



## The Wider Circle E-News

### Mark your calendars this week for:

- **June 10** – Iowa EP/GPs, 11:00 am – 3:00 p.m. at the Presbytery Office
- **June 11-13** – *The Big Tent Conference*, The Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Ga. PC(USA) Programs holding conferences include: CPM/COM, Elders, Evangelism and Church Growth, New Immigrant Groups, Presbyterian Communicators' Network, PHEWA/Social Justice Biennial, Presbyterian Multicultural, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, Presbyterian Youth Connection, Racial Ethnic Convocation, and Stewardship.
- **June 16** – **Free Seminar for Older Iowans and Caregivers** dealing with questions of life planning and consumer issues; living wills and health care power of attorney; guardianships; conservatorships; Medicaid eligibility; predatory practices; and more. Sponsored by the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs and Iowa Legal Aid Legal Hotline, the seminar will be in the Ola Babcock Miller Building on E 12<sup>th</sup> & Grand Ave., Room 308 and runs from Noon to 4 p.m. To register, call 800-992-8161.
- **June 18** – Lunch & Learn Series, *Blogging 101 and Podcasting for Pastors*, Presbytery Office, Noon-1 p.m.

### Attend Summer Fun or Friends Camp in July

**Summer Fun Camp... for 4th to 8th & 9th to 12th Grades** – Enjoy a week of discovery and fellowship to share and grow in the Christian faith 53 and community. Experience a mixture of traditional and non-traditional camp activities. Enjoy singing, swimming, a campfire, Friday night "lock-in" type activities, a trip to an aquatic center, and other camp activities you can not do at home. The beginning of the week is at Camp Hantesa in Boone and we finish at Camp Wesley Woods in Indianola. This is event #101 from 2 p.m., **July 19 to July 25**, pick up kids at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$310. (Youth in 9th to 12th Grades attend as youth leaders, cost is \$225.)



**Summer Friends Camp... for 2nd to 3rd Grades** – All the fun things you like to do, plus Bible study and the perfect opportunity to make great friends! Enjoy singing, swimming, a campfire, Friday night "lock-in", a trip to an aquatic center, and other camp activities you can not do at home. You will meet at Camp Hantesa in Boone on Wednesday, **July 22** at 2 p.m. and the end of the week we will close out our activities at Camp Wesley Woods in Indianola at 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$180.

**Summer Retreat... for 6th to 12th Grades** – Can't do a full week for one reason or another? Join us Friday night **July 24** at 4:30 p.m. This camp includes the "lock-in" activities at Camp Wesley Woods in Indianola and is part of the Summer Fun Camp and the Summer Friends Camp. The cost is \$55. Registration materials are available online at the Des Moines Presbytery web site! Camp brochure and registration forms are online at: [www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/resources.htm](http://www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/resources.htm).

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#### Office Hours are:

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

### This Week's Highlights

- Weekly Calendar Update
- Attend Summer Camps for Kids of All Ages
- Presbytery Deficit Requires the Help of Everyone
- Joys and Concerns
- See North Central Iowa Technology Presentation, June 28
- Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Presbyterian Hunger Program

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## Presbytery Deficit Requires the Help of Everyone

As many of you now know, our Presbytery is facing a difficult financial situation. Thanks to a “perfect storm” of events coming together, instead of a small deficit, we now face a very significant one – over \$57,000. Your presbytery leadership is working on various plans to deal with this. I invite you to join me in one plan – investing in the mission work of our Presbytery. This small investment, unlike many others, has a guaranteed return. For \$6.00, you can guarantee that resources and assistance for congregations and leaders will continue to be available, that commitments to the many arms of our mission work will be fully met, and that the deficit will be eliminated. Not bad for six bucks per member! You can invest by giving through your congregation or directly to the Presbytery Office. Either way, every penny will help to carry out the mission work of our Presbytery. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me, Phil Barrett, General Presbyter and State Clerk at 515-276-4991 or [pby1@presbyteryofdesmoines.org](mailto:pby1@presbyteryofdesmoines.org).

For background information, go online at [www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/PresbyteryMission.pdf](http://www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/PresbyteryMission.pdf), to see the slide show presented at the May 19 Presbytery meeting by the Stewardship & Mission Interpretation (SMI) and Budget & Finance (B&F) committees. Questions? Contact moderators Sandy Wagener, 515-964-3762 or Pat Aksamit, 515-276-4074.

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## Joys and Concerns

**CLP Mike Conn** (Gibson/White Oak) recently had an angiogram, May 4 and as a result had a stent put in his heart, and was back in the pulpit the next Sunday!

A prayer request from **El Salvador Mission Co-worker Kathy Mahler**. “We have two very wonderful priests here in Berlin. Fr. Jacobo is a young man, and Fr. Candido who is in his mid-50s. Fr. Candido is one of the kindest men I know. Soft spoken, faithful and full of love for his people. Often going out to the cantons to serve mass and perform weddings/baptisms, etc. He is the one that said to me: “Of course you can take communion! We are all children of God.” (I had asked because not being Catholic, I did not want to disrespect the church.) I just learned that Fr. Candido is experiencing leg and joint pain and he can hardly walk. My friends describe it as arthritis. It started in his feet, knees, and legs in general and now seems to have taken over his body and moved into his hands, back, arms, shoulders – he cannot even raise his arms to bless the host. Sometimes he cannot even get up out of a chair.

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## See North Central Iowa Technology Presentation, June 28

Web 2.0, Flickr, Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, Shutterfly, e-mail, text message, IM, PowerPoint, blogs, RSS feeds, BlackBerry, iPod, iPhone, iTouch, wi-fi... The list of new technologies at our fingertips continues to grow each day. If you haven't been able to attend the Presbytery's *Lunch & Learn* seminars, and are trying to keep up with the younger generations in your church, you'll want to attend this web conference.

The North Central Iowa Presbytery is looking for host sites on June 28 at 4 p.m., for this online presentation which will be delivered over the Internet using software that allows us to simultaneously broadcast the presentation at multiple different locations. There can be a total of 20 host sites, so if you are interested in hosting, you'll need the following equipment requirements: 1) A high speed internet connection, DSL or cable – greater than 1.5Mbps is required; 2) A relatively new computer with a dual core processor with at least 1 GB of RAM – if you have to wait more than 2-5 seconds to do anything, it probably won't work; 3) A separate phone line, as the audio portion will be over a teleconference service.

The presentation will be broadcast from the theater room at Collegiate Presbyterian Church in Ames and you are welcome to attend there for a first-hand viewing. So far the First Presbyterian in Algona is also going to host. So, if you and your friends want to watch the presentation together, contact Tom Brandau at [trbrandau@gmail.com](mailto:trbrandau@gmail.com) to signup.

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## Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Presbyterian Hunger Program

In July, the Presbyterian Hunger Program will observe its fortieth year of working to end poverty and hunger in the US and around the world. Come join us as we celebrate what has been accomplished and explore new challenges and possibilities for our work together. Our celebration will take place during the Presbyterian Women's Gathering, on Tuesday, July 14 at 4 p.m. Fair trade give-aways, music and community-building will mark our celebration.

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