



## The Wider Circle E-News

### Mark your calendars this week for:

- **Feb. 2** – Transformation Team meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., American Institute of Business (AIB), Des Moines
- **Feb. 2** – Congregational Care & Development meeting, 2 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- **Feb. 2** – Compañeros meeting, 6:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church
- **Feb. 3** – South Central Regional Partnership Elder Training, 7-9 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Centerville. RSVP to Suzanne Gorhau, 641-216-3771 or [frugalwoman@msn.com](mailto:frugalwoman@msn.com) (For elders and deacons in the following churches: Hartford, LeRoy, Chariton, Indianola, Leon, Centerville, Scotch Ridge, Lucas, Allerton, and Knoxville.) Officers from other Presbyterian Churches are also invited! Pick a date and place—the session also be held, Feb. 6 in Knoxville.
- **Feb. 4** – CROSS Ministries meeting, 7 p.m., Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- **Feb. 5** – Exam for candidates, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **Feb. 6** – Social Ministries Task Force meeting, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **Feb. 6** – South Central Regional Partnership Elder Training, 2-4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. RSVP to the church office, 641-828-7669 or [knoxpres@iowatelecom.net](mailto:knoxpres@iowatelecom.net).
- **Feb. 7** – *Superbowl of Caring*
- **Feb. 9** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **Feb. 9** – Committee on Preparation for Ministry meeting, 1:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Simmerman Lounge.
- **Feb. 9** – Professional Care and Development Committee meeting, 4 p.m., Presbytery Office
- **Feb. 10** – Stewardship and Mission Interpretation meeting, 9:30 a.m., Presbytery Office
- **Feb. 13** – Joining Hands meeting, 10 am – Noon, Presbytery Office
- **Feb. 14** – *Transfiguration of the Lord*
- **Feb. 14** – On Sunday, the First Presbyterian Church, Earlham, is hosting a Homeless Sunday. Howard Crow Eagle, of Iowa Homeless Centers, is coming to speak during worship. Everyone is invited to attend!

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#### Office Hours are:

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

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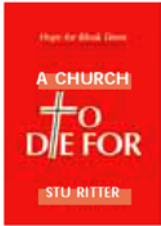
### Give a Gift of Love at February 15 Blood Drive

Give a gift of love to those in need on the day after Valentine's Day... give blood at the next **Westminster Presbyterian Church** Blood Drive at 4114 Allison Ave. **Des Moines!** For each person who registers to donate blood, the Deacons will give \$5 to **CROSS Ministries** to help low- and no-income families in our community. To make an appointment, call 515-274-1534 or e-mail church secretary **Joan Mahaffey**, [jmahaffey@westpres.org](mailto:jmahaffey@westpres.org) today!

### Employment Opportunities

**Temporary Supply Pastor/Head of Staff, Ankeny Presbyterian Church** – The full-time position is for a minimum of one year and may be extended. The pastor provides leadership by: developing and implementing the congregational mission and vision, involving paid staff, lay leadership, volunteers and members of the church. Also, she/he will provide meaningful worship both traditional and contemporary style, spiritual guidance and mentoring to the ministry teams, as well as provide pastoral care of members, moderate the Session and be available as a resource to committees of Session. The pastor will represent the church throughout the community, be involved in the connectional system of the PC(USA) and be a responsible ambassador for the church in the community through creativity and vision. A job description is available from the Presbytery Office or the Ankeny Church. Full benefits package is included. To apply, contact Search Task Force co-moderators **Sandy Wagener**, [swagener@dwx.com](mailto:swagener@dwx.com) or **Bonnie McCaughey**, [bjm42552@aol.com](mailto:bjm42552@aol.com). Or send to Congregational Care & Development (CCD) liaison **Rev. Jan Scott**, [janscott@wdmcoventant.org](mailto:janscott@wdmcoventant.org). If mailing hard copies, label "Temporary Supply Pastor Search—Personal" and send to **Ankeny Presbyterian Church**, 317 S.E. Trilein Dr., Ankeny, IA 50021-3232 or to **Rev. Jan Scott, Covenant Presbyterian Church**, 1025 28<sup>th</sup> St., West Des Moines, IA 50266. In order to expedite the process, it is recommend to mail directly to either the Search Task Force or to the church.

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## Des Moines Pastor has New Book that's to Die For

The Rev. W. Stu Ritter, interim pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, writes in his weekly message in the church newsletter *Does Anybody Really Know Where We're Going?*. In his message he states that the challenge for the church is learning how to do ministry in a culture that has greatly changed. Will we recognize what no longer works and what will work for churches in the future? Stu writes, "...This challenge is not unique to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The church has survived on 'more of the same' since the time of Constantine." For a broad view of "how we got here from there," you can preview Stu's book, *A Church to Die For Ch 1-4* online at: [www.scribd.com/doc/13043611/A-Church-to-Die-For-Ch-14](http://www.scribd.com/doc/13043611/A-Church-to-Die-For-Ch-14).

