



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **July 7** – Congregational Care & Development Committee meeting, 2 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- **July 7** – Professional Care & Development Committee meeting, 4 p.m., Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **July 7** – Compañeros meeting, 6:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- **July 11-15** – National Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering, Louisville Convention Center, Louisville, Ky. Sponsored by: Presbyterian Church (USA), Women's Ministry. Contact: Ann Ferguson, 800-872-3283. The following Des Moines Presbytery women will be attending: **Linda O'Connell (Lucas, First/Chariton, First); Emily Seeger (Atlantic, First United); Mary Lou Briles and Doris Stoner (DM, Park Ave); Darlene Erickson (DM, Highland Park); Ellen Conaway (Platte Center), Sharon Falck and Carol Barnes (Oskaloosa, First); Nancy Lister-Settle (Dallas Center, First); Phyllis Rosenberg, Susan Ballard and Lois Williams (Grimes, First); and Margaret Welsh (Clive, Heartland).**
- **July 12** – *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- **July 15** – Older Adult Ministries Task Force meeting, 1 p.m., Presbytery Office
- **July 16** – *Lunch & Learn Series, Learn about Khadamat Sudaniya's Ministry*, Presbytery Office, Noon-1 p.m. To RSVP, contact the office, 515-276-4991. Or join us by telephone conference call during the one-hour session.

Joys and Concerns

The **Rev. Elizabeth Sandy** is the new pastor at **Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church in Des Moines**. Betty comes to us from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Prayers are needed for the family of the **Rev. Jim Howland**, pastor of **First United Presbyterian Church in Winterset**. His mother, **LaVonne Howland**, died July 1 in Fort Dodge. The visitation was Friday, July 3, at the Powers Funeral Home, 500 Garfield St., Rolfe, IA. The funeral was Saturday, July 4 at Shared Ministries in Rolfe, directly behind the Powers Funeral Home. Condolences can be sent to the Jim Howland family at their home, 203 W. Green St., Winterset, IA 50273-1633.

Prayers are also needed for **Paul Stanfield**, member of **Knox United Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** and who serves on the Presbytery's Pulpit Supply list, is currently at Methodist Hospital recovering from dehydration and cellulitis infection in his leg. He hopes to be back home by Saturday, July 4th, just in time for the fireworks!

Ice Cream Social at LeRoy Church will support Presbytery's Budget

LeRoy's First Presbyterian Church will be holding an ice cream social July 12 to raise the \$6.00 per member for the Presbytery's general mission budget deficit. Anything left over will be added to Vacation Bible School offerings from both LeRoy and Garden Grove churches and go toward the shallow well project the **Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, First Presbyterian Church in Centerville**, works with in Malawi.

Joining Hands with Egypt Looks at Organic and Fair Trade Products

Social Ministries Task Force Moderator Nancy Lister-Settle and member of **Dallas Center First Presbyterian Church**, just returned from her trip to Egypt. If you would like to read about her travels and *Joining Hands with Egypt* adventures, visit her blog: www.desmoineswithegypt.org/blog/2009/06/16/nancys-egypt-trip. After you finish reading her first journal and view the pictures, you can click on the "Next Post" button at the top of the article to read all of her posts. The Egypt team was looking at organic and fair trade markets in Egypt for possible sale here. These visits will help form a deeper understanding of the principles of fair trade.



Egypt Mission Co-worker to Speak at Des Moines Church

The **Park Avenue Presbyterian Church's** Ice Cream Social will take place on August 9 at 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special guest will be **PC(USA) Mission co-worker Denise England** who will speak about her work in Egypt. A free will offering will be taken to support her mission work. **Everyone in the Presbytery is welcome to attend!**

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Mark your Calendars for Congregational Leadership Workshop

Church leaders are invited to attend a Des Moines Presbytery sponsored conference on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, 2009 and Monday, Oct. 19. Presentation speaker is **the Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke**, a Lutheran pastor from Austin, Texas. He has served as a parish pastor for 15 years; a therapist for clergy for 14 years; and as an internationally known church consultant for 10 years. He is the author of the best selling books:

- *How Your Church Family Works*
- *Healthy Congregations*
- *Congregational Leadership in anxious Times: Being Calm and Courageous No Matter What*

Viewing churches as living, breathing, organisms, Dr. Steinke evaluates the health of a congregation using the family systems theory. The Des Moines Presbytery's **Professional Care and Development Committee** is sponsoring the event. Cost is to be determined.



