



# 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

"For those who aren't attending the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) July 3-10 in Minneapolis, the business of the assembly can be tracked online at the denomination's website

[http://www.facebook.com/l/202b7TnG1T\\_HeKVRWQ9Uf4vudyg;www.pcusa.org/ga219](http://www.facebook.com/l/202b7TnG1T_HeKVRWQ9Uf4vudyg;www.pcusa.org/ga219).



Kevin

### Calvin Crest Mission Opportunity Help Needed ASAP!

**Calvin Crest has an amazing opportunity to provide a place for 125 campers to have a nature-filled experience from July 6-10. The Salvation Army Camp in Bellevue is flooded. Calvin Crest is going to host their camp, providing food service, lodging and meeting space, while they provide their own programmatic elements.**

As Calvin Crest is running our own camps during that week and are staffed appropriately for the number of campers we had registered. **With this large influx of campers, Calvin Crest is asking for help in the kitchen during that time.** Depending on needs, you could be washing dishes, doing prep, cooking or cleaning.

**They are looking for volunteers, over 18, who can help out in the kitchen. It could be for a four hour shift once through the time or could be for a longer period of time. The meals we need help with are Tuesday supper through Saturday breakfast.**

**If you are interested** in helping out, please let Craig Huffman know the dates/times that you are available to help, immediately. Please pass this information on to others you may know that would be able to help. Ideally, we would have 3 volunteers for each meal.

**Contact information for Craig Huffman:  
(402) 628-6455—Office or (402) 607-0071--Cell**

## Family Day at Rosenblatt

**Missouri River Valley Presbytery is hosting a fun-filled family day at Rosenblatt Stadium on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

The Omaha Royals baseball game begins at 1:35 p.m. with clowns doing face painting and balloon art during the game, as well as a "fun area" for kids.

A block of 100 tickets has been purchased on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line. **If you and your family would like to attend you may pick up the tickets, \$5 each, at the Presbytery office which is \$2 off the regular price.**

We hope you are able to come and enjoy one of the last games at The "Blatt" as well as a summer afternoon with other members of the Presbytery.

*A quartet from the Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church will be singing the National Anthem for this game. The members of the quartet are Cheryl Miller, Fort Calhoun education director and the pastor's wife, Alice Johnson, Fort Calhoun's organist and choir director, Sherry White, Fort Calhoun's 4th-8th grade choir director and Kristie Bolen the 3rd grade and under choir director.*

## 2010-2011 Planning Calendars

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

## 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](mailto: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](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100531_book_movie_music_drive.pdf)

## "OWLS" – Older, Wiser, Livelier Saints

### Greetings from your OWLS Committee.

Very shortly each minister in Missouri River Valley and Homestead Presbyteries should have in their hands a 'hot off the press' copy of our exciting "Celebration".

***Dear Pastors - OWLS committee has completed the plans for another successful Celebration. Now we are counting on you to help us. Please put the information in one or more locations in your church and in the Sunday Bulletin. We would like to have several members from every congregation who are older, wiser, livelier saints (OWLS) join us September 15-16 at beautiful Camp Calvin Crest We are inviting pastors to participate as well.***

Those who have attended before should will receive a copy of "Celebration" and a reservation sheet. Please feel free to make copies to share with your friends.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SEPT. 15-16 - Calvin Crest**

Any questions - e-mail [jmeenen@futuretk.com](mailto:jmeenen@futuretk.com) or contact Calvin Crest (402) 628-6455

## 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](mailto:ddaisy@dpcomaha.org)



## 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](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.*

## **Mission and Ministry Opportunities in the Presbytery**

### **Castelar Kids Summer Trip to Fontenelle Forest**

**When:** Saturday, July 10, 2010; 8am til shortly after lunch.

**50-60 children will participate.**

Activities for younger children will be arts and crafts (green - eco friendly oriented)  
Older kids will go on guided tour of the Forest.

**Needed help to cover expenses** for the trip and activities, including t-shirt, food, bus and entrance fee - total cost **\$800**.

**Any amount is welcome, or you might consider sponsoring one or more children by providing a scholarship of \$15 per child.**

**Also needed volunteers willing to help day of trip - you do not need to be bi-lingual.**

Will meet at church at 8am, bus will leave at 8:30am, and returning to the church shortly after lunch.

**Contact:** Lyle Franzen at 346-9492 if you have any questions.

**Send donations to:**

Castelar United Presbyterian Church,  
2410 South 16th Street, Omaha, NE 68108-1401  
mark for: Castelar Kids

***Please share this opportunity with members of your congregation.  
Give them the opportunity to participate in this wonderful program.***

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm_100308_mission_nicaragua.pdf)

**Contacts:** Lyle Franzen at [lyl\\_franzen@yahoo.com](mailto:lyl_franzen@yahoo.com) or 210-6845, or  
Joyce Serenil at 345-6093 or [blackcat100@cox.net](mailto:blackcat100@cox.net)

## **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](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](http://www.malawinetwork.org)

## **News from our Congregations**

**For news about a group from the Fort Calhoun congregation singing at a Royals Game, see "Family Day at Rosenblatt" on page 3.**

**Submit activities or stories about your congregation to Jody at**  
[pmrv.mondaymorning@gmail.com](mailto:pmrv.mondaymorning@gmail.com)

## **Continuing Education Opportunities**

### **Continuing Education for Staff**

The Administrative Personnel Association (APA) offers opportunities for professional development and personal growth for those called by God to serve as support staff of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Encourage your support staff to attend.

