



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Apr. 27** – Retired pastors luncheon, 12:30-2:30 p.m., **Calvin Community, Des Moines**
- **Apr. 28** – Southwest Regional Partnership meeting, 11:30 a.m., **First Presbyterian Church, Corning**
- **Apr. 29** – Presbytery staff meeting and lunch, 10 a.m., Presbytery Office
- **Apr. 30** – Budget & Finance Committee meeting, Noon, Presbytery Office
- **May 1** – Social Ministries Task Force meeting, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **May 2** – *Older Adult Week Begins; Wills Emphasis Sunday*
- **May 2** – West Regional Partnership Meeting, 2 p.m., **First United Presbyterian Church, Atlantic**. GA Representative Alexa Smith will be speaking.
- **May 2-4** – The Synod of Lakes and Prairies Spring meeting, at Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington, Minn., begins Sunday at 6 p.m. with dinner and adjourns Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
- **May 4** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **May 4** – Congregational Care & Development meeting, 2 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **May 4** – Professional Care & Development meeting, 4 p.m., Presbytery Office
- **May 4** – Compañeros meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **May 4-6** – The *2010 Great Plains Wee Kirk Conference*, Sioux Falls, S.D. Our own **honorably retired Rev. Dale O'Connell (LeRoy/Humeston Parish)** will be speaking on "Praying Your Church Alive." For details, see [PFR's Website](#) or www.pfrenwal.org/docs/smallchurch/2010-GPWK-Brochure.pdf.

April 27, 2010

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Joys and Concerns

Prayers are needed for the **honorably retired Rev. Sara Speer Palmer** as her husband **Charles "Jack" Palmer** passed away Wednesday, April 21, of pneumonia and a cancerous tumor in his lungs. A celebration of life was held April 24 at **First Presbyterian Church in Chariton**. To see his obituary, go to the Pierschbacher Funeral Home's Web site at: www.funeralplan.com/pierschbacher/obits?id=196202. Condolences can be sent to Rev. Sara Speer Palmer and their family at: emerita50049@gmail.com or 18039 510th St., Chariton, IA 50049-9804. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 648, Chariton, IA 50049-0648 or the Lucas County Humane Society, 118 Lincoln Ave., Chariton, IA 50049-9600.

Prayers of safe travels for the **Rev. David Kincaide** of **First Presbyterian Churches of Dexter and Greenfield** who is currently in Egypt, visiting the Holy Land.

Prayers are needed for **the honorably retired Rev. Pat Summers'** husband, **Verle "Bud" Summers** who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

Presbytery Summer Camp Times Are Set—Sign up Today!

Location for all camps this year is at the Wesley Woods Camp near Indianola.

PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY CAMP, all ages, \$300June 20-26 (3 p.m./10:30 a.m.)

S.P.L.A.T. (Seek, Play, Learn, Act, Teach), ages 6-9, \$187 June 27-29, Aug. 1-3, & Aug. 8-10

SUMMER FUN CAMP, 4th-8th & 9th-12th grades*, \$325July 5-11 (2 p.m./9:30 a.m.)

**(Youth, 9th-12th grades, attend as youth leaders and their cost is reduced to \$275.)*

SUMMER FRIENDS CAMP, 2nd-3rd grades, \$185July 8-11 (2 p.m./9:30 a.m.)

SUMMER RETREAT, 6th-12th grades, \$55July 10-11 (9 a.m./9:30 a.m.)

For camp descriptions, go online to read or download brochure, registration materials and scholarship applications, www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/resources.htm. Questions? Contact **Camp Registrar Dennis Britson**, 515-282-9139 or dnbritson@mchsi.com.

Other Presbyterian camp opportunities in Iowa:

- Camp Wyoming (supported by John Knox & East Iowa presbyteries) www.campwyoming.net
- Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji (supported by Prospect Hill & North Central Iowa presbyteries) www.presbycamp.org



Pass the Word: Sweatshop-Free T-shirts from PC(USA)

Do you know a camp, youth group or Vacation Bible School that's planning to print T-shirts? Share with them the good news of [Sweat-Free Ts](#) – shirts made by a cooperative, not a sweatshop – available from the PC(USA).

