



## The Wider Circle E-News

### Mark your calendars this week for:

- **June 27-29** – S.P.L.A.T (Seek, Play, Learn, Act, Teach) Camp (ages 6-9) held at Wesley Woods Camp in Indianola. Sponsored by the Des Moines Presbytery. This is a half-week camp for first time campers. Cost is \$187.
- **June 29** – Book Study, *Honest to God*, 9-10 a.m., Presbytery Office
- **June 29** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **June 29** – Khadamat Sudaniya meeting, 4-5:30 p.m., Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- **July 1** – CROSS Ministries meeting, 7 p.m., Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church
- **July 3-10** – 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Minneapolis, Minn.
- **July 5** – Fourth of July Holiday observed, **Presbytery Office is closed.**
- **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** – Coordinating Council meeting, 4 p.m., Calvin Community, Des Moines
- **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 13** – Professional Care & Development meeting, 4 p.m., Presbytery Office

### Joys & Concerns

Prayers are needed for the family of Older Adult Ministry Task Force Moderator **Darlene Shepherd** who's husband **Dave** passed away June 15. Funeral and burial was June 19 in Oskaloosa, They are members of the **Oskaloosa First Presbyterian Church**. Dave's death was somewhat unexpected although he has been in poor health for 20 years. Condolences can be sent to Darlene at: 316 N. Fourth St., Oskaloosa, IA 52577-2239 or [eddy62osky@mahaska.org](mailto:eddy62osky@mahaska.org).

Prayers go out to the family of **Mrs. Helen Hulsebus** (wife of former **Rev. Glenn Hulsebus**), she died June 19, 2010. Together they had served Des Moines **Presbytery churches in Brooklyn and Ewart**. Survivors include her daughters, Sharon (Dick) Richman of Ames, Kathleen (Jack) Ramsey of Unionville, Mo. and JoAnn Thompson of Cary, Ill.; and her son, Steve (Kathy) Hulsebus of Fort Dodge. A funeral was held June 22 at **First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell**. Condolences and/or memorial funds can be sent to the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

### Job and Housing Opportunity

**Central Presbyterian Church**, 39<sup>th</sup> and Grand, in **Des Moines**, is seeking a Resident Custodian/Caretaker. In exchange for a basement apartment within the church building (bedroom, bath, living room, kitchenette, access to laundry, DSL, utilities, off-street parking) resident is expected to perform building security, some custodial responsibilities, occasional seasonal work. Must be able to pass a criminal check and child abuse check. Flexible hours during the day, but would need to be available evenings and weekends. For further information contact **Rev. Jim Wallace**, [jwallace@dmcp.org](mailto:jwallace@dmcp.org) or 515-279-3658, ext. 202.

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#### Office Hours are:

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

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- SDOP Disburses more than \$260,000 to 14 Self-help Projects in the U.S.
- Enter the SDOP T-shirt Design Contest!

### 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 the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Minneapolis, Minn.

**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. Please call before coming to the office.

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## 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.

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## CROSS Ministries 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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](http://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.

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## Fair World Gallery offers Cultural Perspective Program to area Students

Over the past 6 years, Fair World Gallery has had the opportunity to become familiar with many organizations working to improve intercultural relationships. As a locally owned, fair trade store we tend to attract customers with worldly experiences and interests. I have learned from many fabulous individuals and organizations working to improve lives of others around the world. There are also groups committed to exposing Iowans to traditions from other cultures. We actively support many of these causes. One of our favorite partners is World of Difference. Preparing our children to properly interact as they experience diversity in the world is an important part of their education.

World of Difference is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Grimes. Their vision is that every student, in every community in Iowa has access to CultureALL experiences, enabling them to be culturally prepared for a world-wise life. They connect teachers with cultural artists and experts who make course curriculum come to life. The hands-on, interactive presentations playfully guide students through new concepts and thought processes, regardless of whether they are studying the metric system, the food pyramid or government structures – culture touches every subject.

Because the Ambassadors are paid for their time, the schools are charged a fee for the programming. Many of the schools that need the programming the most, do not have the money. We are in the process of compiling a list of possible funding sources to offer to the teachers who want to integrate the ambassadors into the classroom. In addition, World of Difference is always looking for corporate partners which would allow for expansion. World of Difference is affiliated with the Connecting Kids with Culture program and works closely with the Iowa Arts Council. You can learn much more at [www.worldofdifference.us](http://www.worldofdifference.us). Thank you for your help to identify funding sources and spread the word about World of Difference. Christine McNunn, Fair World Gallery, 116 Fifth Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265, 515-277-7550, [www.fairworldgallery.com](http://www.fairworldgallery.com), Your Local Source for Fair Trade and Earth Friendly Products. JOIN US ON FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/fairworldgallery](http://www.facebook.com/fairworldgallery).

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## CACTUS Fine Arts Camp Registration Underway

CACTUS (Creative Arts Camp: Together Under the Sun) offers children in grades three through eight a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the arts! The day camp will be held at **Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines**, July 26-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a concluding celebration on Sunday morning, August 1, during worship. The camp curriculum includes vocal development, movement, drama, musical instruments, visual arts, and creative writing, all taught by experienced professionals. This year's theme, "Living in Peace," will explore ways to live peaceful lives and bring peace to others through the arts. The cost is \$15/child. To register, call 515-274-1534, or download a form at [www.westpres.org](http://www.westpres.org). For more information, contact: **Church Communications Director Jan Davison** at: 515-274-1534, or [jdavison@westpres.org](mailto:jdavison@westpres.org).

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## SDOP Disburses more than \$260,000 to 14 Self-help Projects in the U.S.

**BOCA CHICA, Dominican Republic** — The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People has approved grants totaling \$260,070 to 14 self-help projects in the United States. The money is from the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) offering. Projects range from financial literacy education for newly-arrived refugees in Maine to support for a group of residents in a low-income Puerto Rican neighborhood to create a landscaping service business. [[Read more](#)]

**Enter the SDOP T-shirt design contest!** Win a \$2,000 college scholarship! The Self-Development of People (SDOP) is sponsoring a T-shirt design contest as we celebrate 40 years of "People Investing in People" in order to demonstrate



God's justice and wholeness especially among the economically poor and oppressed. These original designs should reflect the mission of SDOP. [E-mail your entries](#) by August 31, 2010. The student that creates the winning design will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship.

● [Download a flier](#) 

● [Download a FAQ sheet](#) 

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