



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Aug. 18** – Personnel Committee Meeting, 4-5:30 p.m., Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **Aug. 20** – Lunch & Learn Series, *Social Networking Online with Youth*, Noon-1 p.m., Presbytery Office. Bring a brown bag lunch – beverages are provided. (If you'd like to join us by teleconference and/or Web-conference, contact Kim ASAP at: pbycommunication@presbyteryofdesmoines.org.)

Joys and Concerns

Pssttt! August 30 is Homecoming at *Worship Under the Tent* at **Heartland Presbyterian Church in Clive!** We've got a Salsa band coming, the Alfredo Jimenez Salsa Orchestra and we'll have plenty of food. Another special celebration is the commissioning of parish associates **Martie Larsen** and **Scott Valentine**. Invite as many wandering Heartlanders or Presbytery members involved in the development of this new church as you can think of. A potluck meal will follow the 10 a.m. service. Join us and bring your table service and dish to share. We look forward to seeing you!

Trinity United Parish and the **LeRoy Presbyterian Church** have reserved 65 tickets to the I-Cubs game on Sunday, Aug 23. Let us know if you're interested in joining this great group. We'll have dogs and brats in north parking lot before the game to save you some coins. P.S. Early out from late service that day.

Des Moines Westminster Hosts Blood Drive Today!

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines, will host a Blood Drive for The Blood Center of Iowa on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, from 3-7:30 p.m. For every donor registered, Westminster gives \$5 to **CROSS Ministries**, a social outreach program of the **Presbytery of Des Moines** and **Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church** serving low- and no-income families in the Des Moines area. To make an appointment, contact Blood Drive Coordinator **Sue Freeman**, 515-473-4699, or **Joan Mahaffey** in the church office, jmahaffey@westpres.org or 515-274-1534. Walk-ins are welcome! Eligible donors must be 16 years of age or older, in good health, and weigh at least 120 pounds. For more information about donating blood, visit www.bloodcenterofiowa.org.

Registration is Now Open for Healthy Congregational Workshops

How do we keep pastors and churches in a healthy relationship? What do we do if/when trouble comes? The **Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke** will be on hand for two days at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines, Oct. 18 & 19, 2009. Sponsored by the **Presbytery of Des Moines** with support from **Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center**, each workshop will provide a primer on understanding the congregation as an emotional system within the basic concepts of the Bowen Theory (family systems theory).

- *Creating a Healthy Congregation Workshop* is Sunday, Oct. 18, 2-6 p.m., for congregational leaders and pastors. **Cost:** \$20 individuals, \$35 church group.
- *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times* is Monday, Oct. 19, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., for pastors only. **Cost:** \$50 (includes lunch).

For more information or to register, go to www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org. Dr. Steinke is the original designer of the Healthy Congregations concept and author of numerous books on the topic. He is an internationally respected congregational systems consultant who has also served as a parish pastor, an educator, and a therapist for clergy.



Get On Board the Annual Two Rivers Bus Trip!

The Adult Ministry Task Force of the Two River Regional Partnership has finalized plans for the annual fall bus trip, September 26 and the bus is almost full! The cost is \$25 per person, which includes the noon meal. The bus will leave the parking lot of Knox United Presbyterian Church at 7 a.m.

The first destination is the Western Historic Trail Center in Council Bluffs. Next, a tour of the historic General Dodge House. After a buffet lunch at the Golden Corral Family Steak House, the group will visit the Squirrel Cage Jail and the Union Pacific Railroad Museum. The last stop will be at the Kanessville Tabernacle Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The bus will return to Knox at 7:15 p.m.

For a full itinerary or to register, contact Trip Registrar Larry Milroy at 515-255-6860. If you sign up and then change your mind, you will receive a full refund if you cancel by Sept. 12.

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Iowa Homeless Youth Centers Needs Volunteer Help

IHYC is looking for a volunteer or group to provide yard work on weekly or bi-weekly basis at the Lighthouse Host Home. Needs include mowing, weeding, and raking. Supplies are provided. Lighthouse is at 1216 Martin Luther King Pkwy., Des Moines. For details, contact Toni Nicol at 262-1222.

