



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **July 5-11** – Summer Fun Camp (4th to 8th & 9th to 12th Grades)* held at Wesley Woods Camp in Indianola and sponsored by the Des Moines Presbytery. Special activities include a trip to the Des Moines Blank Park Zoo and bowling. Cost is \$325. *Youth (9th-12th Grades), attend as youth leaders; cost is \$275.
- **July 6-9** – Lunch & Learn Live **videocast viewing of the 219th General Assembly** in the comfort of our Presbytery's office conference room, 9 a.m. to Noon (as GA schedule permits).
- **July 6** – Congregational Care & Development meeting, 2 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- **July 6** – Compañeros meeting, 6:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church
- **July 8-11** – Summer Friends Camp (2nd to 3rd Grades) held at Wesley Woods Camp in Indianola. Sponsored by the Des Moines Presbytery. Join us during Fun Camp special activities, plus Bible study and worship. Cost is \$185.
- **July 10-11** – Summer Youth Retreat (6th to 12th Grades) held at Wesley Woods Camp in Indianola. Sponsored by the Des Moines Presbytery. Activities include a trip to the Des Moines Blank Park Zoo and bowling. Cost is \$55.
- **July 11** – I-Cubs 2010 with the Humeston/LeRoy United Trinity Parish. Church members and friends can attend the I-Cubs game at 1:05 p.m. Last year's crowd had nearly 60 members and friends. Enjoy Randy's brats at the tailgate party beforehand at Noon in the parking lot of Principal Park. Surprise gifts for everyone. To signup, call the church office, 641-877-4641.
- **July 11-16** – Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) will meet at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. The theme for the conference is *A Psalm for All Seasons: Stewardship of the Earth; Lament; Peace; Thanksgiving; Praise*. The faculty will include Hal Hopson, well-known expert on music and the Psalms. For more information, download a conference brochure or visit the PAM Web site: www.presbymusic.org/westminster.html.
- **July 13** – Professional Care & Development meeting, 4 p.m., Presbytery Office
- **July 15** – Lunch & Learn on *Survivor Challenge: How to get inactive members to participate once again*. Noon-hour discussion, Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **July 15** – Coordinating Council meeting, 4 p.m., Calvin Community, Des Moines

Joys and Concerns

Commissioned Lay Pastor Robert Waldron and his wife **Lynne** are proud new grandparents, twice! Their daughter and son-in-law, Jenni and Eric Nixt, announce the birth of their twins on June 7. Zoe and Colton are joining a big sister, Olivia. The babies and mother are doing very well. Congratulations!

Prayers are needed for the **honorably retired Rev. Bob Burnett** who was in the hospital last week with an irregular heart beat. He is currently back at home and resting.

Prayers of healing are needed for the **Rev. Dave Madsen (DM, Cottage Grove Ave.)** who had surgery on his foot last week due to arthritis damage. He is on crutches, is moving slowly and back at work.

Prayers for safe travel and open hearts for those volunteering at the 219th General Assembly, July 3-10, in Minneapolis. **Commissioners are:** Elder Becky Diebold (Ottumwa, First), Elder Maurice Dyer (Indianola, Trinity United), Rev. Tiare Mathison (Newton, First), Rev. Dennis Morey (Oskaloosa, First), Naomi Maxa (Lenox, United). Overture sponsors are: Rev. Stu Ritter (DM Westminster) and Elder Ted Coppock (DM Westminster). **Staff include:** General Presbyter and Stated Clerk Rev. Phil Barrett, Director of Communications Kim Coulter (DM Westminster), Office Manager Betty Dyer (Indianola, Trinity United) and Sudanese Ministries Resource Person Rev. Goanar Chol. **Other volunteers are:** the honorably retired Reverend Elizabeth Knott, Intern Cindy Lou Ray, Candidate Patti Spencer Burdette (DM, Fort Des Moines), the Rev. Ross Blount (Allerton, United), the Rev. Rick Carus, Julie Cloud, and Sandy Wagner (Ankeny).

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Presbytery Office to Close Afternoons, July 2-9

Reminder: The office will be closed Monday, July 5th for the holiday. On Friday, July 2 through July 9, office hours are 9 a.m.- Noon due to office staff working at GA in Minneapolis.

General Presbyter Phil Barrett, Office Manager Betty Dyer and Director of Communications Kim Coulter will take furlough days at various times during the month due to commitments at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and Synod School at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake.

Shop at Knox United's Garage Sale: All are welcome!

The Garage Sale at **Knox United Presbyterian Church, 2315 59th St., Des Moines**, will start at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 17. Most items are 'free' to a good **church home**. Everyone of the Presbytery churches is invited! If items are leftover, they'll be opened for sale to the public. If interested, contact church member **Ed Bryan** at 515-277-7357.

