

GOOD NEWS FROM GREAT RIVERS

September 21, 2009



PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS

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Mark Your Calendar

COM Meeting

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

Clergy Group

Thursday, September 24
10:00 - 11:30
PGR

Pastor's Continuing Ed. -

Tribal Church

Friday, September 25
9:30 - 3:30
WeaverRidge in Peoria

Commissioning of Susan Shike

Sunday, September 27
3:00pm
Sunbeam United, Aledo
and Center Pres., Seaton

CPM Meeting

Thursday, October 1
9:30 - 2:30
Northminster, Peoria

Session Record Review

Saturday, October 10
9:30 - Noon
First, Galesburg

Nominating Committee

Tuesday, October 13
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.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BROSIXF9Qm8>

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.*

Springfield, [First Presbyterian Church](#)
Springfield, [Hope Presbyterian Church](#)
Springfield, Knox Presbyterian Church
Springfield, [Korean United Presbyterian Church](#)

Investments & Endowments Workshop

Charles Spencer and Lisa Longo (Development Officer of the Presbyterian Foundation) are coming to the presbytery three times in October to do one-day workshops to help churches think about their investments/endowments and long-term financial strategy. Register by contacting [Julie](#) at the presbytery office. **The deadline for registration is September 30.**

Sunday, October 25, 2:00pm - 6:00pm, South Park Pres., Rock Island
Monday, October 26, 4:00pm - 8:00pm, First Pres., Normal
Tuesday, October 27, 10:00am - 2:00pm, Westminster Pres., Springfield

APA Day
Tuesday, October 13
9:00 - 3:00
United, Peoria

Visioning Council
Wednesday, October 14
9:30 - 2:30
PGR

COM Training
Saturday, October 17
8:30 - 2:30
First, Canton

Administration Council
Tuesday, October 20
9:30 - 2:30
PGR

Clergy Group
Thursday, October 22
10:00 - 11:30
PGR

**Investments/Endowments
Workshop**
Sunday, October 25
2:00 - 6:00
South Park, Rock Island

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Workshop**
Monday, October 26
4:00 - 8:00
First, Normal

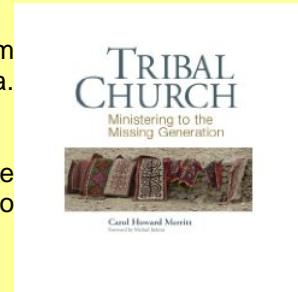
**Investments/Endowments
Workshop**
Tuesday, October 27
10:00 - 2:00
Westminster, Springfield

Tribal Church

REMINDER

The event is this Friday, September 25 from 9:30am - 3:30pm at [Weaver Ridge](#) in Peoria. Thank you to those who RSVP'd.

The cost is \$25 per person and can be paid the day of the meeting, make check payable to Presbytery of Great Rivers.



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](#). [APA Flyer](#)

[Click here](#) to find out more about Administrative Personnel Association of the PC(U.S.A.).

Session Record Review

There is one more Session Record Review available. The review will be **Saturday, October 10 at First in Galesburg**. This review will be 9:30 to noon. Please RSVP as soon as possible to [Julie](#). Be sure to bring your worksheet and fill it out prior to the meeting. [Session Record Review](#)

CLP Training

Have you felt a call to explore the possibility of becoming a Commissioned Lay Pastor? A new set of classes for such explorers is beginning in January. You must be approved by your session and the presbytery in order to take these classes. So, if you are interested, please look at the information on the [Synod of Lincoln Trails website](#) and begin the process with your session soon.

CLP Continuing Education

Are you a Commissioned Lay Pastor? If so, you are eligible for a \$100 scholarship from the Synod of Lincoln Trails for the CLP Conference at Montreat in North Carolina. Please see the [synod website](#) for more details.

