



## The Wider Circle E-News

### Mark your calendars this week for:

- **May 4** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office, Urbandale
- **May 4** – Congregational Care & Development meeting, 2 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **May 4** – Professional Care & Development meeting, 4 p.m., Presbytery Office
- **May 4** – Compañeros meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **May 4-6** – The [2010 Great Plains Wee Kirk Conference](#), Sioux Falls, S.D. Our own **honorably retired Rev. Dale O'Connell (LeRoy/Humeston Parish)** will be speaking on "Praying Your Church Alive." For a brochure, go online to: [www.pfrenewal.org/docs/smallchurch/2010-GPWK-Brochure.pdf](http://www.pfrenewal.org/docs/smallchurch/2010-GPWK-Brochure.pdf).
- **May 6** – CROSS Ministries meeting, 7 p.m., **Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church, Des Moines**
- **May 6** – *National Day of Prayer*
- **May 7** – *May Friendship Day*
- **May 8** – Joining Hands meeting, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **May 11** – Lectionary Study, 10 a.m.-Noon, Presbytery Office
- **May 13** – *Ascension of the Lord*
- **May 16** – *Multicultural Church/Immigration Day*
- **May 18** – Presbytery Stated Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines**

### Joys and Concerns

Welcome to **Rev. Richard C. Carus and his wife Sue!** Rick will be temporary supply pastor at **Ankeny Presbyterian Church**. He begins on May 15. Rick and Sue come to us from Grace Presbytery where he was associate general presbyter.

The **honorably retired Rev. Don & Emily Seeger** have found a home near their daughter's family and will be moving away from Atlantic, Ia. The following address can be used after May 10th: 204 Southwood Terrace, Louisville, KY 40214. They can also be reached by cell phone at 515-371-1417.

**Correction:** The traveling location of the **Rev. David Kincaide** of **First Presbyterian Churches of Dexter and Greenfield** was stated incorrectly in our April 27 issue of the *Wider Circle e-News*. **He is actually on a Pilgrimage to Israel** and he was in Jerusalem last week, staying at the Notre Dame Hotel, right across the street from the Old City and was touring the Mount of Olives and the Via Dolorosa. A Facebook status indicated the following on Monday, April 26: "What a day! I led worship as we crossed the Sea of Galilee in a boat, saw excavations of Mary Magdalene's hometown, and viewed a first century boat thought to be one much like Jesus used. God is good!" David is traveling with the Columbia Seminary and is pictured here overlooking the north shore of Sea of Galilee.



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### Des Moines Presbytery's Presbyterian Women has New Secretary

Welcome to the new PW Corresponding Secretary **Amanda Wetterling**, member of the **LeRoy/Humeston United Trinity Parish**. All PW church groups need to send their new officer list to Amanda instead of Emily Seeger due to Emily and her husband Don's pending move to Louisville, Ky., in May. Amanda's contact information is: 406 S. Eaton, Humeston, IA 50123, 641-877-9002 (H); 641-877-4641 (M), [trinityparish@iowatelecom.net](mailto:trinityparish@iowatelecom.net).

### IRMS Offers Three Resources for Women's Studies

A variety of resources in women's studies are available through [Iowa Religious Media Services](#) in Urbandale. Featured authors are Beth Moore, Liz Curtis Higgs and Anita Renfro. The resources include Moore's *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*, Higgs' *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them* and Renfro's *Thinking Out Loud*, a resource that IRMS says will "intrigue senior highs." Additional information about any of the resources can be obtained by contacting IRMS at 800-777-8661 or 515-277-2920, [questions@irms.org](mailto:questions@irms.org).

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## Employment Opportunities

The **First Presbyterian of Gibson** and the **White Oak Presbyterian churches** have an opening for a part-time pastor or commissioned lay pastor to serve two churches. Looking for a leader that can help us grow in our faith while reaching out in love to others in our community. Averages 20 hours a week. The future pastor will minister by:

1. Leading Sunday worship services; 8:45 a.m. at White Oak, 10 a.m. at Gibson, and administering sacraments.
2. Preparing worship schedule, sermon, bulletin and working with musicians in the selection of music.
3. Officiating special services (i.e., Christmas Eve, Maunday Thursday, Easter, etc.) as well as weddings, baptisms, funerals, classes for and confirmation of new members.
4. Helping prepare and plan participation in community services.
5. Visiting shut-ins, hospitalized, and all members when possible. Counseling when needed.
6. Moderating session and congregational meetings, attending Presbytery meetings and special community events.
7. Teaching special classes or bible study groups.
8. Bringing the Word to our congregations in a manner that is inspiring, relevant and meaningful to both our mature and younger members.

