



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- Feb. 16 – Khadamat Sudaniya meeting, 4-5:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- Feb. 17 – *Ash Wednesday*
- Feb. 18 – Lunch & Learn, *CE Curriculum – What's the POINT? and is PYT for you?* Noon-1 p.m., with Des Moines Presbytery's POINT Person Sara Lamb, Christian Education Director for First United Presbyterian Church, Winterset. These monthly brown bag sessions are offered on the third Thursday of the month (except April) at the Presbytery Office, 2400 86th St., Ste. #20, Urbandale
- Feb. 18 – Committee on Preparation of Ministry meeting, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- Feb. 19-20 – *Family Winter Getaway*, Okoboji Presbyterian Camp, 1864 Hwy. 86; Milford, IA 51351 More info at: info@presbycamp.org.
- Feb. 20 – *The Joy of Forgiveness Retreat*, **Heartland Presbyterian Church**, 142nd St. & Hickman Rd., Clive, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. To register, contact **Parish Associate Martie Larsen, CLP**, at 515-987-4246 or martie@heartlandpresbyterian.org.
- Feb. 21 – De-commissioning Service, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Tingley United Presbyterian Church, 301 W. Main St., Tingley, IA 50863-0117. Everyone in the Presbytery is invited to attend this de-commissioning of this 126-year-old church organized in July 12, 1883 with 15 members. At it's 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 this Sunday with 27 members.
- Feb. 21 – *Self Development of People (SDOP)* Sunday
- Feb. 23 – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office

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

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Do you need a speaker for your group?

Would you like to learn more about the Presbytery of Des Moines? **Presbytery Office Manager Betty Dyer** is available to come to your church to speak. "Who & What is the Presbytery of Des Moines?" can be a presentation at your church. She just finished teaching a 3-week Sunday School class at Trinity United Presbyterian in Indianola and is willing to tailor her talk to the amount of time you have available. Call her at 515-961-6150 to make arrangements.



Have you thought about Volunteering or Attending PYT?

Here is what our **General Presbyter and Stated Clerk Rev. Phil Barrett**, had to say about his Presbyterian Youth Triennium experience:

Presbyterian Youth Triennium: The best thing our denomination does for young people – and you can quote me on that. For a summer week every three years, thousands of youth descend on the campus of Purdue University for an amazing experience. While the majority of those attending are from the denominations sponsoring the experience (ours is the largest), youth and adult advisors from around the world share in this time. They participate in energetic worship experiences, small groups, learning opportunities, recreation, lots of walking, long days and short nights, and experience Midwestern summer weather. Until three years ago, I helped lead presbytery delegations to the Triennium every time since the first one in 1980 (Wow, am I old!), with two exceptions. More than anything else, I was privileged to be present with young people as their lives were changed, as they grew in and experienced faith, and as they were turned on to the Presbyterian Church. (I changed each time as well.) These folks become leaders in our churches and in our presbytery, "Triennium kids" become Youth Advisory Delegates to Synod and General Assembly as well as ordained church officers. Another Triennium experience comes this summer. Send as many youth as you can. If you're chronologically older than a youth, volunteer to go as an adult advisor. Your congregation, your young people, our presbytery and denomination will all benefit.

To learn more about PYT, attend Thursday's Lunch & Learn, Noon at the Presbytery Office or contact **Registrar Sara Lamb** at yndsara@q.com or 515-418-6122. To sign up as a volunteer or youth participant, download applications at: www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/mission.htm, complete and send to the Presbytery of Des Moines, 2400 86th St., Ste. 20, Urbandale, IA 50322.

SHARE Iowa Disburses Food to Members and Community

Would you like to save money on groceries? Do you know someone who could benefit from stretching his or her food dollars? SHARE can offer you up to a 50% savings on nutritious food packages for just two hours of volunteer service* each month. To find out more about SHARE: check out our web site, www.shareiowa.org, or call 800-344-1107. Scroll down and check out the money-saving, food packages offered for February include:

- (A) **Best Value Package \$22.00** "Save up to 50% on your groceries"
- (B) **Grocery Package \$12.00** "Purchase with an (A) to double your fruits and vegetables"
- (C) **Meat Only Package \$12.00** "Purchase with an (A) package to double your meat"
- (D) **USDA Choice Steak Package \$15.00** Four/6 oz. Steaks
- (E) **Chicken Cordon Bleu Package \$13.50**
- (F) **Seafood Package \$17.00** "6 Items 3.5 lbs"
- (G) **Choice Item \$ 9.00 Pork Sausage Patties** *Must purchase package A,B,C,D, E or F to qualify for this item.

