



## The Wider Circle E-News

### Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Aug. 8-10** – S.P.L.A.T (Seek, Play, Learn, Act, Teach) Camp (Ages 6-9) held at Wesley Woods Camp in Indianola. Sponsored by the Des Moines Presbytery. Splash in the pool, participate in Bible studies, make ice cream, go on a horse ride, and experience worship. The half-week camp is for first-time campers.
- **Aug. 10** – Book Study, 9-10 a.m., Presbytery Office. A new book study on *Why Christianity Must Change or Die: A Bishop Speaks to Believers In Exile*, by Bishop John Shelby Spong. The book can be purchased on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) for as little as a penny. The **honorably retired Rev. Gus Nelson**, wants to encourage all pastors, commissioned lay pastors and lay leaders are invited to attend this and the normal Tuesday lectionary study. Questions? Contact Gus Nelson, 515-255-9592 or [nelson514@aol.com](mailto:nelson514@aol.com).
- **Aug. 10** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **Aug. 14-15** – Scholar in Residence Weekend, First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant. [Dr. Walter Brueggemann](http://www.dr-walter-brueggemann.com), respected Biblical scholar and popular author, will be the featured lecturer on Saturday and the worship leader on Sunday. Topics being considered are *Sinai: The Inescapability of Interpretation*, *Living in Empire: The Challenge of Accommodation and Resistance* and *Prayer as Practiced in the Bible*. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Aug. 15** – *Higher Education Sunday*
- **Aug. 18** – Clergy Breakfast, Grandview Park Funeral Home on the eastside of Des Moines. For more information, contact Pat Oberbillig at: [patoberbillig@aol.com](mailto:patoberbillig@aol.com).
- **Aug. 19** – Lunch & Learn on *Involve Children and Adults in Mission Projects*, with Des Moines Presbytery's Hunger Action Enabler **Nancy Lister-Settle** of **First Presbyterian Church, Dallas Center** and Restoring Creation Enabler **Susan Stroope** of **Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines** at the Presbytery office, 2400 86th St., Ste. #20, Urbandale, Ia. Bring your lunch, beverages are provided.
- **Aug. 21** – Presbytery Stated Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, Leon
- **Aug. 22** – *Youth in the Church and World*

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8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily

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### Des Moines Center's Prairie Fire Program Begins in September

Prairie Fire is designed for people who desire to live each day prayerfully and intentionally, who long to respond fully to God's call. All who seek companionship in their spiritual journeying are encouraged to apply. Current participants include clergy, chaplains, counselors, social workers, healthcare professionals, spiritual directors, parish nurses, Stephen Ministers, hospice staff and lay persons. This two-year program meets monthly with a new group starting in September 2010. For details, contact Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center Director of the Institute for the Practice of Ministry **Rev. Jeffrey Means**, 515-274-4006 or [jmeans@dmpcc.org](mailto:jmeans@dmpcc.org).

### Fiesta Fund-Raiser Dinner is in Des Moines, August 29

Compañeros Annual Fund-Raiser will be held at the Des Moines Social Club, [www.desmoinessocialclub.org](http://www.desmoinessocialclub.org), Sunday, August 29, 3-7 p.m. Join us for a fiesta afternoon with a silent auction, tapas, and Latino music. We'll be visiting live with our mission co-worker in El Salvador and the Pastoral Team. All the proceeds support the work of Our Sister Parish and the mission in El Salvador. Past and current projects include water filters, water collection tanks, flood relief efforts, fair trade coffee, medical help, educational scholarships, fertilizer distribution, solar panel installation, and more. We will be selling our coffee, Don Justo—Coffee with Dignity, at the event. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance by contacting Presbytery Office Manager **Betty Dyer**, 515-276-4991 or [pbydesmoines@presbyteryofdesmoines.org](mailto:pbydesmoines@presbyteryofdesmoines.org). Tickets are also available at the door.

### Our Sister Parish



Our Sister Parish Mission, [www.oursisterparish.com](http://www.oursisterparish.com), is a faith based ecumenical effort designed to bring hope and social development to the poor of the pueblo of Berlin, El Salvador, particularly those who live in the cantons of Berlin. Our goal is to raise awareness and embrace solidarity by developing committed relationships within churches in the U.S. and with our brothers and sisters in El Salvador. In the relationships that develop between U.S. churches and the poor of the cantons, faith will grow and the love of God will be profoundly experienced for all involved.

## Employment Opportunities

**Events Manager – DMARC, Des Moines, Ia.** Seeking a part-time position to promote the work of the Des Moines Area Religious Council by planning signature fundraising and other kinds of events for the organization and by coordinating DMARC's involvement in events hosted by external partners and donors for the benefit of the organization and its work. For a full job description, [click here for a pdf](#). For more information, contact DMARC Executive Director **Rev. Sarai Schnucker Rice**, 515-277-6969 or [sarai@dmreligious.org](mailto:sarai@dmreligious.org).