Interested individuals should send a resume that includes qualifications, summary background and references to: Clerk of Session **Milton Campbell**, 10649 160<sup>th</sup> Ave., Keswick, Iowa 50136-9013; or [campbellmv@iowatelecom.net](mailto:campbellmv@iowatelecom.net).

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## Sign up Now for the Presbytery's Summer Camps!

Location for all camps this year is at the Wesley Woods Camp near Indianola.

- **PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY CAMP** (all ages) .....\$300 ..... June 20-26 (3 p.m./10:30 a.m.)
- **S.P.L.A.T.** (Seek, Play, Learn, Act, Teach, ages 6-9) .....\$187 ..... June 27-29, Aug. 1-3, & Aug. 8-10
- **SUMMER FUN CAMP** (4th-8th & 9th-12th grades\*) .....\$325 ..... July 5-11 (2 p.m./9:30 a.m.)  
\*(Cost of attending camp is reduced to \$275 for youth leaders – 9th-12th grades.)
- **SUMMER FRIENDS CAMP** (2nd-3rd grades) .....\$185 ..... July 8-11 (2 p.m./9:30 a.m.)
- **SUMMER RETREAT** (6th-12th grades) .....\$55 ..... July 10-11 (9 a.m./9:30 a.m.)

For camp descriptions, go online to read or download the brochure, registration materials and scholarship applications, at: [www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/resources.htm](http://www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org/resources.htm). Questions? Contact **Camp Registrar Dennis Britson**, 515-282-9139 or [dnbritson@mchsi.com](mailto:dnbritson@mchsi.com).

### Other Presbyterian camp opportunities in Iowa:

- Camp Wyoming (supported by John Knox & East Iowa presbyteries) [www.campwyoming.net](http://www.campwyoming.net)
- Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji (supported by Prospect Hill & North Central Iowa presbyteries) [www.presbycamp.org](http://www.presbycamp.org)

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## Synod Colleges, Universities Cited in APCU Update

Several Presbyterian colleges and universities were cited in the most recent edition of *Update*, a newsletter of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities (APCU). The articles are below.

This month marked the 10th anniversary of [Buena Vista University's Cultural Leadership Conference](#), in Storm Lake, Ia. The conference offers high school juniors and seniors from diverse populations a firsthand look at college life.

Carroll University and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science will partner in a [dual-degree program](#) to meet the demand for pharmacists in Wisconsin. The "3+4" program will lead to a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Carroll and a doctorate in pharmacy from Rosalind Franklin.

In Cedar Rapids, the [Coe College Habitat for Humanity Chapter](#) recently held its annual "Shack-A-Thon" to raise awareness of substandard housing conditions around the world. Participants raise money by sitting for 24 hours in cardboard boxes on the quad in front of the library.

Hastings College will host the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation's 54th annual [School for Pastors](#) in June.

For the second year in a row, a [Jamestown College](#) student (see item dated 1-28-10 at the Web site) has written North Dakota's entry in the annual John Lennon Scholarship Competition. A song written by Murika Bauer of Dickinson, N.D., has been selected as North Dakota's entry in the 2010 competition. Bauer's song, "Anymore," was chosen by the adjudication committee of the North Dakota Music Educators Association to go on to the national level.

For the fifth year in a row [Macalester College](#) made the Peace Corps' list of top colleges producing Peace Corps volunteers. A total of 326 Macalester alums have served since the Peace Corps was started in 1961.

The [University of Dubuque](#) in Dubuque, Ia., was one of Iowa's top three college fundraisers in 2009. Its \$11.5 million yield put it third behind the University of Iowa and Iowa State University.

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## BOP Announces New Health Management Website

The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has announced a new health management website that offers useful tools and information for members to improve their health. The site also includes a confidential health assessment that provides an objective evaluation of members' health strengths and any self-reported issues or potential causes for concern. The website is at [www.myactivehealth.com/pcusa](http://www.myactivehealth.com/pcusa).

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