



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: 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.

News from our E.P., Kevin Keaton

Adjustments to the Presbytery Budget

Due to reduced general mission pledges to Presbytery, the Council brought to the last Stated Meeting a recommendation to reduce mission expenditures by 43% (to equalize projected expenses with anticipated income).

As a result, the budgets of the following Committees have been adjusted for 2010:

Faith Education and Leadership Development

Youth Ministries

Mission

Committee on Ministry

Evangelism & Discipleship

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

While this has been a challenging exercise for all, there are several rays of hope piercing through the temporary darkness! One congregation has increased its designated Presbytery mission pledge for 2010. Another has promised to pay in 2010 an unpaid portion of its 2009 pledge. Still, several other church leaders have made inquiries to clarify what actually was pledged for the year.

Presbytery Council encourages all PMRV churches to review all mission giving, set priorities and consider redirecting funds to the presbytery. Should additional or unexpected gifts be received, funding will be restored according to the priorities established by Council. In other words, a single gift would not be divided between all the various budgetary line items. Rather it would be directed towards restoring the initial 2010 mission levels of priority recipients.

Our Presbytery is not unique when it comes to financial challenges. Other Presbyteries, denominations, not-for-profits, and local congregations all are wrestling with the lingering effects of the economic downturn. May God grant us both the wisdom and the patience to be effective stewards of the resources with which we have been entrusted.



Kevin

2010-2011 Planning Calendars

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

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

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



Editor' Note:

- ***Do you know someone who feels a call to work with youth?***
- ***Share this opportunity with them today!***

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.net

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, 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!

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

Continuing Education Opportunities

PC(USA) Pastors Invited to Czech Conference

"How Shall We Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land? – Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Society"

When: March 23-April 1, 2011.

Where: The Protestant Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic

Rev. Barbara A. Renton describes this as an "exciting continuing education opportunity" for Presbyterian Church (USA) pastors to "share experience, discovery and reflection with Czech pastors." A former chairperson of the General Assembly Mission Council, Renton urges us "to consider engaging with Czech pastors in what is the oldest Reformation country (100 years before Martin Luther) that today has been called the most secularized country in Europe, to explore the challenges facing Christians today."

Registration is limited to 12

Participants will also encounter local Czech congregations and have an opportunity to explore the city of Prague.

The seminar will be in English.

For additional information and the registration form, click on or paste the following link in your browser: <http://czechconnections.org/conferences.html>

The deadline for registration is June 30.

National Multicultural Conference

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

When: May 26-30, 2010

Where: Chicago

This year's conference explores the theme, "H2O: 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.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@cfci.org or call her at 402.408.6888.

Event Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

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| 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 |
| May | 24 5PM MISSION (PRESBYTERY OFFICE) | 25 1 PM LOWE AVENUE COMMISSION (PRESBYTERY OFFICE) 4:30PM COM (NEW HORIZON) | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 TRINITY SUNDAY |

Prayer Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

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| May | 17 Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: Florence. Al Zimmerman, CLP, is pastor of this congregation.   Celebrate the call of Rev. Dee Jay Reiff. He was ordained in 1964. | 18 Pray for Rev. Dwight Williams. Dwght is the pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church.  Pray for Shirley Bible, member of the Presbytery's Nominating Committee | 19 Pray for Rev. Mark Witmer. Mark is retired and living in Az with his wife, Mary Ann.  Pray for Rev. Mary Hansen, member of the Presbytery's Nominating Committee | 20 Pray for Bill Wood, CLP. Bill is pastor of Glendale Presbyterian Church.  Pray for Paul Park, member of the Presbytery's Nominating Committee | 21 Pray for Rev. Jay Won Yu. Jay is retired and living in Houston TX <i>(no picture available)</i> Pray for Rev. Ken Bunnell, member of the Presbytery's Nominating Committee | 22 Pray for Al Zimmerman, CLP. Al is pastor of Florence Presbyterian Church.  Pray for Rev. Keith Cook, member of the Presbytery's Nominating Committee | 23 Pray for the staff of the Synod of the Lakes and Prairies and its ministry Pray for the people who live within the bounds of the Synod of the Lakes and Prairies |
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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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