



The Wider Circle E-News

Mark your calendars this week for:

- May 5 – Compañeros Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- May 7 – CROSS Ministries, 7 p.m., Cottage Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church
- May 7-9 – Presbyterian World Mission Advocate training to help Presbytery mission interpreters in their work.
- May 9 – Joining Hands for Egypt, 10:30 a.m., Presbytery Office
- May 11 – Budget & Finance, Noon, Presbytery Office
- May 13 – Older Adult Ministry Task Force, 1 p.m., Presbytery Office.
- May 14 – Presbytery Staff, 10:30 a.m., Presbytery Office.

Presbyterian Folksinger and Cancer Survivor is Performing at Newton Church

First Presbyterian Church in Newton is hosting Presbyterian singer, songwriter and survivor **David M. Bailey** on Sunday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 220 N. 2nd Ave. W., Newton. This is a free concert.

David, a peace-loving hippie-folksinger, is from Virginia, and has been to the Des Moines area several times. He's played for Iowa Radiology in April 2008 and nearly 1,000 people were touched. David is fighting a recurring brain tumor and is currently being followed by CNN for a future story on survival.

One of David's most recent projects through the Presbyterian Pastoral Care Network is titled, *A Deep Well for the Pastor* with Presbyterian pastor Steve McCutchan and the CD cover included water color artwork by the **Rev. Tiare Mathison** and design by Photographer **Amy Doerring**. His father is Dr. Ken Bailey and they both have written for *Presbyterian Today*. Questions? Call Amy at 641-521-9037 or to listen to David's music, go to: www.davidmbailey.com.

Attend Fine Arts Concert *Tres Cantus Laudendi*

The Westminster Fine Arts Series will say a fond farewell to its founder and artistic director, **Dr. Randal Buikema**, at the upcoming performance of Mack Wilberg's *Tres Cantus Laudendi* on May 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines. The public is invited to enjoy this final event featuring the Westminster Oratorio Choir, Chimes and Brass Ensemble, and directed by Dr. Buikema. *Tres Cantus Laudendi* (three songs of praise) is a major choral work written in 1989-90 by Mack Wilberg, associate professor and director of choral activities at Brigham Young University. The work has been widely acclaimed for its rich tonality and intricate weaving of its major themes. A going-away reception will follow the concert. Free childcare is available for this event.

Shortly after his arrival at Westminster, Dr. Buikema organized the first Westminster Fine Arts Series, now in its fifteenth season. Over the years, the Fine Arts Series has brought delight and inspiration to thousands of attendees through a wide variety of artistic offerings in music, drama, dance and art. Since its inception, the Series has always been free of charge, making works of artistic integrity available to the entire community.

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This Week's Highlights

- Weekly Calendar Update
- Presbyterian Folksinger Performing at Newton Church
- Attend Fine Arts Concert *Tres Cantus Laudendi*
- Go to Workshop for Church Administration Basics
- Don't forget to hold Calvin Celebrations July 12
- Request a 2009 International Peacemaker by June 15
- Get Sudan Updates from the Various PC(USA) Resources

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Go to Church Business Issues Workshop for Church Administration Basics

Ask yourself these questions:

- Does your church handle donations according to IRS regulations?
- Do you have sufficient policies for the handling of your church finances?
- Does your current insurance policy cover misconduct claims?
- Do you know the most common safety risk for those at your church?
- Are you aware that you need to protect your church's non-profit status?



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The Des Moines Area Chapter of the National Association of Church Business Administration (NACBA) is sponsoring a **FREE** 3-hour workshop to help you answer these questions and many more. This event is for pastors, office managers, secretaries, business administrators or any church leader. We invite you to take this opportunity to connect with others on Thursday, May 28, 9 a.m. to Noon at Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines. Please RSVP to Laurel Swanson at 515-967-4818, or laurel@lccaltoona.org.

Are We Keeping Track of our Kids?

Keeping children physically and emotionally safe in church is important and parents and church staff must work together to ensure the safety of their children. An article from *Christianity Today* offers a free website assessment of how current check-in/check-out procedures of kids is properly protecting your children. There is also help setting up procedures, www.churchsafety.com/topics/kids/children/checkincheckoutprocedures/arewekeepingtrackofourkids.html.

Theology, Worship Encourages Calvin Celebration July 12

The Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is encouraging congregations to observe Sunday, July 12, as the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth. Calvin was born July 10, 1509. Theology and Worship announced that the Rev. John Bush of Decatur, Alabama, has prepared an "excellent" set of liturgical resources after the manner of Calvin's Form of Church Prayers, first published in Strasbourg in 1545 and Geneva in 1542, that can be downloaded at www.pcusa.org/calvinjubilee/pdf/calvinserviceforlordsday.pdf. The office also noted that additional musical materials will be posted soon on the Calvin Jubilee Web site at www.pcusa.org/calvinjubilee/celebrate.htm.



Request a 2009 International Peacemaker for your church by June 15



Presbyteries, synods, Presbyterian colleges and seminaries – [request an International Peacemaker](#) through your presbytery peacemaking committee. [Eleven International Peacemakers](#) from PC(USA) partner churches will visit the United States from September 25 through October 19. Individual peacemakers will come from six different countries. In a pilot program with the [Mission Challenge '09 event](#), five International Peacemakers will team with a PC(USA) mission co-worker at no additional cost. Make your requests by June 15. [Read more on the brochure /request form](#) (PDF). [Contact Debby Vial](#) at 888-728-7228, ext. 5702, or debby.vial@pcusa.org, for more information.

Get Sudan Updates from the Various PC(USA) Resources

Reports from Refugees International indicate that [South Sudan is nearing collapse](#) as a result of the influx of nearly 2 million Sudanese who have [returned since 2002 to the homes and villages](#) they were forced to abandon during a 21-year civil war. [Contact your senators and representatives and ask them to lead the international effort](#) to identify an emergency rescue package to address the current budget shortfall of the Government of Southern Sudan; increase funding to help reintegrate returnees to south Sudan and help them earn an income; and maintain humanitarian funding to respond to emergency needs as well as chronic problems. [Get situation updates](#) on Sudan from the Sudan Advocacy Action Forum. [Read the history](#) of how the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) has been in ministry with the people of Sudan for over 100 years. [Learn more about Sudan today](#) at www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/actnow/actnow.htm.

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