CROSS Ministries 18th Annual Back-to-School Giveaway is August 5 & 6

Last year, 1,200 children from low and no-income families were assisted with the supplies they needed to begin school. CROSS needs money to buy supplies at a discount, or the following items: New backpacks, wireless spirals, markers, glue sticks, Kleenex, notebook paper, 3-ring binders, crayons, colored pencils, white glue. Donations should be made by Friday, July 30 at **Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church**. For details, call the church office, 515-279-8877.

Rural Partnership Offering Materials are Available for Churches



Social Ministries Task Force Moderator Nancy Lister-Settle wants churches to know that the Rural Partnership Offering materials are ready and available in the Des Moines Presbytery Office and online at: www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/mission.htm. If your congregation has scheduled the offering this summer, envelopes and the materials are available through the Presbytery Office. If you are scheduling your offering for the fall/winter, contact **Office Manager Betty Dyer** with an estimate of how many envelopes you will need and the date. This year's materials include: cover letter, bulletin cover/poster, bulletin insert/newsletter piece, history of the offering and a copy of the grant application. Presbytery voted as a whole to approve El Salvador, Egypt Joining Hands partnership. This is the only avenue for funds for these types of missions.

Dubuque Theological Seminary Praised for Distance Education Program

Derek Maul, an author and freelance writer in the Tampa, Fla., area "called out" seminaries in an article in the June 14 edition of *The Presbyterian Outlook* magazine. He wrote, "My friend Peggie was in her 50s when she answered God's call to ministry. ... Consequently, Peggie is taking M.Div. classes at the extension campus of a seminary associated with another denomination – a church more inclined to put resources to work in support of vision. ... The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary has been a pioneer in the field, offering a sampling of M.Div. online courses since the summer of 2004." Maul's complete article can be found at "[Calling Out Seminaries](#)."

Time is Right for Synod School

[Synod School 2010](#) "Grace Notes" is coming in July and there is still time to register. Synod School runs July 25-30 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. "Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages," the 2010 Synod School [catalog](#) states in its opening line. The 2010 Synod School catalog is available on the Synod of Lakes and Prairies' Web site. The catalog includes course descriptions, information about convocation and worship leaders, fees, housing information and much more. [Registration materials](#) – with multiple options – are also on the website. Additional information is available from the synod office at 651-357-1140 or 800-328-1880.

www.PCUSA.org's New Website to be Unveiled July 3

A complete overhaul of the denomination's website has resulted in a new look, feel and functionality, which will have its formal premiere July 3, during the General Assembly Mission Council's presentation at the 219th GA. A new content management system serves up content in dynamic and flexible pages geared to help users quickly find relevant and helpful information. The new site is a place to share ideas about ministry and mission resources for the church's work.

Moderator Election July 3, Info Available

Six candidates are standing for moderator of the [219th General Assembly of the PC\(USA\)](#). The election is Saturday, July 3. Two of the six are from presbyteries within the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. The candidates, and their respective presbyteries are: the Rev. [James Belle](#), Philadelphia Presbytery; Twin Cities Area Presbytery; Elder [Cynthia Bolbach](#), National Capital Presbytery; the Rev. [Eric Nielsen](#), Northern Waters Presbytery; the Rev. [Maggie Lauterer](#), Western North Carolina Presbytery; the Rev. [Julia Leeth](#), Santa Barbara Presbytery; and the Rev. [Jin Kim](#).

Commissioners, Advisory Delegates have Tasks Before, During & After GA

By now, all 173 presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have elected their commissioners to the 219th General Assembly. Those commissioners – 712 in all – and 221 advisory delegates will make their way to Minneapolis to serve in their respective roles when the assembly meets July 3-10. But their work as commissioners and advisory delegates will have begun long before the gavel sounds to convene the assembly. Let's imagine that Blossom Creek Presbytery has elected Helen as a commissioner and Peter as a young adult advisory delegate to this year's assembly. Let's follow them as they fill their respective roles before, during and after the assembly. The complete Presbyterian News Service story can be found at "[General Assembly](#)."



Web Site Offers Free Access to GA 219 Materials

According to the Web site, thepresbyterianleader.com, the site is offering free materials related to the 219th General Assembly of the PC(USA). The site states, "The Leader Readers... will give you all the information you need to know about General Assembly and ensure that your experience at GA is a rich one. ...These materials provide just a small sampling of the benefits you'll enjoy with a subscription" to [The Presbyterian Leader](#). At the site, readers need to scroll down to the General Assembly area where they can find free "General Assembly Study," "General Assembly Devotions" and the "Leader Reader."

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