## Have you thought about Volunteering or Attending PYT?

Here is what our Heartland Presbyterian Church in Clive member Sharon Kuntz Glenn, had to say about her Presbyterian Youth Triennium experience:

*"I went to Triennium as a youth. It was the year that PC(USA) came together I believe... Very exciting and such a thrill for me as I represented my tiny country church. I'd never met so many Presbyterians in my life!"*



To learn more about PYT, contact Registrar Sara Lamb at [yndsara@q.com](mailto:yndsara@q.com) or 515-418-6122. To sign up as a volunteer or youth participant, download applications at: [www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/mission.htm](http://www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/mission.htm), complete and send to the Presbytery of Des Moines, 2400 86<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 20, Urbandale, IA 50322.

## Peacemaker is coming to Drake in Des Moines, Feb. 21 & 22

Cindy Sheehan is to speak in Des Moines and participate in the Iowa Component of the Peaceable Assembly Campaign-Nonviolent Direct Action against War Funding <http://vcnv.org/pac> on Feb. 21 & 22 at the Drake Olmsted Center and Offices of Elected Officials. The Peaceable Assembly Campaign seeks an end to the U.S. wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and an end to U.S. support of the continued occupation of the Palestinian territories.

Sheehan, <http://cindyshheehanssoapbox.blogspot.com/>, whose oldest child Casey died as a soldier in Iraq, has been tirelessly working to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. A member of Voices for Creative Non-Violence <http://vcnv.org/> will give an overview of the Peaceable Assembly Campaign. Sunday evening, Feb. 21, the guest speaker will be featured at the Drake Olmsted Center on the campus of Drake University in Des Moines. On Feb. 22, there will be a vigil and non-violent direct action at various offices of elected officials, as decided the afternoon previous. Individual and organization co-sponsors are invited to help with Cindy's expenses. For more information contact: Brian Terrell, [terrellcpm@yahoo.com](mailto:terrellcpm@yahoo.com), 641-785-2321 or Elton Davis, [elton\\_davis@excite.com](mailto:elton_davis@excite.com), 515-771-9322.

## Rural Ministry Conference to be in held in Dubuque, March 7-9

**Nurturing Generosity** is the theme for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Ministry Conference will be at the Dubuque Best Western (Sunday night) and Wartburg (Monday through Noon on Tuesday.) Leaders in rural communities and congregations gather to gain insight and inspiration, to network and neighbor that our ministries might be empowered. This year we'll release God's abundance in a time of perceived scarcity. The following speakers and workshop topics will be featured: Rev. Dr. Paul Baglyos, ELCA Region 3 Coordinator, former director of Center of Land and Theology and rural ministry professor at Wartburg Theological Seminary; Bill Northey, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture and farmer; Dr. Ann Fritschel, Professor of Hebrew Bible, Wartburg Theological Seminary; Rev. Connie Burkholder, Spiritual Director, Heartland Center for Spirituality and former district executive of Northern Plains region, Church of the Brethren; and Rod Nilsestuen, Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Workshop Topics/Presenters: "Nurturing Generosity through Understanding One's Own Story" – Rev. Ginger Anderson-Larson; "Remaking Rural Communities: Ideas that Work" – Rod Nilsestuen; "Nurturing Generosity through Invitation and Relationship: The Nuts and Bolts of Asking" – Beth Nelson Chase; "Harnessing the Wind for God's Purposes" – Matt & Joy Kauffmann. For more info, contact Stephanie McCarthy, [smccarthy@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:smccarthy@wartburgseminary.edu) or [ruralmin@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:ruralmin@wartburgseminary.edu).



## Funding Mission Today & Tomorrow, March 15-17

To be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the Hilton Indianapolis Downtown. Three Easy Steps to Register:

- 1. Fill Out and Submit Conference Registration Form.** Print out the registration form and mail it to the conference registrar: Heartland Presbytery, 3210 Michigan Ave., Ste. #200, Kansas City, MO 64109. [Click here](#) for the registration form. Or fill out the registration form using your computer. E-mail it to the conference registrar by clicking the 'EMAIL' button in the upper right corner of the form.
- 2. Pay Your Registration Fee.** Mail your payment to the conference registrar. Make checks payable to Heartland Presbytery, with *Stewardship Kaleidoscope* on the memo line. Or make your payment online via PayPal. [Click here](#) to begin this secure online payment process.
- 3. Reserve Your Hotel Accommodations.** Call Hilton Indianapolis Downtown Group Reservations, Jonathan Melendez, 317-822-5913. Conference room rate is guaranteed through Feb. 12. Be sure to mention the group name: *Stewardship Kaleidoscope* – Synod of Lincoln Trails. Or Make your reservation online. [Click here](#) to visit the Hilton's online reservation Web page for *Stewardship Kaleidoscope*. You will need the group code: SYN.

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