



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- **July 11-15** – National Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering, Louisville Convention Center, Louisville, Ky. (Last week, **Robbin McClelland (Grimes, First)** was omitted from the Presbytery's attendee list for this event.)
- **July 14** – Lectionary Study group, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **July 16** – *Lunch & Learn Series*, **Learn about Khadamat Sudaniya's Ministry**, Noon-1 p.m., Presbytery Office. To RSVP, contact the office, 515-276-4991. Or join us by conference call during the one-hour session.
- **July 23** – Presbytery staff meeting, 10:30 a.m. to Noon, Presbytery Office
- **July 23** – Coordinating Council, 4-6 p.m., Calvin Community, Des Moines
- **July 23** – The South Central Regional Partnership will host **El Salvador Mission Co-Worker Kathy Mahler**, Thursday evening at the **First Presbyterian Church**, 301 E. 1st St., **Leon**. Kathy's presentation will follow a 6 p.m. potluck supper. The host church is providing table service, drinks and child care for the evening. Anyone interested in this vital mission of our Presbytery is invited to attend. RSVP's are not required but would be appreciated. Contact **Rev. Jack DePond** or **Mary Ellen Stanley** at 641-446-6179 or grandme@grm.net.

A Request from Egypt Missionary

Denise England, our mission co-worker to Cairo, Egypt, will be home in Iowa during the month of August. She has requested items that she can use for "appreciation bags" for the caregivers with whom she is serving:

- Hotel shampoo, conditioner, etc.
- Pens
- Any small free items from vendors
- Individual candies

These items may be brought to the **August 15 Presbytery Meeting** at the **First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn**, or items can be left at the Presbytery office in Urbandale prior to this date.

Montezuma Church Needs Vans for Summer Camp

Here is a request for help from one of our area churches. The **Montezuma First Presbyterian Church** is in need of borrowing one if not two, 15-passenger vans for their camp, July 25 to August 3 (which includes pick-up and return). If your church can offer them assistance, contact **the Rev. George Salnave** at the church office: 641-623-3275 or home 641-623-3264 or by e-mail, salnavegm@msn.com.

Presbytery Office Needs Help Duplicating video of VHS to DVD format

The Des Moines Presbytery is in need of a volunteer(s) who might be willing to take some of our VHS formatted tapes in our library and duplicate and format them into DVDs. If you are interested, we'll send you the tapes that need to be transferred in August.

– *Thanks, Emily Seeger (Atlantic, First United)*

Presbytery Summer Fun Camp begins Next Week!

There is a new option this year for those campers (6th–12th graders) that can't make the normal full week of camp fun due to sports/driver's education/jobs/etc. For \$55 you can join us for the lock-in and activities on Friday night and Saturday morning July 24 & 25. This is a GREAT option for those who really don't want to miss another event with your Presbytery buddies!. If interested in taking advantage of this special opportunity, contact your church, the Presbytery of Des Moines office at 515-276-4991, or **Registrar Dennis Britson** at 515-282-9139 or dnbritson@mchsi.com. Activities for the lock-in potentially include: high ropes under the stars, movies, star-gazing, video games, horseback riding, swimming, and more, yet to be decided!

Joys and Concerns

The **Rev. James Wallace**, **Central Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** is a new member of the board of directors for the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. Congratulations! The Center thanks retiring board members **Jeannie Latenser**, **member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** for her years of service and dedication to the work of the Center. The integrity and diligence of these individuals ensure the Center's continuing capacity to meet the community's increasing need for quality, affordable counseling for all.

The Rev. Nathan Lamb, **pastor of the Community United Presbyterian Church in Hartford** is announcing his engagement to Jennifer Miller of Des Moines. The upcoming wedding is planned for Saturday, Sept. 5. Congratulations!

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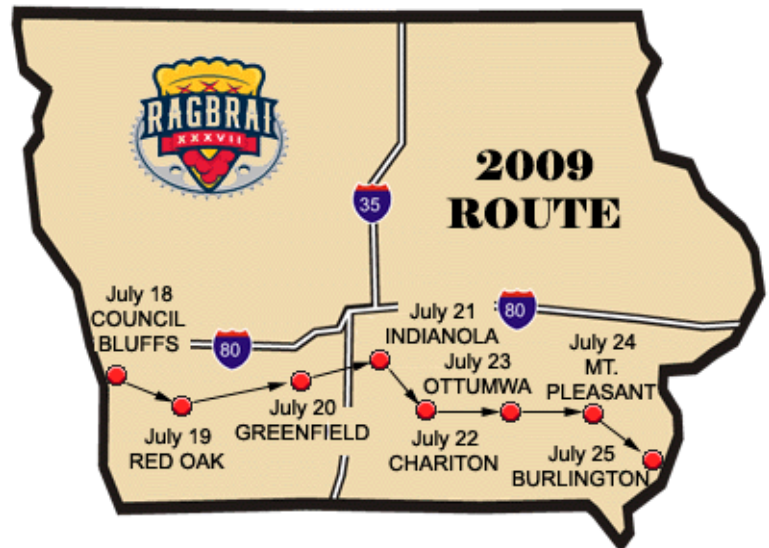
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RAGBRAI is Riding through Our Presbytery!

