

GOOD NEWS FROM GREAT RIVERS

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Mark Your Calendar

Summer Office Hours

Mo - Th 8:30 - 4:30
Closed Friday

Visioning Council

Wed., August 26
9:30 - 2:30
PGR

Installation of the Rev. Kristie Peterson

Sunday, August 30
4:00pm
First, Pekin

Assembly Papers DUE to Patti

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Assembly Papers on Website

Friday, Sept. 4
after 3:00

OFFICE CLOSED

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 7

Assembly Planning Committee

Conference Call

Tuesday, Sept. 8
10:00

Supplemental Papers on Website

Friday, Sept. 11
after 3:00

General Presbyter's Perspective Rev. Susan Krummel

This week's message from Sue has been posted for your viewing pleasure on Youtube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DWDIJ5s4bk>

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.

Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton Pres.

Rio, Rio Pres.

Rock Island, Broadway Pres.

Rock Island, Gloria Dei United Pres.

Rock Island, Good Shepherd Pres. www.gspchurch.com

Pathways - Youth Ministry Leader Seminars

Young people who are leaders in their congregations and the adults who serve in ministry with them will be gathering on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, IL for energizing worship and workshops on topics such as the Theology of Leadership, Vocational Discernment, Spiritual Practices, Building and Sustaining Relationships with Young People, and Visioning a Youth Ministry Program. This daylong event will be open to youth groups in churches throughout the area.

The presbytery has been offered complimentary registration for 2 adults and 2 youth. We will have a drawing for these at the presbytery meeting on September 15. Submit your church's name to Julie to be a part of the drawing.

To find out more about Pathways, see a schedule for the gathering, and register, go to www.ptsem.edu/ym. We look forward to your participation!

Installation of the Rev.

Andrew Gifford

Sunday, September 13
3:30pm
St. Luke, Bloomington

ASSEMBLY MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 15
9:30
First, Macomb

Presbytergent Cohort

Thursday, Sept. 17
10:00 - 12:00
United, Peoria

PGR Youth Advisory Delegate

According to the PGR Manual of Operations, a nomination for Youth Advisory Delegate from Great Rivers Presbytery is to offered to the Presbytery Assembly prior to each General Assembly. The Nominating Committee intends to nominate someone for this responsibility later this year.

A task force from the Nominating Committee will interview candidates. If you or your Session would like to nominate someone who will be 24 years of age or younger when the General Assembly meets in Minneapolis from July 3 through July 10, 2010, please send a letter of nomination to:

Gary Davis, Moderator
Presbytery of Great Rivers Nominating Committee
11 Illini Drive
Lincoln, IL 62701

Or you may email the nomination to Gary at gwdavis44@comcast.net. Please request confirmation of the email's receipt.

Letters of nomination must be received by 5:00pm on Thursday, October 1.

Installation

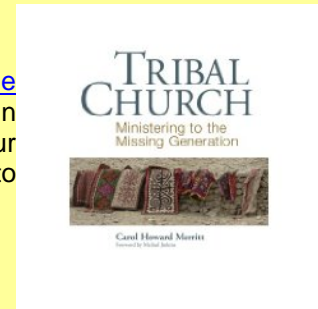
The Presbytery of Great Rivers invites all members and friends to celebrate with the presbytery and the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Pekin as the presbytery installs the Rev. Kristie Peterson as the new pastor for Pekin. The service of worship will take place August 30 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church 1717 Highwood Ave. in Pekin. www.pekinfpc.org

Continuing Education - Tribal Church

Carol Howard Merritt will be with our pastors on Friday, September 25 to spend the day looking at her book Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation. Rev. Merritt has a radio show once a week with Bruce Reyes-Chow, the moderator of the General Assembly [blog talk radio](#) and also has a blog that might interest you [Tribal Church](#).

Pastors can register for the day at any time by contacting [Julie Bainbridge](#). The event is from 9:30am - 3:30pm at Weaver Ridge in Peoria. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a wonderful lunch. Your \$25 can be paid the day of the meeting, make check payable to Presbytery of Great Rivers.

The [countdown](#) has begun.



Administrative Personnel Don't Miss This!

Administrative Personnel Association (APA) Day will be held Tuesday, October 13 from 9:00am - 3:00pm at United Presbyterian Church in Peoria. The two classes offered are Spiritual Growth and Discipline and Developing Professionalism. Please RSVP by September 30 to Trish at

upc@unitedpc.org.

[APA Flyer](#)

Follow link to find out more about Administrative Personnel Association of the PC(U.S.A.)

www.pcusa-apa.org.

Flu Season is Coming

You will no doubt hear many announcements about flu, flu shots, etc. in the weeks ahead. There is a website set up by the state of Illinois at www.flu.gov to help answer questions. Go to "plan and prepare" and then "community organizations." You might also want to remind people of the three

C's-clean hands, cover your cough, and contain the virus by staying home if you are sick. For churches this may mean that you will want to think about how you greet one another if there seems to be an outbreak in your community and you will want to think about your hospital and nursing home visits. Do not go if you are sick-and, pastors, this means you!

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