So far we are aware of the following Des Moines Presbytery churches which participate in this low-cost food purchasing option: **First Presbyterian Church in Ottumwa**, and **Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines**.

**Many volunteers are needed at SHARE Iowa Warehouse.* The SHARE Iowa Warehouse is located at 1102 S. 7th St., Oskaloosa. If you plan to help with any of the following tasks, call 641-673-4000. The warehouse is cool, so dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes.

- **Feb. 20, 8 a.m.-Noon** — Bagging volunteers needed. Task includes: making mesh bags, bagging food, food sales, food preparation and cleanup. Most jobs require standing, but there are sit-down jobs. Usually there are jobs available for all fitness levels. Lunch provided.
- **Feb. 23-26, 7:30 a.m.-Noon** — **Order Pulling volunteers needed.** Task includes: counting food, lifting boxes, getting food ready to ship out. Some of these jobs require more physical ability. There are no sit-down jobs. Lunch provided on Thursday only.
- **Feb. 27, 7-9 a.m.** — **Distribution volunteers needed.** Task includes: room setup and cleanup, counters, baggers, order takers, carry out. Usually jobs available for all fitness levels.

Employment Opportunities

Part-Time Choir Director, St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Johnston, Ia. — Needs a part-time choir director. If interested, call John Temple at 270-1871 or email him at templelaw@mchsi.com.

Temporary Supply Pastor/Head of Staff Ankeny Presbyterian Church, Ankeny, Ia. — Ankeny Presbyterian Church is seeking to fill this position full time for a minimum of one year, may be extended. The job description is available from the Presbytery Office or Ankeny Church. Full benefits package included. To apply, contact Sandy Wagener swagener@dwx.com or Bonnie McCaughey, bim42552@aol.com. If mailing hard copies, label "Temporary Supply Pastor Search—Personal and send to Ankeny Presbyterian, 317 S.E. Trilein Dr., Ankeny IA 50021.

Office Manager/Secretary, Ankeny Presbyterian Church, Ankeny, Ia. — Congregation of 300 members seeks church office manager and secretary. Two years experience is required, must be proficient with Microsoft Word, Publisher and other secretarial software tools, ability to do multiple tasks associated with an office environment. 20-30 hours per week minimum. Friendly personality is a plus. To apply, contact Ankeny Presbyterian, 317 S.E. Trilein Dr., Ankeny IA 50021, 515-964-0264 or office@ankenypresbyterian.org.

Schedule El Salvador Mission Co-Worker to speak at church this April

Kathy Mahler, Mission Co-worker to El Salvador will be itinerating in our Presbytery April 3-19. Below are the dates she has reserved so far. If you'd like to have Kathy visit your church, contact **Social Ministries Task Force Moderator Nancy Lister-Settle** at P.O. Box 333, Dallas Center, IA 50063, 992-3639 or NeithertheCat@aol.com.

- April 4 - **First Presbyterian Church, Dallas Center**, worship
- April 9 - **Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Windsor Presbyterian Church
- April 9/10/or11 - **Compañeros Annual Fundraiser Dinner**, evening (to be determined)
- April 11 - **Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**, worship
- April 12 - Personal Day (not available)
- April 14 - **First Presbyterian Church, Newton**, bible study, 9:30 a.m. to Noon
- April 18 - **Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines**

Heat! Wonderful, Glorious heat!

Cottage Grove Ave Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the birth of a brand-new, bouncing, blue boiler at 11:32 on Friday morning. Weighing in at a petite 3,664 pounds, standing 58" tall and 54" long, it is much smaller than its 80-year-old brother who passed-on this fall. Baby Blue is expected to be far more efficient than Old Smokey, proving that blue is green. Many thanks to **Knox United Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Des Moines**, and the many other congregations and individuals who helped deliver this bundle of joy!



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