

Monday Morning in the Presbytery

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

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News from our E.P., Kevin Keaton

Save the Dates: October 26-27, 28

The Board of Pensions will offer two seminars this fall at Camp Calvin Crest:

October 26-27	Growing Into Tomorrow...Today (Retirement Planning)
October 28	Render Unto Caesar: Clergy Tax and Terms of Call

Please save these dates. More information will follow regarding registration!

"More Information on Healthcare Reform"

Last week, I shared with you provisions of Healthcare Reform that will impact members of The Board of Pensions next year. The legislation also has other implications in succeeding years that will impact those who are covered by the Medical plan.

- 2012
 - The "Average Value of Benefits" must be reported on IRS Form W-2; however, there currently is no specific information regarding tax implications.
 - More emphasis on wellness and prevention
 - Annual \$1 "per covered life" fee to fund comparative effectiveness research
- 2014
 - All "Pre-existing conditions" are excluded
 - Medicaid expansion
 - Mandatory to purchase insurance
 - State Health Insurance Exchanges
 - Employer "play or pay" requirement
 - Subsidies to purchase coverage
- 2018
 - Tax on "Cadillac" Health Plans and increase in limits

Once again, The Board of Pensions has pledged they will release the specific affects of Healthcare Reform as soon as detailed information is available to them. We, of course, will share any materials and press releases with the Presbytery.



Kevin

2010-2011 Planning Calendars

The new 2010-2011 Planning Calendars are now available in the presbytery office. They are \$6.30 each

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.

Apply Now for a Komarek Trust Grant

The Komarek Charitable Trust was created by Joseph C. and Phyllis C. Komarek.

Grants are to be used for physical repairs and improvements to Presbyterian churches within Missouri River Valley Presbytery.



First-time applicants will be given priority.

Applications are due by June 15th.

The Mission Committee of MRV Presbytery will make recommendations to the

Board of Trustees by late July, and the funds will be available in September or October.

Committee evaluations are based on detailed estimates of costs and fundraising in progress.

For an application for a Komarek Trust Grant, click on or paste the following link in browser:

<http://www.pmr.org/docs/Forms/Komarek%20Application%2008%2017%2009.pdf>

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.

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- 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 six 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
- Story Telling (to help share their story with others in our presbytery)

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

If your youth group or a young person you know is 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.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

PC(USA) Scholarships

Student Opportunity Scholarship applications are due by June 1 for the 2010-2011 academic year. This scholarship serves PC(USA) college students in select majors – education, health service/science, religious studies, sacred music, social services/sciences – by providing financial aid for the third and fourth years of an undergraduate program. Preference in this program is extended to racial ethnic students in order to promote diversity. Visit the Financial Aid for Studies website to download an application and/or to learn more about other scholarships, loans and grants.

Click on or paste the following link in browser: <http://www.pcusa.org/financialaid/>

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.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.

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.pmr.org/newsletters/mm_100308_synod_gathering.pdf

To Register:

http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm_100308_synod_gathering_registration.pdf

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, Army & 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!

Pentecost Offering

On May 23rd, you are encouraged to allow the power and excitement of the Holy Spirit to move through your congregation! Forty percent of the offering is used for your own congregation's ministry and vision for children and youth at risk. The remaining portion of the offering supports the work of the General Assembly Mission Council in Child Advocacy, Ministries with Youth as well as the Young Adult Volunteer program. **Learn more about the Spirit's work and how you can conduct a successful Pentecost Offering by clicking on or pasting the following link in browser:** <http://www.pcusa.org/pentecost/>

Social Justice Opportunities

Seeking Peace and Reconciliation in the Middle East

When: Sunday, May 23 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church (3416 Woolworth Omaha)
Phone: 402-345-5423
Speaker: Ran Kuttner, Assistant Professor of Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, Werner Institute, Creighton University

This summer the 219th General Assembly will consider a report from the Middle East Study Committee. In the past similar reports have sparked many questions and raised concern within and outside our faith community. In order to prepare our congregational leaders to offer an informed respond to potential inquiries regarding the report, the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery is providing another opportunity for further learning and dialogue a Sunday, May 23 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church.

