

GOOD NEWS FROM GREAT RIVERS

June 28, 2010



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Special Presbytery Meeting

Wednesday, June 30, 1:30 p.m.

[First Federated Church](#)

3601 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, Illinois

The purpose of the meeting is to address issues with regard to the recommendation from the Mission Responsibility Through Investment committee of the General Assembly Mission Council that the PCUSA should denounce Caterpillar, Inc. for its profit-making from its activities in the Middle East.

All minister members and commissioners are urged to attend.

Information/papers can be found on our website or by clicking [Here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

SUMMER HOURS

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

Nominating Committee

Tuesday, June 29
10:00 - 12:00
PGR

Administration Council

Wednesday, June 30
10:00 - Noon
PGR

Special Presbytery Meeting

Wednesday, June 30
1:30
First Federated, Peoria

Clergy Group

Thursday, July 1
10:00 - 11:30
PGR

General Assembly

General Presbyter's Perspective

Rev. Susan Krummel

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

News From GA

Sue Krummel will be sending video blogs from the General Assembly in Minneapolis. You can access them from [Presbytery of Great Rivers](#) website.

We Prayed For You This Week

During our staff meetings each week, the presbytery staff prays for some of our churches. We are sharing those churches with you, so that you, too, can pray for them. How strong we all are through the power of prayer.

Nauvoo, First Presbyterian Church
New Windsor, [New Windsor Presbyterian Church](#)
Niota, Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church
Normal, [First Presbyterian Church](#)

Session Record Review

There are three Session Record Reviews left this year (one has already been completed!) The reviews will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 am to

July 3 - July 10
Minneapolis, MN

Office Closed
Monday, July 5
In observance of
Independence Day

noon. Clerks of Session, please RSVP as soon as possible to [Julie](#) which date you will attend. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR COVER SHEET and FORM!**

July 17 - First, Springfield **RSVP by July 8**
August 14 - First, Macomb **RSVP by August 5**
September 18 - United, Woodhull **RSVP by September 9**

Be sure to bring your worksheet and fill it out, in pen, prior to the meeting.
[2010 Session Record Review Cover Sheet](#)
[2010 Session Record Review Form](#)

"The Big Questions"

2nd Annual Great Rivers' Pastors' Retreat

Featuring Dr. William Greenway
Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Friday, September 24, 2010
9:30am - 2:30pm
[WeaverRidge Golf Club](#)
5100 WeaverRidge Blvd.
Peoria, IL 61615



Go to AustinSeminary.edu or click [here](#) for more information regarding Bill Greenway.



Green Energy By Laurie Vial, Energy Consultant

There may be a new phenomenon as more and more of us use computers and then upgrade our computers, monitors, laptops and other electronic toys. This is true in our homes and it's true in our churches. What do we do with these electronic albatrosses when they seem to no longer hold any value to us? Many people seem to sense they should not be placed in a landfill whether from a sense of environmental responsibility or fear that some hacker will glean personal information from the hard drive, or both. Thus many report having old desktops, laptops and monitors hidden all over their house waiting for a safe, responsible way to dispose of them.

Mavidea and IBM recently sponsored an electronic collection in downtown Bloomington. Cars were lined up for blocks and over 16 tons of equipment was collected, some more than 15 years old! That's 16 tons that was not thrown in a landfill but it underscores some of the fear surrounding its disposal.

I've participated in a few tours of our churches in my role as an energy consultant. And I've seen some of these ancient electronics tucked away in basements and attics. It's time to educate ourselves about responsible disposable, i.e. recycling, and move forward. And the ideal time to deal with this issue is the day you plug in the shiny, new replacement - while your items may still have some value to someone who has no computer at all or a local school or nonprofit. Most communities have trusted organizations that will accept your donations, "wipe" the hard drive to remove all data and prepare the unit for the next appreciative user.

If your electronic item is truly DOA or so slow or so small as to be of no use to anyone, then make sure it is recycled and not headed to the landfill. I know in McLean County there are several locations where these items can be dropped off at convenient times including Saturdays. There are no more excuses.

And if you are using a technician to transfer your data from one unit to another ask them if they offer re-use or recycle options. When you're shopping for new equipment look for energy efficient options. Many of the new monitors use much less energy than their earlier counterparts with LCD technology and are in fact EnergyStar rated.

And while you're at it purchase printer paper with the highest post consumer waste (PCW) rating

possible. For 100% PCW - yes that's 100 PERCENT - check out [Echo Paper](#).

Keep recycling your empty ink cartridges. Our local school district collects them. Some stores let you trade them in for credit on a ream of paper. If you know of other good places to trade in cartridges please share them with me so we can pass them on to churches.

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

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