



# The Wider Circle E-News

## Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Dec. 17** – Coordinating Council meeting, 4 p.m., **Knox United Presbyterian Church**, 2315 59<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines,
- **Dec. 20** – *4th Sunday of Advent*; Christmas Joy Offering
- **Dec. 20** – A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, 7 p.m. at **Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines**. Featuring the Chancel & Festival Choirs, Carols & anthems by Hovland, Jordan, Manz, Mendelssohn, Pergolesi, Rutter, Shaw & Willcocks
- **Dec. 22** – Roasted Pork Loin Dinner at **Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Des Moines**, from 5-7 p.m. Cost is: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6-12, and children under 5 are free. To get your tickets, contact the church Office Administrator Kris Robinson at 515-288-5703. Funds from this dinner will go towards a new video project at the church.
- **Dec. 24** – *Christmas Eve*, **Presbytery Office is closed for Winter Break and reopens Monday, Jan. 4.**
- **Dec. 25** – *Nativity of Jesus Christ/Christmas Day*
- **Jan. 1** – New Year's Day
- **Jan. 4** – Presbytery Office reopens
- **Jan. 8-9** – Youth and Leaders Retreat, (grades 6-12), join us for fun and tubing Jan. 8-9, 2010, at Sleepy Hollow, 4051 Dean Ave., Des Moines. Sponsored by the **Camping/Youth Ministries Task Force**. Activities begin Friday at 7 p.m. and kids can be picked Saturday at 2 p.m. If you would like to participate contact **Task Force Moderator Dennis Britson** at [dnbritson@aol.com](mailto:dnbritson@aol.com) or 515-988-1360. The total cost is \$30 and includes meals and snow tubing.

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### Office Hours are:

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

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## Joys and Concerns

Condolences again go out to the honorably retired **Rev. Bob Cook**, who's brother, Jacob Cook of Little Rock, Ark., passed away this past week after a long illness.

## Pledging for 2010 Program Year Reminder: Per capita is due January 29<sup>th</sup>

**General Mission Dollars** are pledged by each church every year. Your church can choose to divide this amount by the suggested percentages of 40% to General Assembly, 19% to Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and 41% to Presbytery of Des Moines. Or, divide the pledged amount in other percentages or other designated causes.

The **per capita** amount for each year is established to help set the budget after all requests have come in from our Presbytery committees. In order to meet our obligations with the General Assembly and Synod, where we are required to pay them according to the amounts they have set. We must then adjust our budget accordingly. Our membership total for 2008 was 9,203. This is the number on which the 2010 per capita amount is based.

For 2010, the per capita amount, per member is \$30.00 and is due on Jan. 31, 2009, in the Presbytery Office. To make payments monthly or quarterly, please contact **Stated Clerk Phil Barrett** at 515-276-4991 or by e-mail at [pby1@presbyteryofdesmoines.org](mailto:pby1@presbyteryofdesmoines.org).

### 2010 Per Capita

General Assembly	\$6.15
Synod	\$4.80
Presbytery	+ \$19.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

## Retired Pastor's Christmas Luncheon

On Friday, December 4, retired pastors, spouses and the Presbytery office staff met at the **Rev. Bob and Jeanne Burnett** home for the annual celebration. Pictured (left to right), back row: *Rev. Claude Jones, Rev. Aaron and Barbara Koskamp, Rev. John Beran, Rev. Tom Conrey, Rev. Dick Kiefer, Rev. Phil Barrett, Jeanne Burnett, Betty Dyer, Rev. Gus Nelson*. Middle row: *Rev. Marvin and Margery Potter, Rev. Pat and Verle Summers, Rev. Goanar Chol, Irene Bosman*. Front row: *Kim Coulter, Rev. Bob Cook, Susan Conrey, Cindy and Dean Zingg (Dean is Director of Music for Park Avenue Presbyterian Church) and Rev. Bob Burnett*.



## Planning on Attending 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium?

See what one past participant has to say about the experience:

"Triennium was an amazing experience, from trading pins with other Presbyterians, to the MASSIVE worship services, to the small group time. PYT was a great opportunity for me to meet and bond with other youth in the Des Moines Presbytery (Can you say 9-hour bus ride?) as well as meet students from across the nation! This was my first real experience to 'live' on a college campus. We got to sleep in the dorms, eat in the dining center, and even walk around the campus. It is a good time all around."