Employment Opportunities

Counselor, HOME, Inc., Des Moines, Ia. – A BS/BA or AA/AS degree, plus one year human services experience is required. Good communication skills, the ability to work well with people of all cultural and economic backgrounds and enjoyment of phone work are also necessary. Knowledge of housing programs is helpful. This job is full-time with benefits and salary range is \$30,000-\$34,000. Additional compensation is offered for a person with fluent Spanish speaking skills. Send resume to HOME, Inc., 1111-9th St, #210, Des Moines, IA 50314.

Shelter Coordinator, CFI's Domestic Violence Services, Des Moines, Ia. – Position oversees shelter activities and is responsible for day-to-day operations, supervising the assistant coordinator, interviewing, hiring and training employees, planning, assigning and directing work. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work or closely-related human services field plus appropriate direct service and 3-5 years supervisory experience and in women's issues and domestic abuse and skills with MS Word, Excel, Outlook. Submit resume and cover letter to: Melissa Hanrahan, CFI, 1111 University Ave., Des Moines, IA 50314.

Childcare Provider, Visiting Nurse Service, Des Moines, Ia. – Person to provide child care during programming. A high school diploma or equivalent and minimum of one year's experience in an early childhood setting are required. Fluent written and verbal communications skills in English and Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic or Nuer are preferred. Flexible schedule, some work in evenings and weekends. A valid Iowa driver's license and insurance are required. Candidates should work effectively with a team and adhere to mandatory abuse reporter guidelines. Must attend mandatory educational programs. Contact Kay Tannatt at Visiting Nurse Services, 1211 Vine St., West Des Moines, IA 50265.

Administrative Assistant, Windsor Presbyterian Church, Windsor Heights, Ia. – This half-time position requires someone experienced, and has patience in handling church matters with compassion and discretion. Verbal, written and visual communication skills are required as well as the ability to manage a diverse range of tasks and people. Seeking a self-starter capable of initiative and independent work. Proficiency with computers and ability to learn new skills/applications is required. Church administration and/or tenant management experience a plus. Describe facilities with computer applications in resume. E-mail resume to windsorpresby@yahoo.com.

Secretary, St. Joseph Education Center, Des Moines, Ia. – This part-time position lasts 9 months from September 15 – June 15. Position requires strong interpersonal/communication/organizational skills, computer literacy and proficiency in Microsoft Word/Excel. Schedule is flexible from M-F, 15 hours per week at \$12.00/hr. E-mail cover letter and resume to Dr. Tom Neal tneal@dowlingcatholic.org.

Are you Prepared? September is National Disaster Preparedness Month.

The Iowa Disaster Human Resources Council, the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the Rebuild Iowa Office and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourage everyone to look at their own personal preparedness for disaster, as well as the disaster preparedness of their community, churches and organizations. Between 1990 and 2008 there were over 20 presidentially-declared disasters in Iowa, affecting all 99 counties. The frequency rate was from a low of two to a high of thirteen. Speakers are available to go to churches and other community organizations and make presentations about disaster preparedness. Also, there are materials available to groups to share with their members which help in developing church and organizational preparedness, family preparedness and personal preparedness. Call Jim or Linda, Voluntary Agency Liaisons with FEMA, at 515-251-3539 to schedule a presentation or to receive informational brochures. Also, you can visit Des Moines Area Religious Council's Web site to view Homeland Security's Disaster Preparedness Template for faith-based organizations at www.dmreligious.org/.

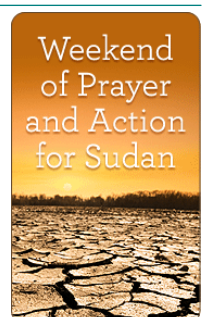
The Project Recovery Web site, www.projectrecoveryiowa.org, has information about getting help in the wake of last year's natural disasters.

Be Ready Iowa! An emergency – be it a flood, tornado, winter storm or power outage – can occur quickly and without warning. Although emergencies cannot be prevented, there are some simple things you can do now to be better prepared: assemble an emergency supply kit, create a family communication plan, make plans for your pets, and address special needs. For more information, visit www.ready.gov or www.bereadyiowa.org.

Pray and Act for Sudan

The people of Sudan have experienced conflict for years. Across the country lives have been lost, communities scattered, people displaced. Steps toward peace have been made. The situation remains fragile. Our sisters and brothers in Sudan need our prayer at all times.

On the weekend of August 28 to 30 join in prayer and action with the Presbyterian Office on Africa, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Sudan Advocacy Action Forum. Get resources to help. Find prayers, advocate for peace and learn about past General Assembly action on Sudan. To learn more, go to www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/.



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