Check Out CROSS Ministries New Website!

CROSS Ministries is proud to announce the unveiling of our new Web site designed to keep you more informed on this vital ministry to the poor! The home page offers our mission statement and some of the facts and figures identifying the many ways CROSS meets the needs of low and no income households throughout the Des Moines and Greater Des Moines communities. If you look to the right on the top black bar on the home page, you will also find headers that lead you to four additional pages.

- The "[Assistance](#)" page advises families of the appropriate paperwork and documentation they need to bring to the CROSS office if they are seeking financial assistance for rent, rent deposits, mortgage or utility payments.
- The "[What's New](#)" page shares current information on volunteers and other events in the life and work of CROSS Ministries.
- The "[School Supplies](#)" page gives an overview of our Annual Back to School Giveaway event.
- Last but not least, is the "[Donations](#)" page listing items that we need to fill our personal hygiene pantry or for the Back to School Giveaway. This page also offers a new opportunity for donating to CROSS. Simply click on the "donate" button so that you may use your credit card or even a PayPal account for a simpler, faster method of donating. We will send you an email "thank you" shortly thereafter as well as a year-end statement of your donations next January for tax purposes.



The work of CROSS Ministries, supported by the [Presbytery of Des Moines](#), makes a difference in the lives of "the least of these." We want to share that exciting ministry with you and this is just one more avenue to do so. Thank you for your ongoing support.

– [Roberta Victor](#), *CROSS Ministries Executive Director*

Attend Interfaith Series in Waukee

St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waukee is hosting a four-week series designed to help participants better understand other faith traditions. The series will run for four consecutive Wednesdays, starting June 24 and ending July 15. The sessions run from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, contact John Ayers at 515-987-4597.

Charity Baseball Game Helps DMARC Food Pantry

On Saturday, July 25 beginning at 1 p.m. there will be a charity baseball game between an amateur team and the Des Moines Fire Department as a benefit for the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry. At present, they are still in need of a centrally located hardball diamond on which to play the game. If you can help, contact DMARC at 515-277-6969.

Employment Opportunities

Windsor Presbyterian Church in Windsor Heights, Ia., is searching for a part-time administrative assistant. We hope to find a person of faith to help us in our ministries and mission. 20 hours per week. Skills needed: Experience and patience in handling church matters with compassion and discretion; Verbal, written and visual communication skills; Ability to manage a diverse range of tasks and people (staff, church members, tenants, and others); Self-starter capable of initiative and independent work; Proficiency with computers and ability to learn new skills/applications; and Church administration and/or tenant management experience a plus. E-mail your resume to: windsorpresby@yahoo.com. (Describe facilities with specific computer applications: i.e. Word, Excel, Publisher, web design, etc.) **Windsor Presbyterian Church**, 6301 University Ave. Des Moines, IA 50324, phone: 515-422-8868.

Churches Asked to Identify Mission Service Candidates

Presbyterian World Mission leaders are asking Presbyterians across the country to help them find qualified candidates for international mission service. Nineteen mission positions were available on June 9 and more openings are to be posted over the next several days, according to Nancy Cavalcante, mission service recruitment coordinator for Presbyterian World Mission. Filling these positions is crucial if the church is to meet the General Assembly Council's goal of increasing the number of mission co-workers for the first time in 50 years, she said. The complete story is at www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2009/09465.

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