Administrative Coordinator

The Illinois Conference of Churches, an ecumenical body of 28 member Christian judicatories in Illinois, seeks and Administrative Coordinator to be responsible for the management of the Springfield office and to facilitate operations of the organization. Required: well-organized self-starter; Bachelor's degree; experience in administration, financial management with willingness to learn QuickBooks, and computer skills; membership in a Christian denomination. Submit resume, references and cover letter to ICC Search Committee. [Andrea Wilson](#), or 2160 S. 6th St., Ste. D2, Springfield, IL 62703

Elder Training

Each training event will be held on a Saturday from 8:30am - 3:00pm with lunch served at noon. **Registration** is required for the purpose of preparing the meal and providing training manuals. Registration is accomplished by contacting [Julie](#) at the presbytery office. Let Julie know how many will be attending and which event they prefer. If there are not at least ten registrations per event, cancellation is possible. We want to be good stewards of time and resources.

Please RSVP by the dates listed below.

November 7	RSVP before October 29	@ Third Pres., Springfield
November 21	RSVP before November 12	@ St. Luke Union, Bloomington
January 9	RSVP before January 4	@ First Pres., Lewistown
January 16	RSVP before January 7	@ United, Woodhull

Great Rivers Presbyterian Youth Triennium Planning Group

A group is needed to make plans for the Great Rivers Delegation to the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Their theme this year is "For Such a Time as This" and the dates are July 20-24, 2010. Youth and Adults are sought to be a part of this planning group. Whether you've participated in the past, or hope to participate this year, or have youth that would like to participate, your thoughts, ideas, wisdom and discernment would be of great benefit to the group. Those interested in being a part of the planning group should contact the Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle. She can be reached via e-mail at: [Rev. Maura](#) or via telephone at: (309) 788-5143 or (309) 737-5724.

Lunch Recipes From First Pres., Macomb

Thank you to Macomb, First for the fantastic lunch served at the Assembly Meeting and for being kind enough to share your wonderful recipes with us!

Veggie-Pasta Salad

Cook 1 pound of macaroni until soft but firm. Drain, rinse with cold water, drain. Put in large bowl.

Shred 1 small head of cabbage. Chop other fresh local veggies in bite-sized pieces. We used tomatoes, bell peppers of various colors, cucumbers, zucchini, broccoli. We chopped them ahead of time and then drained liquid from the tomatoes and cucumbers. Quantity depends on your preferences and availability. We used proportions of 2 to 1 veggies to macaroni.

For the dressing, blend with a whip 2 c. Miracle Whip Free; 1/4 c. vinegar, 1/2 c sugar, 2 Tbls. prepared mustard. (This also works with mayonnaise)

Mix the dressing with the macaroni in a large bowl. Add the veggies and mix gently but thoroughly. Refrigerate.

Italian Meat Loaf

1 pound ground pork
1 pound ground beef
2 eggs, lightly beaten with fork
1/2 c tomato juice
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
3/8 tsp minced garlic, pressed
1/2 tsp Kosher salt
1 tsp Italian seasoning
1 tsp Knox gelatin
1/2 c. Parmesan cheese
3/4 c saltine cracker crumbs
1/2 Tbs dried parsley
1/4 tsp pepper

catsup

Cut together the pork and beef to combine slightly. Do not overwork. Combine all other ingredients except the meat and catsup. Add all except catsup to the meat. Combine thoroughly but do not overwork. May be mixed by hand with gloves. Divide meat mixture into 10 equal portions (about 4.3 ounces in weight). Shape into rectangular loaves. Spray top surface of broiler pan with Pam. Arrange loaves on pan so they are not touching. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven and spread a thin layer of catsup on each with the back of a teaspoon. Return to oven for 10 minutes and apply another thin layer of catsup. Bake another 10 minutes or until 160 degrees on thermometer.

Remove from oven. Ready to eat - or let cool and freeze and package until ready to heat. If frozen, allow to thaw and heat in microwave or oven. (We used roasters).

Apple Maple Crunch

6 apples - peeled, cored, sliced
2/3 c maple syrup
1/2 c butter
1/2 c brown sugar
3/4 c flour
1 pinch of salt
3/4 c quick oats

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Place apples in a 9x9" baking dish. Pour the maple syrup over the apples. In a bowl, cream together the butter and brown sugar. Stir in the flour, salt, and oats. Sprinkle (more like crumble) the oat mixture over the apples. Bake in a preheated oven 35 minutes (closer to 45) until golden and bubbly and apples are tender.

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