jam_session_flyer2.pdf

Continuing Education Opportunities

Fifteenth Annual Daniel W Nelson Lectures

When: Tuesday, May 11, 2010 ~ 9:30am – 2:30pm

Where: Thompson Alumni House, University of Nebraska Omaha

Speaker: Dr. M. Craig Barnes "The Pastor as Minor Poet"

Cost: \$25.00

For more information and to register, click on or paste the following link in browser:

http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm_100308_nelsonlecture.pdf

Montreat Conference Center

New Center for Faith & Life

Presents Great Summer Adult Conferencing Line-Up

THE WOMEN'S CONNECTION 2010 - Take advantage of a special offer!

July 6-10, Eugenia Gamble heads a stellar cast of leaders for The Third Annual Women's Connection at Montreat Conference Center. This year's theme, "Named, Redeemed and Called," incorporates timely workshops, lively worship, and life-changing fellowship designed to empower and rejuvenate the daughters of God.

New this year, the conference offers a money-saving special:

register with a daughter, niece, friend, neighbor - any woman younger than you - and she can attend for a reduced program fee of \$100.

BEING "CHURCH" IN A CHANGING WORLD: Two Timely Conferences

New in 2010

FAITHFUL POLITICS, August 8-11.

If God Doesn't Quit When Things Get Political, Why Do We?" For all the talk about faith and politics in the media, there are precious few conversations in our congregations about faithful political engagement. It is time to do better.

CHURCH UNBOUND, August 11-14. **Back by popular demand**

The dialogue continues ~ take part in fashioning a new vision for the church are invited to join the conversation.

For more information or to register online, click on <http://www.montreat.org>

Annual Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation School for Pastors

When: June 16-23, 2010.

Where: Hasting College

The four faculty members who are participating this year are:

Dr. James E. Cobble, Jr., Christian Ministry Resources, NC

Dr. Mike Graves, Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City

Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

Dr. Paul Allen Williams, UNO at Omaha

More information and an online application are available at:

<http://www.omaha-sem-found.org/PastorRegistration.aspx>

Crisis Care Responder Training Courses

Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support

**** Originally scheduled for May 7 & 8, this conference has been rescheduled for August. The instructor, Dennis Flom, has been deployed to Haiti as The Salvation Army liaison for the U. N. and other NGO's**

When: August 6 & 7 (Friday and Saturday); 8:00 – 4:30 both days

Where: Omaha NE (Exact Location: TBA)

Cost: \$115.00 or if CCR Member \$100.00

This course is designed for anyone who desires to increase their knowledge of individual (one-on-one) crisis intervention when dealing with individuals who are working their way through the grief cycle, recovering from a crisis in their lives, or suffered loss.

This course is required to serve as an Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider with CCR (<http://www.crisiscarerresponders.com>) and it is a required course to obtain a Certificate of Specialized Training with the International Critical Incident Foundation. (www.icisf.org)

International Fellowship of Chaplaincy Training

When: June 14-18, 2010

Where: Omaha, NE ~ Monday through Friday (a total of 47 hours)

Registration and Fees: \$295.00, includes training, materials, and workbook

To Register: go to <http://www.ifoc.org>

Course Description: IFOC Chaplaincy Certification Training is necessary for Emergency Service Personnel, Law Enforcement, Industrial Chaplains, and those who wish to become Chaplains.

For a complete listing of courses offered in 2010 and a registration form please email Marcia Flom: mflom@cfc.org or call her at 402.408.6888.

Presbyterian Older Adults Ministry (POAM)

Greetings from the OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier Saints) Planning Committee!

Because we OWLS do give a HOOT about all of you out there, we want you to spread YOUR wings and tuck under a display of YOUR hobby (stamps, pictures, coins)- you name it. We are anxious to show other OWLS your interests.








Meanwhile we have planned a great program. So **don't forget the dates –**

September 15-16 2010. We will glide in to the beautiful Camp Calvin Crest and have your nests all ready. (*more later....*)

Event Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

May	3 7PM YOUTH MINISTRIES (CENTRAL)	4 11:30AM PASTOR/SPOUSE LUNCH BUNCH – (LAKE MANAWA GOLDEN CORAL)	5 NOMINATING (1 ST BELLEVUE)	6	7	8	9 MOTHER'S DAY
May	10	11 ALL DAY ~ NELSON LECTURE (UNO ALUMNI HOUSE) 3PM EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP ((MOSHER PILGRIM) 6PM HISPANIC WORKING GROUP (CASTELAR)	12	13 1PM CPM (CNETRAL)	14	15 10AM SUDANESE WORKING GROUP (CLIFTON HILLS)	16

Prayer Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

May	3 Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: Faithful Shepherd Rev. Darin Seaman is pastor of this congregation.  	4 Pray for Rev. Dean Sparr. Dean is pastor of the Neola congregation.  Pray for all the vacancies on the Presbytery's Sudanese Administrative Working Group that they will be filled.	5 Pray for Rev. Ed Steinmetz. Ed is pastor of Wheeler Presbyterian Church.  Pray for Jeff Dickinson, member of the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group.	6 Pray for Rev. Howard Svoboda. Howard is retired and is residing at the VA Home in Bellevue.  Pray for Rev. Bob Keefer member of the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group.	7 Pray for Rev. Barbara Todd. Barbara is serving as pastor of the Missouri Valley congregation.  Pray for Rev. Ed Steinmetz, member of the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group.	8 Pray for Rev. Roger Todd. Roger is retired and serves as a member-at-large on Presbytery Council.  Pray for Leslee O'Bradovich, member of the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group	9 Pray for our denomination – its ministry and mission and for GA staff and elected officials Commissioners to Synod. Pray for the Body of Christ around the world. May we all be faithful servants carrying out the mission and ministry of Christ for we are His hands, feet, and heart in the world today.
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- 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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Editor's Note: Please send announcements of events, opportunities for spiritual growth, ministry and mission or continuing education and other items of interest to members of the presbytery to: pmrv.mondaymorning@gmail.com. Deadline for the next week's Monday Morning is Thursday at 5pm.