

GOOD NEWS FROM GREAT RIVERS

May 24, 2010



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Mark Your Calendar

SUMMER HOURS

Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 - 4:00
Closed Friday

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Tuesday, May 25
10:00 - 3:00
Northminster, Peoria

OFFICE CLOSED

Memorial Day
Monday, May 31

Clergy Group

Thursday, June 3
10:00 - 11:30
PGR

Session Record Review

Saturday, June 5
9:30 - Noon
United, Peoria

Peoria Chiefs Game

Friday, June 11
7:00pm
[O'Brien Field](#)

Small Church Event

Saturday, June 19
10:00 - 2:00
First, Lewistown

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Tuesday, June 22
10:00 - 3:00
Northminster, Peoria

Nominating Committee

Tuesday, June 29
10:00 - 2:00
PGR

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](#).

Presbytery Night at the Ballpark



Chiefs will [retire Greg Maddux's jersey](#) the night we will be at [O'Brien Field](#) Friday, June 11.

It's also "Nerd Night" featuring Myron Noodlemen.

One of our own will be throwing out the first pitch. Be on the lookout for Rev. Debbie Howard of Trinity Pres., Bartonville and her granddaughter, Kaileigh, on the pitcher's mound.

Korean Pres., Edwards will have a special "Meet and Greet" with [Hak-Ju Lee](#) and [Su-Min Jung](#). These 2 Chiefs players came to Peoria from Korea to play with the Chiefs. What a wonderful experience they will all have!

Small Church Event

Saturday, June 19, 2010

10:00am - 2:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

101 N. Main Street
Lewistown, IL 61542

Join Moderator Danie deBeer and Executive Sue Krummel to hear about Danie's DMin Thesis on revitalizing small churches and to address the issues shared by our smallest congregations. Each participating congregation will receive a \$50 "economic stimulus contribution."

Lunch will be served at no charge for participants.

Please RSVP no later than June 7 to [Julie](#)(800) 537-8592.

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
July 17

United, Peoria
First, Springfield

RSVP by May 27
RSVP by July 8

Administration Council

Wednesday, June 30

10:00 - Noon

PGR

August 14

September 18

First, Macomb

United, Woodhull

RSVP by August 5

RSVP by September 9

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](#)

MALT Interim Training

MALT Interim Pastor Training Event - The Art of Transitional Ministry

November 1-5, 2010

Registration deadline is October 4, 2010.

[Brochure](#)

[Registration](#)

MALT Interim Executive Training

November 5-9, 2010

Registration deadline is October 8, 2010

[Brochure](#)

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Year of the Bible

Below you will find an email from Sue Krummel's older daughter. We included it here because you might want to follow this discussion and because you might want to start something like this at your church.

Hello,

I'm emailing you because our church is starting an online bible study while people take off on their vacations over the summer. I wanted to invite you to join the online bible study. It starts May 23 and will last through the entire summer. The website for the study is <http://yearofthebibleburg.blogspot.com>, [Year of the Bible](#). If you go to the site right now you will find information about getting set up to participate in the study. I know the web address is long, but you can just click on the link in this email and bookmark it, so you don't have to remember it!

You don't have to be a member of First Presbyterian Church (or even Presbyterian!) to participate. Just go to the website, become a follower if you want and either participate or just follow along with the online discussions.

If you are interested in participating, but you don't have a bible you can just email me and I will help you get set up with one. The other reason I am emailing you is because I'd like you to share this website and extend this invitation to other people you think might be interested in participating in the discussion . . . its online, so they don't have to be in the area at all! A few ideas for getting the word out are: post the link on your facebook page and invite people to join, forward this email to your friends & family or write your own email, invite people F2F (face to face) and give them the web address.



Green Energy

By Laurie Vial, Energy Consultant

Summer has arrived and with it memories of church camp: s'mores around the campfire, making name badges at craft time, swimming in the lake and waking to the camp director singing to us on the loud speaker.

Last week's column was on the web site [Eco-Justice Programs](#) and I promised that this week we would take a look at green conference centers and church camps.

Camps and conference centers can be green in how they approach their management and organization. Examples are using washable trays in the dining room and serving food grown locally. It can include the big stuff such as replacing an old air conditioning system with a high efficiency model that costs more on the front side.

But camps and conferences can also be green in their curriculum and focus - weaving the environment and conservation into their subject matter as the main theme. It somehow seems easier to learn about taking better care of the earth when you are in a beautiful, natural setting.

The Presbyterian Conservation Corps has been renamed the Eco Stewards Program. Young people age 20-30 can apply for the weeklong program next May and summer internships are also available.

"What Is Eco-Stewardship?"

Eco-Stewardship is actively caring for creation as a way to love one's neighbor and better the global community. Eco-Stewards strive for six things:

1. Eco-consciousness
2. Being in solidarity with the poor
3. Living as ecological and socially responsible consumers
4. Personal spiritual journeys that are nurtured and supported by the Way of Community
5. Having roots in Presbyterian Reformed tradition
6. Providing education and training that compels action"

The web site is the [Eco-Stewards Program](#). Stronghold, a Presbyterian camp and conference center in Oregon, IL, will offer Jr. Eco Explorers in July for third through fifth graders. Here's a description:

"The earth is full of God's "riches and creatures." Come and explore Gods wonderful creation in this exciting camp. Plants and critters "many and varied" are hiding in plain sight - if you know where to look! Using all their senses, Eco-Explorers will explore the natural world, look under rocks, learn to identify animal tracks, taste the flavors that native plants have to offer, and challenge themselves to live 'more greenly.' Campers are sure to go home with a renewed love and respect for God's amazing creation through this camp."

I'll share "green" camping and conference opportunities as I learn about them!

Learn more about FREE energy audits for all churches in our Presbytery using the hot link below. Feel free to contact me, [Laurie](#), with questions or suggestions. Until next week let's all strive to be good stewards of God's earth.

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