
PRESBYTERY of DES MOINES
Older Adult Ministries (OAM) and Congregational Health Ministry
May 2010, Monthly E-Newsletter

Older Adult Ministries Day is May 2

Celebrate Older Adult Week, May 2-8 by recognizing and honoring older adults in our Presbyterian churches and their commitment to the life, witness, and ministry of the church. Visit www.poamn.org to find ideas for planning your service to honor older adults on May 2.

“Our hope is in the next generations – we must not forget that our hope is also in the past generations. (The adults pay the bills, thus providing funding for the youth ministries.”) From *No Act of Love is Ever Wasted* by Thibault and Morgan.

Jesus told Peter three times that his task was to ‘feed’ the flock, both the sheep and the lambs. This includes the old and frail, as well as the young and frisky.

Without these ‘older members’, our youth and young adults would be without the financial and practical support that maintains the church programs. It is their diligence and faith that ensure there will be a church for our children’s future.

Are you younger than 65, and only hoping to someday be an ‘Older Adult’? Thank the elders of your church for their many years of faithful service to their Lord.

May 18th Presbytery Meeting in Des Moines – The Presbytery’s quarterly meeting will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines. It will include a day of recognition of the issues our older adults face – and conquer.

The OAM Task Force would love it if everyone attending would bring a **sample of the newsletters sent out by your church**, with special attention to what your congregational care committee is accomplishing with the older 1/3 to 1/2 of your membership.

As you sign in for the day, each church will be given a **paper plate**. Sometime during the morning session, write down one or more event, project, etc. that your older adults are involved with. These will be picked up and ideas compiled and sent out in our monthly e-mails.

Watch for notes about POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network) and OAM Task Force that will be placed in various areas of the church. Watch for many notes that will give you food for thought and conversation. Please take the notes with you after the meal/at the end of the day if you wish.

Also, each church will receive information to fill out regarding our Presbytery’s **Outstanding Older Adult Awards**. Your nominee should be a person (or group) who actively lives out his/her faith in service to the church and community. Send

nominations to **Older Adult Ministries Task Force Moderator Darlene Shepherd**, dshep@mahaska.org or 641-673-5793.

Found on a magnet – “We are all children of God – some just have more experience than others.”