– [Chad Schwickerath](#)



**Registration is Open for Next Summer's Youth Triennium.** Every three years the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America gather thousands of Presbyterian youth and adult youth leaders together for worship, play, music, community building, and Bible study. This is known as the [Presbyterian Youth Triennium](#) (PYT), and next summer it runs July 20-24 at Purdue University in Indiana. The Triennium is for young people entering or completing high school (approximately ages 14-19 years old by July 20, 2010). Adult advisors must be 21 years of age by this date. A work crew track is available for college-aged young people who would like to apply to attend and volunteer to work behind the scenes. Des Moines Presbytery application forms are now available online at [www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org](http://www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org). Send your completed form and estimated number of participants to our Presbytery of Des Moines' PYT Registrar **Sara Lamb** as soon as possible, at: 210 W. Green St., Winterset, IA 50273-1634, [yndsara@q.com](mailto:yndsara@q.com), 515-462-3261.

## Employment Opportunities

**Director of Youth and Children Ministry, Memorial Presbyterian Church of Cherokee, Ia.** – Full-time person with a passion for Christ and making Him known is needed. Applicants should possess a sense of call to work with young people and a desire to see them grow into maturity in their relationship with Christ. Experience in youth ministry and missions along with leadership skills are desired. A typical week in the life of a youth director:

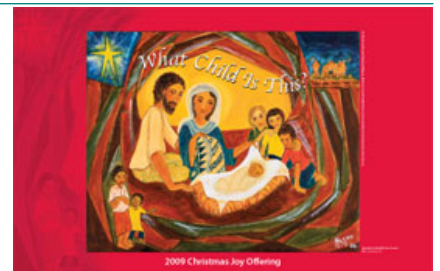
- Eating cafeteria food as you visit the middle school for lunch
- Drinking lattes with your adult volunteers as you plan the upcoming youth group meetings
- Playing dodge-ball and four-square until you can't move
- Leading a Bible study with youth who want to know how to follow Jesus
- Going to the game on Friday to cheer on your youth group members
- Lock-in!

If this sounds like your calling, we'd love to hear from you! For more information contact Pastor Ethan at: 712-225-2637 or [reveds@msn.com](mailto:reveds@msn.com) or Memorial Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 825, 127 E. Willow St., Cherokee, IA 51012, [www.cmpres.com](http://www.cmpres.com)

## Receive the *Christmas Joy Offering*

A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the *Christmas Joy Offering* provides congregations with a direct way of supporting specific causes that help those in need. The theme of this year's Offering is "What Child is This?"

Fifty percent of the receipts to the *Christmas Joy Offering* are distributed to the Board of Pensions for programs that provide assistance to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other 50 percent helps fund Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Mission Council. Invite your church members to support these programs – receive the *Christmas Joy Offering* on December 20, [www.pcusa.org/cjoffering/](http://www.pcusa.org/cjoffering/).



## College-age Retreat is Offered to Iowa Presbyterian Young Adults

On January 4-6, college-age students and young adults are invited to join the North Central and Prospect Hill presbyteries for a retreat during the winter break. "Living a Legacy" Are you bored out of your mind on Christmas break or the winter blues getting you down? Get away and spend some time with other young adults at the camp on Jan. 4. Grab your Snuggie, snow boots, sleeping bag, Bible and winter gear and have some relaxing fun! Josh Doorenbos, a senior at Northwestern College, is keynote speaker on what it means to "Live a Legacy for Christ". Enjoy large group worships, small groups, sledding, broom ball, snow ball fights, fort building, campfires and s'mores, food, relaxation and fun! If this retreat interests you, send your registration in by Dec. 22! Retreat will start on Monday, Jan. 4 at 2 p.m. and go through Wednesday, Jan. 6 with check-out at 2 p.m. Cost is \$85 and includes two nights in Pine or Cottonwood lodges and six meals. Leaders include: Anne Reiter, a 2009 graduate from University of Northern Iowa and previous Program Director for the camp. She now serves as Youth Director for Lake City Union Church. Josh Doorenbos, a previous camp staff member from 2007-2009 is a senior of Northwestern College at Orange City. He is getting married in June and hopes to go into seminary when he graduates. Cabin housing has bunk beds and shared bath. (Bring your own bedding and towels.) Make checks payable for full amount of event, for non-refundable registration amount. Registration fees include the costs of housing, meals, and program for events listed in this brochure. Questions? Contact the Milford camp office at 712-337-3313 or e-mail: [info@presbycamp.org](mailto:info@presbycamp.org).

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