

GOOD NEWS FROM GREAT RIVERS

April 26, 2010



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Mark Your Calendar

Administration Council

Tuesday, April 27
10:00 - 2:30
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Tuesday, April 27
10:00 - 3:00
Northminster, Peoria

Retired Pastor's

Tuesday, April 27
10:00
First, Lewistown

Clergy Group

Thursday, May 6
10:00 - 11:30
PGR

Presbytery Night at the Ballpark

RSVP DEADLINE
with the Peoria Chiefs
Friday, May 7
11 days left to RSVP

Visioning Council

Thursday, May 13
9:30 - 2:30
PGR

Interim Pastor's Group

Thursday, May 13
11:30 - 2:30
PGR

Youth Triennium Registration and Fee

DEADLINE
Monday, May 24
Please turn information in to
[Julie](#) at the presbytery

General Presbyter's Perspective Rev. Susan Krummel

This week's message from Sue has been posted for your viewing pleasure on Youtube. Please [Click Here](#).

Session Record Review

There will be four Session Record Reviews offered this year. The reviews will be held on Saturdays from 9:30am to noon. Clerks of Session, please RSVP as soon as possible to [Julie](#) and let her know which date you will attend.

June 5	United, Peoria	RSVP by
July 17	First, Springfield	RSVP by
August 14	First, Macomb	RSVP by
September 18	United, Woodhull	RSVP by

Be sure to bring your worksheet and fill it out prior to the meeting.

[2010 Session Record Review Cover Sheet](#)

[2010 Session Record Review Form](#)

Presbytery Night at the Ballpark



Come join churches from our presbytery on Friday, June 11, 7:00pm at O'Brien Field.
Peoria Chiefs vs. the Great Lake Loons
Tickets cost \$7.00

Information has been mailed to your church. *Sign-up with your church today.*

REMEMBER to have your church "Ticket Order Form" turned into [Julie](#) at the presbytery office no later than Friday, May 7, 2010.

11 days left to RSVP

Love Thy Neighbor Choir Concert

Sunday, May 2
3:00 - 4:30pm
Second Presbyterian Church
313 N. East Street
Bloomington, IL

A benefit concert for Habitat for Humanity of McLean County featuring a Community Choir.

For more information call (309)827-3931 or go to [Habitat for Humanity of McLean County](#) website.

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Tuesday, May 25

10:00 - 3:00

Northminster, Peoria

OFFICE CLOSED

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31

Tickets are available at: Habitat for Humanity office, Carl's Ice Cream, Garlic Press, Growing Grounds or Millworks. \$8 Adults, \$5 Seniors (62+) and \$5 Children 12 and under.

Go Deeper Into Mission with Monthly Webinars From Presbyterian World Mission

How can my next mission trip be more meaningful? What can I do to build stronger relationships with my Christian sisters and brothers in other parts of the world? What should a partnership between my church and our sister congregation in Honduras look like? Explore these and other mission questions in the monthly Webinar offered by [Presbyterian World Mission](#). The webinars are live conversations with missionaries, church partners, and mission initiators. You can participate from your home, office, neighborhood Starbucks, or wherever you like to access the Internet. Recordings of past webinars and additional information are also available [online](#). A monthly [podcast](#) provides background stories on the same topic.

11th National Multicultural Church Conference

The [11th National Multicultural Church Conference](#), May 26-30 in Chicago, will explore "growing Christ's church deep and wide" in an increasingly diverse world. Through the workshops, multicultural worship services and fellowship opportunities, you can learn to be part of leading and building a multicultural church community.



Green Energy

By Laurie Vial, Energy Consultant

Ed Begley Jr., television celebrity and self proclaimed king of green traveled to Illinois State University in his hybrid car, averaging 59 mpg, to keynote Earth Day observances. I caught up with Ed for his afternoon question and answer session and I must say I was impressed. Ed is currently featured in his own television show Living With Ed and he was touting his book "Ed Begley Jr.'s Guide to Sustainable Living."

What struck me immediately is that he was very down-to-earth (pardon the pun), very sincere and surprisingly very middle-of-the-road. One of the last questions dealt with Central Illinois farming and the use of pesticides and herbicides. Ed said he would not recommend sweeping changes because farmers need to feed the world and make a living - he just asked that careful research be done to make the best decisions possible and that hopefully there is "middle ground." Wow, not quite what I was expecting and very wise.

Begley also commented on commercial fishing. "We should find ways to protect our oceans and protect a fisherman's way to make a living."

Ed says he started off not as an environmentalist but he was just very cheap. Like many, his father was a product of the Depression and knew how to avoid waste, live frugally and save money. When Ed was young and a typical struggling, starving actor he adopted these same principles and trying to improve on them. Along the way he realized many of his habits were also good for the earth. He expanded on these ideas and his lifestyle developed.

Begley urged the audience, including many college students, to start with the stuff that is cheap and easy: use public transportation, turn the thermostat down in the winter and up in the summer, compost, turn things off and eat as low on the food chain as you possibly can. He also encouraged everyone to stop using plastic bags from stores - to bring your own reusable bags and stop buying plastic bottles of water. He held up his battered metal water bottle that he has carried for many years.

Then Begley urged the audience to take these principles one step further - to buy paper products

made from high percentages of post consumer paper and to buy products made from recycled materials but to be wary of "green washing." Watch for the "green" seal which proves the manufacturer's claims are true.

Next week I'll share more wit and wisdom from "Ed."

Hopefully you all read my recent column announcing a new opportunity to bring FREE energy audits to all of our Presbytery churches. If want to get on the list or need more information shoot me an e-mail using the hot link below.

Feel free to contact me, [Laurie](#), with questions or suggestions. Until next week let's strive to be good stewards of God's earth.

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