



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **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. **POSTPONED to Feb 18**
- **Feb. 9** – Professional Care and Development Committee meeting, 4 p.m., Presbytery Office **POSTPONED to Feb. 23**
- **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** – Homeless Sunday Service, 9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Earlham. Howard Crow Eagle, of Iowa Homeless Centers, is speaker for worship. The Presbytery is invited.

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to **the Rev. Don & Emily Seeger** of the **First United Presbyterian Church in Atlantic** upon their retirement (or "rewirement" as Emily calls it). Plans are to place their home on the market by March 1 and when sold, they will move to Louisville, Ky., to be near daughters, Beth and Mary and their families. When asked about their thoughts, Don and Emily responded, "We have enjoyed being a part of this Presbytery and look forward to worshipping with our many friends in their churches." **Everyone in the Presbytery is invited to their Retirement Party on Sunday, Feb. 28**, starting with worship at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck at First United Presbyterian Church, in Atlantic.

The Rev. Mark Davis (Clive, Heartland) and the **Rev. Richard Harbart (Des Moines, Douglas Avenue)** are traveling this month (Feb. 6-13) to Cuba for a study trip on the *Letters of Paul*, led by the renowned New Testament scholar John Dominic Crossan and hosted by the religion faculty at the University of Havana. Because of the current U.S. embargo against Cuba, they will be flying through Toronto, Canada, as a hub traveling there and back again. Prayers for safety and hassle-free travel are welcomed.

Join Homeless Sunday Worship Service in Earlham, February 14

On Sunday, February 14, **the First Presbyterian Church, Earlham**, is hosting a Homeless Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. The guest speaker will be Howard Crow Eagle, who has served as Outreach Counselor for Iowa Homeless Youth Center, and West Central Shelter in Des Moines. Howard is a Native American who has worked with homeless adults and youth for over 20 years and has a very unique view of the people and their problems. He will be sharing some of his experiences with us and let us know how we can help. Everyone is invited to attend and be informed and enlightened at the First Presbyterian Church, 255 E. 1st St., Earlham. The church has an ongoing mission to provide quality items to the homeless and this project is a continuation of that mission.

DMPCC Annual Meeting Announcement, February 18

The Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, February 18, 2010. The event will be held at Walnut Ridge, 1701 Campus Drive in Clive, 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner and meeting. The program will feature the **Rev. Dr. J. Jeffrey Means**, director of the Center's Institute for the Practice of Ministry. His presentation is titled, *Looking Back to the Future*. If you'd like to attend the annual meeting, call 515-274-4006.

Attend De-commissioning Service at Tingley United, February 21

The Tingley United Presbyterian Church is inviting everyone in the Presbytery to attend the de-commissioning of this 126-year-old church organized in July 12, 1883 with 15 members. At its peak in 1896, it had 251 communicants. In 1960, **Shannon City United Presbyterian Church** united with the Tingley congregation. They will officially close their doors with 27 members. The service is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Tingley United Presbyterian Church, 301 W. Main St. in Tingley. If you plan to attend from the Des Moines area and would be interested in car-pooling with others, contact the Presbytery Office, 515-276-4991 or pydesmoines@presbyteryofdesmoines.org.



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

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Westminster Mission Intern heads to El Salvador Teaching English

Des Moines Westminster Presbyterian Church member **Alisha Lundberg** is traveling to Berlin, El Salvador to begin her 6-week teaching English experience. Below is an excerpt from her blog <http://ailorraine.blogspot.com> (The blog name is in memory of Alisha's father, who called her "Ali Lorraine" and always encouraged her to travel and create her own adventures.):

"Hola a todos! As most of you know by now I will be leaving on February 8th to spend 6 weeks in the town of Berlin in Usulután, El Salvador. There I will be teaching English in a local school and a community class, and trying to gain a better understanding of the school system. I will be able to work on my Spanish language skills, learn more about the town of Berlin, and eat beans every day! Most importantly, I will be spending time with some of the most loving and generous people I have ever met. It is truly a blessing to be received into a community with open arms and open hearts. The happiness and hopefulness of the people never ceases to amaze me, especially when they are faced with tremendous social and economic injustice. I hope their kindness and positive thinking will rub off on me, and that I will be able to bring a part of that joy back to the U.S. with me..."

"I'd also encourage you to take a look at the website of Our Sister Parish, which is the organization responsible for the partnership with and mission trips to El Salvador. There you can find the history of the mission, the mission co-worker's blog, church delegations that go down, and Don Justo coffee information. Westminster Presbyterian Church partners with the San Francisco canton. The website is www.oursisterparish.org/." ~ Con cariño, Alisha Lundberg

PC(USA) Mission Connections Update

Bernie Adeney-Risakotta visited the Des Moines Presbytery during October 2009 to speak about his experience as mission co-worker for the PC(USA). He touched many lives during his short stay in the Greater Des Moines area. An update has been posted at the PC(USA) Web site of recent happenings in their lives since returning to Indonesia. (Bernie is pictured here with his wife, Farsijana.) To read their December newsletter, go online to: www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/letters/adeneby/adeneby_0912.htm.



IAC Offers Webinars About Grant Changes, Grant Writing Workshop Set

The Iowa Arts Council (IAC) is offering a Webinar in February to discuss changes in its Major Grant program, along with a general grant writing workshop. Following is the schedule of Webinars and workshop:

- IAC Grant Writing Workshop - 1-4 p.m., Monday Feb. 22, 2010 at the State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust St., Des Moines.
- Major Grant Program Changes Webinar - 11 a.m.-noon, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010

Artists and others interested in participating may register for any or both of the programs by clicking on the "Register for a Grant Writing Workshop" link at www.iowaartscouncil.org, filling out the grant writing workshop registration form, and submitting it online to IAC.

IAC's Major Grant program offers grants up to \$10,000 in five areas: artists, arts in education, folk & traditional art, organizations and public art. Major Grant applications are due at 4:30 p.m. April 1, 2010, at the Iowa Arts Council, 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319, for projects occurring between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. IAC does not anticipate having an Oct. 1, 2010, Major Grant application deadline due to state budget cuts. Changes to the Major Grant program can be found [here](#).

Prepare for Lent

The season of Lent provides an opportunity to learn what it means to follow Christ. Planning significant worship for Lent and Easter can be challenging, but you can find just what you need all in one place.

The collection of materials on the [Resources for Lent Web site](#) includes the

moderator's 2010 Lenten Study Knowing God's Triune Story, a suggestion for a new Lenten discipline and multilingual resources. You will also find the Presbyterians Today 2010 Lenten Devotional Guide, a Jubilee Journal and a collection of liturgical resources.



feed the hungry
fill your bowl.

Des Moines Area Religious Council
Emergency Food Pantry
4th Annual Soup Supper
and Pottery Sale

Sunday, February 21st
4:30-7:00 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church
600 6th Avenue, Des Moines

tickets \$10

eat...

The DMARC Emergency Food Pantry 4th Annual Soup Supper is Sunday, February 21st from 4:30-7 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 600 6th Avenue in Des Moines. All money raised will go to the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry's hunger prevention efforts in the Greater Des Moines Area.

Take home a hand-crafted bowl with your ticket purchase, while supplies last. Or, purchase a one-of-a-kind pottery piece.

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Tickets are \$10.
Call 515.277.6969
or visit DMreligious.org

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a light-colored pottery bowl. The background is a warm, orange-toned image of a hand holding a bowl.