

# 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

**Editor's Note; Kevin had hip replacement surgery on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The surgery went well. Still in the hospital, Kevin reports that he is recovering nicely. Please keep him in your prayers.**

## 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.*

## 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)

## HELP Adult Services

is providing a **free** learning opportunity to the public regarding **Elder Abuse**.

### Elder Abuse – “Everybody Deserves To Be Safe”

**When:** Thursday, July 29th, 2010; 5:00pm – 6:00pm

**Where:** Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Ave, Omaha; Basement Dining Hall

**Speaker:** Patricia Callone, CaringConcepts, Inc, co-author of award winning book on Alzheimer's: "Alzheimer's Disease—The Dignity Within: A Handbook for Caregivers", and "A Caregiver's Guide to Alzheimer's Disease: 300 Tips for Making Life Easier"

**Register:** [Administration@helpadultservices.org](mailto:Administration@helpadultservices.org)

**Cost:** FREE

### “OWLS” – Older, Wiser, Livelier Saints

**What:** The OWLS Fall Celebration

**When:** September 15-16, 2010

**Where:** Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, Fremont, NE



To celebrate life, a committee of MRV and Homestead presbyteries (we call ourselves OWLS - older, wiser, livelier saints) have a wonderful 2-day 'fly-in' for all of you. We do give a HOOT about all of you. This Celebration will be September 15-16 at beautiful camp Calvin Crest. There will be 2 fun-filled, enlightening, spiritual days.

**Overnight accommodations and great food for the soul.** Mark your calendars now!

**Call the camp for details** (402) 628-6455 or

**click on or paste the following link in your browser to see the brochure and**

**registration form:** [http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100726\\_owls\\_fall\\_celebration.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100726_owls_fall_celebration.pdf)

## Positions Available

### Temporary Supply Pastor

**The First United Presbyterian Church at Atlantic IA** is considering persons for a temporary supply pastorate. Atlantic is a 7,000-population county seat about 70 miles west of Des Moines, 50 east of Council Bluffs. The church membership is approximately 200, with about 75 active. The pastorate could be full-time or part-time and commuting to Atlantic is an option. Expressions of interest or nominations should be sent to Personnel Committee chair Duane Acker, [talycoed@comcast.net](mailto:talycoed@comcast.net), 712-243-4757, or 66344 Troublesome Creek Road, Atlantic, IA 50022."

### 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)



## Mission and Ministry Opportunities in the Presbytery

### Westminster Food Pantry is seeking your help!

**Westminster Presbyterian-Omaha is grateful for the support of Faithful Shepherd Presbyterian by collecting food for our Food Pantry.**

***We just learned that our application to the Food Bank was denied because they are no longer making additional commitments.***

***The Park Ave community, just blocks from Westminster, has some of Omaha's most impoverished and disadvantaged residents.***

**Therefore, we are asking: "if you are doing a food drive, please consider supporting Westminster's food pantry."**

### Golf Event for the Benefit of Good New Jail and Prison Ministry

When: Friday, August 20, 2010

Where: Tiburon Golf Club, 10302 South 168 Street, Omaha NE

Cost: \$90 per person

Other Information: 18 holes of golf ~ 11am Registration ~ 11:45am Lunch ~ 1pm Shot Gun Start ~ Pin Prizes ~ Free Range Balls

**Special Invitation for Pastors: A Pastor and Guest may play for free ~ 2 person best ball; if the pastor agrees to have the Chaplain present a "Minute for Mission" sometime during the year. Pastor Matt Nieman is playing. His phone number is 402-291-1104. Please call George Thompson, Elder at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Bellevue for further information; 402-293-1337 about this special invitation to pastors or about the event.**

**To Register for the Event, Contact:** Chaplain Morris Jackson, 402-599-2293;  
[Morris.Jackson@goodnewsjail.org](mailto:Morris.Jackson@goodnewsjail.org)

For a flyer about the event, please click on or paste the following link in your browser:  
[http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100719\\_golf\\_flyer.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100719_golf_flyer.pdf)

### 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)

## Continuing Education Program Grants

**The Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation provides continuing education program grants to planning groups in its 13-state region.** Presbyterian clergy, commissioned lay pastors, and church leaders have benefitted from numerous continuing education workshops and events. Since 1972, the Foundation has given nearly two million dollars to support a variety of educational events; retreats, workshops, and/or seminars cover a wide range of topics and serve anywhere from 12 up to more than 200 people which are located in their community, Presbytery or Synod.

**If any committee in our Presbytery or planning committee within our presbytery is planning a continuing education program for next year,** a grant application for a portion of the cost of presenting an event or workshop to benefit area clergy, CLPs, and/or lay leaders is available. (Application forms and guidelines may be downloaded from the left.)

Applications and estimated expense/income totals for Continuing Education Program Grants are due in the Foundation office by **September 1st** for an event being planned for the following calendar year.

**For Grant guidelines, an application and a request for payment form,** click or paste the following link in your browser:

[http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100719\\_opsf\\_continuing\\_ed\\_grant.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100719_opsf_continuing_ed_grant.pdf)

**or** click or paste this link to the OPSF website's continuing education grant page in your browser: [http://omaha-sem-found.org/education\\_continuingeducation.html](http://omaha-sem-found.org/education_continuingeducation.html)

## News from our Congregations

### Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Support Group

**Westminster Presbyterian Church, Omaha** will be hosting a PTSD Support Group

**When:** Starting in Sep. Every fourth Thursday 7 PM.

**Where:** Westminster Presbyterian Church  
3416 Woolworth Avenue, 68105, Kiewett Parlor Room

**Facilitator:** Rev. Howard Dotson

## Westminster, Omaha

Westminster has partnered with the Latino Peace Officer Association and First Lutheran Church to create two new youth summer soccer teams for both boys and girls ages 9-12.