Sweat-Free Ts come from the [Nueva Vida sewing cooperative](#) in Nicaragua, which began as an economic development initiative in the wake of Hurricane Mitch. In 1998, the Presbyterian Hunger Program provided seed money, and in 2003 was proud to come full circle with our support by also becoming a customer. Since that time, support from groups across the church has made it possible for us to purchase over 133,000 T-shirts from the cooperative! (And this figure does not include special orders for Presbyterian Women, Youth Triennium and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance!)

Shirts can be ordered from Presbyterian Distribution Service [online or by phone](#). They come blank with only the Sweat-Free T logo printed in black on the sleeve; groups are free to screen print, tie-dye or otherwise creatively imprint the shirts with their own logo or design. Take advantage of the [20% discount](#) on orders of 50 shirts or more.

Read the recent [Presbyterian News Service article](#) about the cooperative. And check it out: The cooperative's current project is sewing shirts for the 2010 [Presbyterian Youth Triennium!](#) Shirts are available in 100% [organic cotton](#) that feels great. Colors are White, Natural and Presbyterian Blue. Sizes range from Child Small to Adult 3XL. [Get educational materials](#). Thanks for helping spread the Good News! Questions? Contact the PC(USA) program [Enough for Everyone](#), Director Melanie Hardison, 888-728-7228 x5626.



Presbyterian Youth Triennium is July 20-24, 2010

This gathering of youth and adults from across the U.S. and the world is held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Eligibility begins with youth entering high school. Youth delegates can not be more than 19 years old on July 20, 2010. Adult advisors must be at least 21 years old on July 20, 2010.

Participants must register with and travel with the Presbytery of Des Moines' delegation. Bus transportation will be arranged by the Des Moines Presbytery. The Presbytery plans to scholarship all or part of the transportation costs. Delegations must include one adult for every 10 young people, of the same gender. Check-in is from 1-6 p.m., July 20. Triennium begins with dinner on the 20th and ends with worship the 24th.

This year's theme is *"For Such A Time As This"* (Esther 4:14). Cost for the event is \$409.00 per person (which includes secondary insurance coverage, housing, meals, conference T-shirt and all programming). The registration application forms are available from the Presbytery office or online at www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/resources.htm.

Be Inspired by the Levins at Anchor Coffee House in Des Moines!

On May 1, Anchor Coffee House at **Westminster Presbyterian Church** will welcome the pop/folk duo, Ira and Julia Levin, for the final show of the 2009-2010 season. Expressing joy and love through their music (vocals with keyboard and guitar), the Levins are dedicated to making the world a happier place. The pair shares their message of hope and compassion as they tour nationwide. In addition, they create original children's music and stories to promote literacy. From preschoolers to seniors, their appeal is universal. Though the couple now resides in California, Julia Levin has strong ties to Iowa. Before she married Ira, she was Julia Bordenaro, a Des Moines resident who sang with the trio, the Lost Art Cafe. Anchor House doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the church's Allison Avenue entrance, with showtime at 7 p.m. Enjoy a family-friendly night out, with great refreshments and free childcare. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door, available at Westminster Church on Sunday mornings, or Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are also available at Uptempo Music in the Beavertdale shopping district. Call 515-274-1534 to purchase by phone with credit card. For more about the Levins, visit www.thelevinsmusic.com.

Synod School 2010 has *Grace Notes*, July 25-30

Synod School is located at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Synod School offers a welcoming and safe community for people of all ages and interests to learn, to grow spiritually and to share in fellowship. Nearly 600 people from all age groups participated in Synod School 2009. Read the 2010 Synod School catalog and register through the Synod of Lakes and Prairies' Web site:

www.lakesandprairies.org.

Classes and activities are available for adults, youth, and children – some separately and some intergenerational. It features morning and evening worship and a daily convocation focusing on the theme.

Morning and afternoon programs are for all ages, and an opportunity for adults to participate in classes, such as *Technology for Worship*, *God at the Box Office*, or *The Emerging Church*. Synod School begins Sunday afternoon, July 25 and goes through Noon, Friday, July 30.

Synod School 2010

"So many people having so much fun while examining issues related to faith."

July 25-30, 2010
Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa
Go to www.lakesandprairies.org/school.html
or phone 1-800-328-1880, ext. 207.

Grace Notes

PC(USA) members, did you know?

Here's a fast fact: Almost half of members (46%) live in rural areas, small towns or cities with populations of less than 50,000. [Learn more about this Fast Fact and others](#) at www.pcusa.org/research/index.htm. Research Services offers a glimpse of some little-known but noteworthy statistics in the church with a new Fast Fact every week.

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