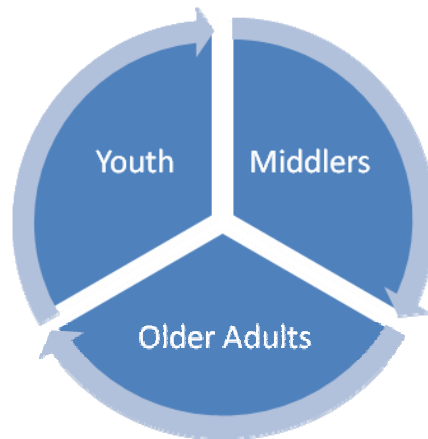

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Older Adult Ministry Conference Set in October: The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network, a network of people who are engaged in ministry with older adults, has scheduled its annual conference Tuesday through Friday, Oct. 12-15, in Orlando, Fla. POAMN is related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a covenant network of the General Assembly Council. The conference, *Connecting the Generations: Model, Methods and Mentors in Ministry*, takes place at the International Palms Resort and Conference Center and features 11 workshops. A limited number of scholarships are available. To receive more information and an application for partial scholarship, contact Ginny Nyhuis at 615-426-1545 or gnyhuis@verizon.net. The deadline for completed scholarship applications is Aug. 31.

Connecting the Generations, a workshop topic at the POAMN Conference in October. Note that each section of the circle below is equal... as each group in our church is equally important. Today, 50+’ers and older adults are niched by generation as never before – someone turns 50 every (7) seconds! The demand and challenges to meet the needs of this growing population increase by the minute.



Intergenerational Ministry – Can I Do This? Another one of the workshops at the POAM Conference in Orlando. How to live in a culture that is constantly changing and surprisingly, the same. Sooner or later every church hits the generation issue.

First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa Older Adult Ministry Update

The Oskaloosa church’s Thursday Fellowship Group is reading this fascinating novel that grapples with life’s biggest questions, yet remains a sheer pleasure to read. *The Noticer: Sometimes, all a person needs is a little perspective*, by Andy Andrews – a moving story of common wisdom.

Oskaloosa has a little grey recipe file in the church office – it holds information – much like a loan closet without renting the space. Should anyone need some type of a durable medical supply, you may find it in this box. Index cards list the medical equipment and a phone number to call to see if it is still available. The most recent equipment addition is a lazy-susan type device that easily fits on your car seat. It simplifies helping someone turn into the car as they sit down.

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