The following churches are supporting riders July 18-25, during the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa:

- **Monday, July 20** – **The First Presbyterian Church, 907 Grove Ave., Corning**, will have a lunch stop and pie stand. Last time the bikers came through they sold 600 slices – that's 100 pies! Yum! The ride will stop in Greenfield overnight where the **First Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, 102 S.W. Kent St. (Hwy. 92)**, will host a chicken and noodle dinner from 5-8 p.m. Menu includes: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, watermelon and drinks. Cost is \$8 with a RAGBRAI wristband and \$9 without the registered wristband.
- **Tuesday, July 21** – **The Trinity United Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Howard St., Indianola**, will have an overnight stay for a team of 70 Cedar Rapids riders and are providing a lunch food item of corn-on-the-cob from 11-2 p.m. That same day, they'll provide 800-900 dinners from 4-8 p.m. Menu includes: pork-pull sandwiches, corn on the cob with chips and ice cream.
- **Wednesday, July 22** – **The First Presbyterian Church, 737 Braden Ave., Chariton**, will be serving a pork loin dinner when RAGBRAI riders stay over night in their town. The meal will include sliced pork loin, baked potato with the trimmings, green beans, roll, pie and drinks for \$8 with a wristband and \$9 for all others. They are planning to serve 500. Organ and piano music will be offered to those waiting in the sanctuary.
- **Thursday, July 23** – The riders will stay overnight in Ottumwa and the **First Presbyterian Church, 228 W. 4th St., Ottumwa**, will host the local Good Samaritan Society which is serving a potential of 500 pork loin dinners at the First Presbyterian Church.



Sign up to Host El Salvador Mission Co-Worker during July and August

I wanted to invite each of you to consider letting me spend some time visiting with you, your mission/social justice leaders and/or your congregation regarding The Des Moines Presbytery's mission in El Salvador. I will be in Iowa beginning July 22 through Aug. 7, 2009. I have several open dates for possible 'talks' which could be structured informally over a cup of coffee or in a 'classroom' type setting. I realize summer is a time when most committees are on hiatus – and congregations are on the move with vacations and taking time to catch up with family and all the fabulous summer activities available. So I will throw out my dates that are available – and if anyone is so inclined, please contact me so I can add you to my calendar. I would LOVE to visit with you. Here is my availability:

- July 24 afternoon and evening
- July 25 afternoon
- August 3, 4 and 5 ANY time...
- August 6, morning and early afternoon (till 3)

I will also be presenting a class at Synod School (the second morning session) July 26-31, called *Hope on the Mountain*. I will be holding a 'mini' session one evening as well. You can find me there at meal times for an informal chat or we can find a time to talk more in depth if you wish. I already have a few events with our Presbytery already scheduled on my calendar:

- July 23, evening meeting, South Central Regional Partnership in Leon
- August 2, morning worship service, Douglas Avenue Presbyterian Church in Des Moines
- August 6, evening meeting, Two Rivers Regional Partnership in Des Moines

– *En la fe y la paz*, **Kathy Mahler**, Mission Co-Worker, La Casa Pastoral Comunitaria Berlin, El Salvador, kathymahler111@msn.com, for access to Kathy's blog go to: www.oursisterparish.org

Attend Art and Drama Camp for Kids in Des Moines

The annual camp for art and drama is August 3-7, from 9 a.m. to Noon at the **Windsor Presbyterian Church**, 63rd St. and University Ave. in **Windsor Heights**. The 7- to 12-year-old participants will create art pieces to take home, made with many types of media. Individual creativity will be embraced by camp leaders. Art projects include: garden back drops, clay candy formations, multiple printing techniques, acrylic painting, paper mache and Oompa Loompa costuming. This camp features a production of "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory", scheduled for Aug. 7, at Noon, on the last day of camp. Parents are welcome to attend the final production! Art and Drama Camp participants will learn to work with many different tools and medias. Camp will include a daily break with a snack provided. Please wear paint clothes. To register, call Linda at 515-707-4626.

Crafters Needed in Des Moines for October Craft Fair

The **First Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** is looking for crafters for their October 10th Fall Art & Crafts Sale (see the ad in the June 30 issue of *The Wider Circle E-news*). A variety of crafts are planned for sale including: sweat shirts, seasonal decorations, wooden handcrafted items, floral arrangements, jewelry and toys. If you are interested in sponsoring a table or booth, contact Craft Fair Coordinator **Mary Fulton** at 515-263-0063 or 515-262-5679.

To remove your name from our mailing list, e-mail Kim Coulter pbycommunication@presbyteryofdesmoines.org. Learn more at: www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org. Questions? Contact officeinfo@presbyteryofdesmoines.org or 515-276-4991.