

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

The Ministry of the Baptized

At a recent gathering of denominational leaders, an individual commented, “I don’t like the term ‘lay ministry’. I prefer the phrase ‘the ministry of the baptized’”.

Simply understood, those baptized into Christ have a share in the ministry of Christ!

Of course, we Presbyterians have the tendency to “g-dash” everything and thus have assigned a section in the Book of Order devoted to “Membership as Ministry” that details the responsibilities of congregational members. Some churches go as far as using G-5.0102 as part of an annual service focusing on membership rededication and the renewal of baptismal vows.

In some ways, the concept of “the ministry of the baptized” is far more expansive as well as imaginative! It is that radical notion emerging from Jesus’ own experience that the gifts of the Spirit bestowed at baptism are sufficient for the ministry to which God has called each one of us.

This notion of ministry further pushes believers forward to escape the limitations implied by “membership” and venture into those uncharted realms elicited through an invitation to “ministry”.

At Memorial Day many churches remember and give thanks for those who have served our nation as well as for those saints who faithfully have fulfilled their baptismal vows through serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the holiday weekend we might do well to consider the gifts of the departed faithful and how they used them to build up the Body of Christ. We also may do well to reconsider the talents and skills with which God has blessed up and the manner in which we are utilizing them.



Kevin

Important Announcement from the Editor:

Re: Announcements for the month of June

All new announcements for the month of June should be in the hands of the editor by Sunday, June 6th. Anything received after that date will be held for the first issue in July.

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.pmrv.org/docs/Forms/Komarek%20Application%2008%2017%2009.pdf>

Social Justice Opportunities

Book, Movie & Music Drive for Omaha Digital Bridge Project

Spring Cleaning? First Presbyterian Church, Omaha needs your unwanted or no longer needed Books, Movies and Music.

All proceeds will support FPC Omaha's computer lab's newest mission: Omaha Digital Bridge

The goal: to eliminate unemployment in Omaha and build contributors to our community by: Serving the needs of the un- and under-employed; Equipping them to bridge the digital divide*; and Deploying them with employable skills to serve others and our community.

**Digital Divide: The troubling gap between people who have the ability, access and skills to benefit from computers and the Internet and those who do not.*

Bring your books, movies and music to FPC, Omaha.

Program contact: Rev A David Paul 402-345-5383 adpaul@fpcomaha.org

For more information and a flyer to promote this program, click on or paste the following link in your browser:

http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100531_book_movie_music_drive.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.

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



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

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

Positions Available

Part-Time Director of Youth Ministry (20 hrs per week)

First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue is currently seeking a part-time director of youth ministry to resource, administer, and lead the ministry to its 7th-12th grade youth.



Qualified candidates should possess a personal faith in Jesus Christ, a love and appreciation for youth and their faith development, an ability to empower and give ownership to volunteers, and strong organizational skills. Some experience, either paid or volunteer, in youth ministry is preferred.

Interested candidates should send a resume to: Don McCon, Personnel Chair, First Presbyterian Church, 1220 Bellevue Blvd S., Bellevue, NE 68005 or by email to donmcon3@cox.net. **Job description is posted at** 1stpresbvue.org.

Application deadline is July 1.

Nursery Attendant



Presbyterian Church of the Cross is seeking a caring nursery attendant.

For Sunday mornings, 8:45 – 12:15

and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

\$9.00 per hour.

Interested persons should call 333-7466, ask for Sheri Sessions.

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



PC(USA) Malawi Mission Network Meeting

The annual conference of the Malawi Network will be held from August 12th through 15th in South Bend, IN. This conference will be very informative and enjoyable for any individuals or congregations interested in mission in Malawi. *PMRV has a mission partnership in Malawi.* There will be many outstanding speakers and organizations represented, including Hunter Farrell, head of World Missions for our denomination and the ambassador of Malawi.

For a flyer about the meeting, click on or paste this link in your browser:

http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100531_malawi_network.pdf

For more information about the conference, including registration and cost information see: www.malawinetwork.org.

Mission and Ministry Opportunities in the Presbytery

Calvin Crest is calling all creative types

Calvin Crest's board of directors has creative plans in the works and is putting out a call for volunteer creative help from members of Homestead and Missouri River Valley presbyteries. This is a unique opportunity for amateurs and professionals to share their talents to benefit Calvin Crest Camp-Conference & Retreat Center.

Are there members of your staff and/or congregations that would enjoy helping us develop a new logo, branding materials, a new Web site, gateway and facility signage, and other marketing elements to enhance Calvin Crest?

Please get the word out among your congregations and colleagues. The board's Marketing Committee would like to hear from interested parties by June 4. Please email Phil Whitmarsh (loraxjr@aol.com) with your name and contact information to receive more information.

The individual whose design is selected as Calvin Crest's new logo will receive a selection of new Calvin Crest items featuring their design. Participating volunteers will also receive new Calvin Crest T-shirts.

p.s. – **Wood Carvers, too!?** There are several tall tree stumps that remain after large evergreen and other trees were removed. Might anyone be willing to design and carve one or more trunks, to be enjoyed for years by Calvin Crest's visitors?

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

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

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.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!

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.

Adolescent Suicide: An Essential Guide for Mental Health Professionals

When: Wednesday, June 9, 2010 ~ 8:45am – 12:30pm

Where: Scott Conference Center, 6450 Pine Street Omaha

For more information and to register, please click on or paste the following link in your browser http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/100524_adolescent_suicide.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

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>

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	31 Presbytery Office CLOSED - Memorial Day Holiday	JUNE 1 11:30AM PASTOR/SPOUSE LUNCH BUNCH – (LAKE MANAWA GOLDEN CORAL)	2	3	4	5	6
June	7 11:30 AM COUNCIL PLANNING (OLD CHICAGO-78&CASS) 7PM YOUTH MINISTRIES (CENTRAL)	8 3PM EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP ((MOSHER PILGRIM) 6PM HISPANIC WORKING GROUP (CASTELAR)	9	10 1PM CPM (CNETRAL) 3PM COUNCIL (CENTRAL)	11	12	13

Prayer Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

May	31 Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: Gethsemane. Rev. Dee Jay Reiff is the stated supply pastor for this congregation.  	June 1 Celebrate the call of Rev. Ron Van Heukelom. Ron was ordained in 1971.  Pray for Rev. Stuart Baxter. Stu is retired and living in Omaha.  Pray for Rev. Dr. Paul Lundell, member of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission.	2 Pray for Rev. Bill Beatty. Bill is retired and living in Omaha.  Pray for William Warnes, member of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission	3 Pray for Rev. John Besancon. John is retired and serving as a chaplain at the Omaha VA hospital.  Pray for Rev. J Keith Cook, member of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission.	4 Pray for Rev. Deborah Boucher-Payne. Deborah is stated supply of Carter Lake Community Church.  Pray for Mike O'Bradovich member of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission.	5 Celebrate the call of Rev. Ernie Gutha. Ernie was ordained in 1965.  Pray for Rev. Dr. Bill Bowers. Bill is serving as Interim Pastor for the Presbyterian Church of Fremont.  Pray for Dr. Lewis Pinch, member of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission.	6 Celebrate the call fo Rev. Ron Kinsey. Ron was ordained in 1962.  Pray for Calvin Crest Camp and Conference Center and the staff and volunteers who keep it running. Craig Huffman is the dorector of the Caamp and Conference Center.
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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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