

## Presbytery of Des Moines

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# The Wider Circle E-News

## Mark your calendars this week for:

- **June 30** – Lectionary study group, 10-Noon at the Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **July 1** – Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., Presbytery Office
- **July 2** – CROSS Ministries meeting, 7 p.m., Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church in Des Moines
- **July 3** – Independence Day Holiday, Office closed.
- **July 4** – Joining Hands for Egypt Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Presbytery Office
- **July 5** – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Joys and Concerns

**Darlene Shepherd**, Older Adult Ministries Task Force moderator and member of **First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa** is scheduled for rotator-cuff surgery next week. Prayers for quick healing are needed.

**Sarah Mapes**, facilitator of the Two Rivers Regional Partnership and member of **Union Park Presbyterian Church in Des Moines** recently delivered Kristina Shaye Mapes who was born June 22. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and 20 3/4 inches height. Both mom and baby are doing great and "enjoying our naps when we can get them!"

**Southwest Regional Partners** welcomed new summer ministry intern, **Kevin Clark**, into the fold during a partners potluck picnic. Approximately 20 persons attended, including the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Clarinda who is sharing in the summer intern program this year, making it a two-presbytery project (Missouri River Valley and Des Moines presbyteries). Though briefly interrupted by severe weather alerts, the meeting closed with a circle of prayer. The next Partnership gathering is Aug. 30, 5 p.m., in the Sharpsburg City Park. On the agenda is celebration and farewell for Kevin.

## Follow New LeRoy Church Blog

*Humeston Parish News* features articles and upcoming events from the newsletter along with day-to-day happenings. Check it out along with our inspirations and prayer blogs.

- <http://trinityparish.blogspot.com> – Home Page
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## Cottage Grove Avenue Church Sleepover Fun!

Each year on the first Friday after school gets out, the elementary age Sunday school children have a sleepover at the **Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church**. Here are three pictures—two in the park and one eating pizza for dinner. The children played in the park, came back for supper, went back to the park for an interactive presentation by a Christian group



(including the daughter of **Rev. David Braack**) came back for a movie, slept, and ended with breakfast on Saturday morning.

The group had a serendipitous visit by Rev. David and **Cindy Braak** of **Ankeny Presbyterian Church**. **Ann McGowan** is the volunteer leader for Sunday school, the sleepover, vacation Bible school, the summer reading program, and a variety of field trips and activities.



## Mission Teams Brings Relief to Cedar Rapids Flood Victims

**Southwest Regional Partnership** is sponsoring a Youth Mission Trip this summer to work on flooded homes in the Cedar Rapids area July 12-16. Both youth and adults from the partnership churches will be helping with construction and home rebuilding on this trip.

On June 13 & 14, the one-year anniversary of the 2008 floods, **Des Moines Westminster Presbyterian Church** members (pictured left to right) Mary Culp, Linda Railey, Julie Murphy, Bob Railey, Maddie Culp, Matt Culp and Lynda Albaugh worked on flood-damaged homes in Cedar Rapids. Work projects included scraping and painting a two-story home and dry-walling in the basement of another home.



## El Salvador Mission Co-Worker to make Iowa Presentations in July

The **South Central Regional Partnership** will host El Salvador Mission Co-Worker Kathy Mahler Thursday evening, July 23, at the First Presbyterian Church, 301 E. 1st St., Leon. Kathy's presentation will follow a six o'clock potluck supper. The host church will furnish table service and drinks. 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 or Mary Ellen DePond** at the **Leon First Presbyterian Church**, 641-446-6179.

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