This is another opportunity for us to consider the complexity of the political, economic, religious, and cultural issues that influence and impact the Middle East and our own communities.

Ran Kuttner, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution at Creighton University, originally from Israel, will share with us his understandings of some of the complexities on the ground in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He will use questions we have and his experience as a conflict specialist working in that region to help us learn more about the complex realities on the ground and how we can grow and serve as agents of peace and reconciliation.

Ran has a mediation center in Israel and worked in various settings in Israel, dealing with both the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the tensions between Jews and Arabs within the state of Israel. Prior to his arrival at Creighton Ran spent three years as a Visiting Scholar at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. He currently teaches Negotiation, Group Facilitation, Leadership and Dialogue courses on a graduate level.

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

Obituary

Jean Molander passed away Wednesday May 5, 2010 at the age of 94 in Northbrook, Illinois. She was the wife of longtime PMRV minister Rev. Ray Molander, who served at First Presbyterian Church as well as Wheeler Memorial Presbyterian Church here in Omaha.

Visitation and Funeral are today, Monday, May 10, 2010

Visitation: 2-4:00 P.M. Braman Mortuary (72 St. Chapel).

Followed by the Funeral Service at 4:00 P.M. Braman Mortuary (72 St. Chapel).

Graveside Service, Tuesday 10:30 A.M. at Westlawn Hillcrest Cemetery.

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

If you want to attend and haven't registered please email Linda linda@omaha-sem-found.org this morning so she can make arrangements for lunch for you at the meeting.

National Multicultural Conference

Registration is now open for the **11th Annual National Multicultural Church Conference.**

When: May 26-30, 2010 i

Where: Chicago

This year's conference explores the theme, "H20: Deepening our Faith, Widening our Culture" focusing on the biblical vision of Ezekiel 47:1-12.

Click on or paste the following link in browser:

<http://www.pcusa.org/multicultural/conference.htm>

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

FAITHFUL POLITICS, August 8-11. **New in 2010**

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

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.crisiscareresponders.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.

Event Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

May	10 7PM CROSSROADS CONNECTION (UNDERWOOD HILLS)	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
May	17	18 9AM STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES - (PRESBYTERY CENTER) 5PM SOCIAL JUSTICE PEACEMAKING - (WESTMINSTER- OMAHA)	19	20 12:30 FAITH, EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP (CENTRAL)	21 NOON RETIRED PASTOR/SPOUSE LUNCH (OLD COUNTRY BUFFET 75 TH / DODGE)	22	23 PENTECOST

Prayer Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

May	10 Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: First Omaha  	11 Pray for Rev. Sara Tonje. Sara is serving as associate pastor at Church of the Master.  Pray for Rev. Leslie Traylor, member of the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group	12 Pray for Rev. Leslie Traylor. Leslie is serving as pastor of Trinity-Clarinda.  Pray for Rev. Greg Carlson, member of the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group	13 Celebrate the call of Rev. Mark Witmer. Mark was ordained in 1956. Pray for Rev. Ronald Van Heukelom. Ron is serving as pastor of First, Plattsmouth.  Pray for Rev. Lyle Franzen chair of the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group	14 Pray for Rev. Sandra Wainwright. Sandy is serving as pastor of Villicsa Presbyterian.  Pray for David Klostermeyer ,member of the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group	15 Celebrate the call of Rev, Jim Crapson. Jim was ordained in 1994.  Pray for Rev, Gary Warren. Gary is pastor of Avery Presbyterian.  Pray for that the vacancy on the Presbytery's Latino Hispanic Working Group will be filled.	16 Pray for PMRV Commissioners to Synod: Rev. Dick Meyer and Kris Adler Pray for all the congregations and pastors in our Synod. Pray for those who are saying enough is enough to violence.
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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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- To stop receiving Monday Morning drop an e-note to: pmrv.mondaymorning@gmail.com

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.