

# GOOD NEWS FROM GREAT RIVERS

November 23, 2009



## [PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS](#)

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## Mark Your Calendar

### OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 26

Friday, November 27

### Installation of

Rev. Troy Agema

Sunday, November 29

3:00

First, Princeville

### Assembly Planning

Committee

Wednesday, December 2

11:00 Five Points,

Washington

11:30 - 1:30

Washington Presbyterian

Church

### Clergy Group

Thursday, December 3

10:00 - 11:30

PGR

### Interim Pastors Meet

Thurs., December 3

11:30

Washington Pres.,

Washington

### Leadership Summit

Tuesday, December 15

10:00 - 2:00

PGR

### OFFICE HOURS Shortened

Due to

Staff Vacations

Monday, December 21

thru

Wed., December 23

## General Presbyter's Perspective

Rev. Susan Krummel

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

## Needed: Prayers, Volunteers and Building Materials

Prayers, volunteers and building materials are needed to assist families dislocated during the 2008 floods along the Mississippi River. The Presbytery of Great Rivers (PGR) Disaster Response Team is currently working with eight families in Henderson County and one family in Mercer County. Two of the nine families need their homes completed and the family moved into the home prior to December 20th.

The PGR Disaster Response Team is working along side local congregations, residents and agencies to coordinate rebuilding efforts for 70 families. Expertise in electrical, plumbing and construction leadership are needed. In the next few months, skilled and unskilled volunteers will be needed as homes are in different stages of completion (gutted to the studs -- ready for trim). Individual volunteers and work teams will be scheduled based on the availability of materials and leadership. Overnight housing may be available.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact [Kathy Casey](#). Please keep the families in your prayers. Together, we can make a difference.

*Kathy Casey*

Presbytery of Great Rivers

Disaster Recovery Henderson & Mercer Counties

## Elder Training

Each training event will be held on a Saturdays 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.

January 9      RSVP before January 4

@ First Pres., Lewistown

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Thursday, December 24  
thru  
Friday, January 1

January 16  
January 23

RSVP before January 7  
RSVP before January 14

@ United, Woodhull  
@ United Pres., Peoria

**OFFICE RE-OPENS**  
Monday, January 4

### 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.

Woodson, Unity Presbyterian Church  
Yates City, Faith United Presbyterian Church

### Living Christmas Tree to Kick Off Special Holiday Events

Northminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria invites you to celebrate the true magic of the Christmas Season with two very special events. On Saturday and Sunday, December 19th & 20th Northminster presents the "Living Christmas Tree", a special program filled with holiday music. This 24 foot tree filled with a 40 voice choir is the perfect celebration to your holiday season. The "Living Christmas Tree" choir will perform in the church sanctuary on Saturday at 7:00pm and again Sunday at 9:30am, December 19th & 20th.

On Christmas Eve, three services will help celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Join us at 4:30pm for the family service, and again at 7:00pm and 11:00pm on December 24th.

All events are free to the public. Northminster Presbyterian Church is located at Knoxville Avenue and Mossville Road in north Peoria. For more information call the church office at 309-691-6322 or go to our [website](#).

### Do You WANT Your Church to Grow?

SAVE THESE DATES.  
April 23 & 24, 2010

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