### **The 2010 APA Rocky Mountain Regional Conference**

**When:** August 5 - 8, 2010

**Where:** Cheyenne Wyoming.

Courses include: Biblical Interpretation, Church History, GA Entities, Effective Meeting Minutes, Directory for Worship, and Office Administration

**Registration Deadline:** July 15, 2010

**For more information, a brochure and registration form:** click on or paste the following link in your browser: [http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm\\_100607\\_apa\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm_100607_apa_brochure.pdf)

## 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>

**Deadline for registration: September 1<sup>st</sup>**

## 2010 Nebraska Health Ministry Network Conference

**When:** August 27-28, 2010 (August 27, 4:15- 8:30pm August 28, 7:30am- 4:15pm)

**Where:** Immaculata Monastery and Spirituality Center, Norfolk NE

**Target Audience:** Nurses, social workers and others who work in health care and is designed to refresh, inform and support those working in health ministry,

**Cost:** \$50 for workshop, including continuing education credit (CEU), workshop materials and meals ~ or

\$75 for workshop, CEUs, workshop materials, meals, and lodging in Immaculata Monastery

**For additional information or questions, please contact:**

Sharon Kalcik at IMN (402) 476-3391 or im50427@windstream.net

Daniel Johnston at NMC (402-354-7080) or Dan.johnston@methodistcollege.edu

**For brochure and registration form, click on or paste the following link in your browser:**

[http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100705\\_2010\\_healthministry\\_conference.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100705_2010_healthministry_conference.pdf)

## Montreat Conference Center

### **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>*

## **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](http://www.icisf.org))

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

### **Event Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)**

July	5 <b>PRESBYTERY OFFICE CLOSED – OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>  7PM YOUTH MINISTRIES (CENTRAL)  219th General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN	6 <b>PRESBYTERY OFFICE OPEN – 10AM-2PM</b>  11:30AM PASTOR/SPOUSE LUNCH BUNCH – (LAKE MANAWA GOLDEN CORAL)  219th General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN	7 <b>PRESBYTERY OFFICE OPEN – 11AM-2PM</b>    219th General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN	8 <b>PRESBYTERY OFFICE OPEN – 10AM-2PM</b>  1PM CPM (CENTRAL)  219th General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN	9     219th General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN	10 <b>CASTELAR KIDS SUMMER TRIP</b>    219th General Assembly, Minneapolis, MN	11
July	12	13 3PM EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP ((MOSHER PILGRIM)  6PM HISPANIC WORKING GROUP (CASTELAR)	14	15 12:30 FAITH, EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP (CENTRAL)	16 NOON RETIRED PASTOR/SPOUSE LUNCH (OLD COUNTRY BUFFET, 75 <sup>TH</sup> /DODGE)	17 10AM SUDANESE WORKING GROUP (CLIFTON HILLS)	18

## Prayer Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

July	<p>5 Pray for General Assembly</p> <p>Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: Mosher Pilgrim. Rev. Sarah Dickinson is pastor of this congregation.</p>   <p>Cel ebrate the call of Rev. Charles Bulger; ordained in 1966.</p> 	<p>6 Pray for General Assembly</p> <p>Pray for Rev. David Grimm. Dave lives in a nursing home in Cozad NE. His health has failed significantly.</p>  <p>Pray for Vonice Darling, member of the Presbytery's Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee</p>	<p>7 Pray for General Assembly</p> <p>Pray for Rev. Ernie Gutha. Ernie is retired. He is a member of the CPM and active with older adult ministry in the presbytery.</p>  <p>Pray for Rev. Aaron Simons, member of the Presbytery's Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee</p>	<p>8 Pray for General Assembly</p> <p>Celebrate the call of Rev. Ed Fish; ordained in 1951.</p>  <p>Pray for Rev. John Hansen. John is serving as pastor of the Church of the Master.</p>  <p>Pray for Jim Carruthers, chair of the Presbytery's Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee</p>	<p>9 Pray for General Assembly</p> <p>Celebrate the call of Rev. Gary Warren; ordained in 1972.</p>  <p>Celebrate the call of Rev. Paul Masters; ordained in 1995</p>  <p>Pray for Rev. Mary Hansen. Mary is retired and living in Villisca IA. She serves on the nominating committee.</p>  <p>Pray for Rev. Russ Palmer, member of the Presbytery's Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee</p>	<p>10 Pray for General Assembly</p> <p>Celebrate the call of Rev. J Keith Cook; ordained in 1960.</p>  <p>Pray for Rev. Mike Harvey. Mike lives in Carson IA and pastors our only three point parish ~ Carson, Wales and Oakland Sharon.</p>  <p>Pray for Rev. Howard Dotson, member of the Presbytery's Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee</p>	<p>11 Pray for spouses of all clergy and CLP's in our presbytery.</p>
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