**Coffee Coordinator – Don Justo Coffee with Dignity, Des Moines, Ia.** The Coordinator is in charge of ordering from the supplier, distribution to customers, inventory, reconciliation reports, promotion of the Don Justo project and customer service. The position reports to the Des Moines Presbytery's Compañeros committee; commitment of 15 hours weekly. Compensation is based upon sales. For more information contact: **Mike Bassett**, 515-321-6433 or [mikebassett111@gmail.com](mailto:mikebassett111@gmail.com).

**Temporary Supply Pastor – First United Presbyterian Church, Atlantic, Ia.** Atlantic is a 7,000-population county seat 70 miles west of Des Moines, 50 miles east of Council Bluffs. Church membership is 200. This is possibly a part-time or full-time position. If interested, contact Personnel Committee chair person **Duane Acker**, 712-243-4757 or [talycoed@comcast.net](mailto:talycoed@comcast.net).

**Nursery Assistant – Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, Ia.** Adult applicant with minimum age of 18 years old is needed to provide a safe and nurturing nursery environment for children. Experience and competency in working with children of all ages. Part-time position reports to the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church, with approximately six hours per week during the school year on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If interested in applying, contact Covenant's Director of Christian Education **Renae Woodworth**, 515-225-2254 or [rwoodworth@wdmcoventant.org](mailto:rwoodworth@wdmcoventant.org).

**Organist – Capitol Hill Christian Church, Des Moines, Ia.** An organist for Sunday mornings is needed at 3322 E. 25th St., Des Moines, Ia. If interested, contact Pastor Candice K. Brown, [chcc25@msn.com](mailto:chcc25@msn.com) or 515-988-4023.

**Office Coordinator – Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, Ia.** This is a non-exempt, part-time position. to provide a church office that is effective, efficient and allows Covenant to meet its goal of offering a meaningful Christian community to its members and friends. Strong computer software skills should include, Microsoft Office, Publisher, Outlook, and Adobe Acrobat for e-mail, accessing the internet and working with Covenant's Web site. For details, go to: [www.wdmcoventant.org](http://www.wdmcoventant.org). To apply, send resume to: **Covenant Presbyterian Church**, 1025 28th St., West Des Moines, IA 50265, 515-225-2254, [janscott@wdmcoventant.org](mailto:janscott@wdmcoventant.org).

**Executive Director – Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, Des Moines, Ia.** A full-time position leading state-wide effort to mobilize religious communities to become leaders in addressing climate change through education, assistance with carbon footprints reductions, and advocacy for sustainable policies at all levels of government. Organizational development and implementation of strategic vision in conjunction with Iowa IPL's Board of Directors. Responsibilities included: seek sustainable funding sources, inspire volunteer involvement, form and maintain contacts in religious and environmental communities, and create and disseminate materials and newsletters to public and media. To apply, go to [www.iowaip.org/jobs](http://www.iowaip.org/jobs). Or contact Executive Director Tim Fink, Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, [www.iowaip.org](http://www.iowaip.org).

**General Presbyter – Presbytery of Long Island, New York, New York.** Seeking candidates for a full-time position. Our Church (Presbytery) Information Form as well as our position description is available on the PC(USA) Opportunities List. Our search is in the early phase and will remain open up to September 15th. Referrals can be sent to the Presbytery of Long Island, GP Search Committee Chairperson Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Hoyt Duncan, [fpcnpastor@optonline.net](mailto:fpcnpastor@optonline.net).

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## Attend the Great Plains Presbyterian Pilgrimage in Nebraska

October 21-24, 2010, and March 24-27, 2011 is a time for clergy and laity to deepen their spiritual life, this three-day Pilgrimage lasts a lifetime. As you travel down life's highway, it is good to stop and rest a while. You can gather at the river with your fellow travelers, and at that oasis, you can break bread, laugh, sing, worship, listen, and be heard. After lingering at that sanctuary, emerge refreshed, rested, and ready to continue on your way, prepared once more to celebrate the journey of life and praise the Lord. Hey, weary traveler, [Great Plains Presbyterian Pilgrimage](#) is waiting for you at Calvin Crest in Fremont, Neb. Cost is \$230 per person, scholarships are available.

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## Save the Date for November Tentmaker Annual Conference in Illinois

The Association of Presbyterian Tentmakers Annual Conference . Nov 12-14, 2010 . Check out their brochure and more info on [Presbyterian Tentmakers](#). "Emergent Christianity and Tentmaker Ministry" Keynote Speaker – Phyllis Tickle, author of The Great Emergence at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. Conference Information: Davis Fisher, [davisfishr@aol.com](mailto:davisfishr@aol.com) or 847-733-9977. [Click here to view the conference flier](#).

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## Discount Computer Software Available through General Assembly Partner

Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010<sup>®</sup> can be purchased through General Assembly's Presbyterian Purchasing Partnership. You are able to buy a license for \$71 for each computer. Order it directly from SHI. You can find more information at [www.pcusa.org/purchasingpartners/computer.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/purchasingpartners/computer.htm) or e-mail direct with your questions regarding quotes to the SHI Account team at [teamSHIOH@shi.com](mailto:teamSHIOH@shi.com) Reference: Microsoft Open License Charities – Part#: 79P-03530.

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