Field Club Elementary team, sponsored by Westminster's Sunday Night Group, and Jackson Elementary team, sponsored by the MRV Presbytery Mission Committee, will practice every Tuesday evening at Leavenworth Park and play another league team on Friday evenings at Albright Park. You can join in the fun and show your support of this program by coming out and cheering them on. (Driving directions and schedule of their games and additional pictures can be found by clicking on or pasting the following link in your browser:

[http://westminsteromaha.org/soccer\\_page.html](http://westminsteromaha.org/soccer_page.html)).

## Fort Calhoun

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

## Continuing Education Opportunities ~ Free Training for Those Who Work With Middle School Youth

GOASA and the MetLife Foundation are providing **free** Professional Development Training For Middle School Youth Development Providers (Open to any organizations who work specifically with middle school youth)

When: Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>; 8:30 am-4:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

Where: The Nebraska Children's Home Society 4939 South 118<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68137

### **Training Topics Include**

Youth and Leadership

Youth as Teachers

Positive Youth Development

Engaging Youth in Service Learning

***For a flyer with more details, click on or paste the following link in your browser:***

[http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm\\_100726\\_middleschool\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm_100726_middleschool_flyer.pdf)

***For questions, please contact Barb Farho, [bfarho@ci.omaha.ne.us](mailto:bfarho@ci.omaha.ne.us) or 444-5151***

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) ~ Deadline to Register- August 2nd**

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### Addressing Mental Illness within Congregations

**Presented by:** Mental Health America of the Heartland and Alegent Health

**When:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 ; 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** West Hills Presbyterian Church; 3015 S. 82nd Avenue, Omaha NE

**Overview** This collaborative project is designed to equip participants with education and resources to support people with mental illness and their families. Participants will also engage in discussion with others on how to utilize this information within their congregations.

#### **Who Should Attend**

This conference is designed for local and statewide clergy, seminarians, spiritual care providers, pastoral counselors, chaplains and lay leaders of faith-based communities. Persons with mental illness, their families and significant others, as well as healthcare and mental health professionals are also invited to attend.

#### **Registration**

**Fee:** \$25.00 per person

For more information contact Beverly Miller by email, [BeverlyMiller@alegent.org](mailto:BeverlyMiller@alegent.org) or phone, 402/572-2164.

**Go online *after Sept 7th* to obtain the event brochure and registration forms** <http://www.alegent.com/body.cfm?id=4803> and click the **Community Events** link

### **“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

**The seminar will be in English.**

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.

**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@cfcf.org](mailto:mflom@cfcf.org) or call her at 402.408.6888.

## Event Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

July	26 MISSION – MEETING CANCELLED  SYNOD SCHOOL, BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY, STORM LAKE, IA	27 COM - NO MEETING  SYNOD SCHOOL, BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY, STORM LAKE, IA	28  SYNOD SCHOOL, BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY, STORM LAKE, IA	29  SYNOD SCHOOL, BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY, STORM LAKE, IA	30  SYNOD SCHOOL, BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY, STORM LAKE, IA	31	AUGUST 1
Aug.	2 7PM YOUTH MINISTRIES (CENTRAL)	3 11:30AM PASTOR/SPOUSE LUNCH BUNCH – (LAKE MANAWA GOLDEN CORAL)	4	5 3PM COUNCIL “DOCKET” PLANNING (CENTRAL)	6	7	8

## Prayer Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)

July	26 Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: Neola. Rev. Dean Sparr is pastor of this congregation.   Pray for Synod School and its staff, teachers participants	27 Pray for Rev. Kevin Killion. Kevin is living in Omaha.  Pray for Rev. Becky Balestri, member of the Presbytery's Stewardship of Resources Committee  Pray for Synod School and its staff, teachers participants	28 Pray for Rev. Ron Kinsey. Ron is retired and living in Omaha.  Pray for Peggy Mago, member of the Presbytery's Stewardship of Resources Committee  Pray for Synod School and its staff, teachers participants	29 Pray for David Krueger, CLP David is serving Walnut Presbyterian Church as lay pastor.  Pray for Dick Corwine, member of the Presbytery's Stewardship of Resources Committee  Pray for Synod School and its staff, teachers participants	30 Pray for Michael Kuach, CLP. Michael serves the Sudanese Fellowship as lay pastor.  Celebrate the call of Rev. David Barnes; ordained in 1961  Pray for Rev. Dee Jay Reiff, member of the Presbytery's Stewardship of Resources Committee  Pray for Synod School and its staff, teachers participants	31 Pray for Rev. Jerry Lamb. Jerry serves as pastor of the Essex Presbyterian Church.  Celebrate the call of Rev. Dwight Williams; ordained in 1983  Pray for Bud Crowl, one of the Presbytery's Calvin Crest Representatives	Aug 1 Celebrate the call of Rev. Ed Steinmetz; ordained in 1971  Pray for the leadership of Presbyterian Women in our presbytery  Please continue to pray for Antonio, 3 months old, who was hospitalized for a month for a traumatic brain injury and is now at Madonna Rehabilitation in Lincoln.
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