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Representatives from Scotland Trinity and Ipava Presbyterian Churches place a stole upon their newly commissioned pastor, Dan Colvin, 1/26/20.

GOOD NEWS

from the

Presbytery of Great Rivers

*We are called to share Christ's love by partnering in service,
uniting in worship, and risking in ministry.*

January 31, 2020

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Every week during 2020, we offer up different church names so that we can pray for our entire Presbytery community. You are welcome to follow this calendar as you will! The full list can be found on our website under the Churches tab or by clicking [here](#).

This week on our prayer calendar. . .



Bloomington - St. Luke Union Church

2101 E Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701

Rev. Dr. Andrew Gifford

Lisa Dornbush, Admin Assistant

Karlene Bledsoe, Clerk of Session

Brian Trower, Treasurer

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Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY

Elder/Deacon Training

Saturday, February 8

8:30 am - Noon

Woodhull-United

Elder/Deacon Training

Saturday, February 15

8:30 am - Noon

Macomb-First

Presbytery Assembly

Tuesday, February 18

9:30 am - 3 pm

Peoria-First Federated LTC

Elder/Deacon Training

Saturday, February 22

8:30 am - Noon

Normal-First

Committee on Ministry

Tuesday, February 25

10 am - 3 pm

Peoria-First Federated LTC



Buffalo Hart - Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church

7862 Buffalo Hart Road, Buffalo Hart, IL 62693

Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

Ann Hughes, Clerk of Session

Janice Wray, Treasurer

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Elder/Deacon Training

Saturday, February 29

8:30 am - Noon

Springfield-Third

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Join Our List



Welcome new pastor!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Commissioned Lay Pastor Dan Colvin, newly commissioned to Ipava Presbyterian Church in Ipava and to Scotland Trinity Presbyterian Church in Macomb! Images from Commissioning Service held at Scotland Trinity Presbyterian Church in Macomb on January 26, 2020.



APA Save the Date!

Heartland Regional Conference
2020, August 14-15, Peoria

The Mission of Administrative Personnel Association is to offer opportunities for professional development and personal growth for those called by God to serve as support staff of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This mission is accomplished by providing continuing education events for certification and occasions for fellowship, worship, and spiritual nurture and prayer at both national and regional meetings as well as seminary sponsored training events. (adopted July 1999). *The Heartland Region is one of five regions in the country representing Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.*



For more information regarding the Administrative Personnel Association, click [HERE](#)

Next Church 2020 National Gathering



WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN?

Witness, Power, and Hope

Cincinnati, OH

March 2-4, 2020

Joshua 4:1-9

OUR THEME

The twelve stones placed in the middle of the Jordan River served as a memorial to God's faithfulness. They witnessed to the trials and tribulations overcome by the people of God. The stones also testified to future generations that God, who made a way where there was no way, will once again lead us to redemption and transformation.

We are called to remember our forebears, the great distances they covered and the faith that carried them. Their memory inspires us and challenges us to move forward in our own faith journey. Their memory calls us to stay the course, to wade in the waters of life, to continue to struggle for the Kingdom of God where justice, love, and peace flow freely. When we are willing to sacrifice the comfort of what we know for the gift of new life promised by God, we become living stones that witness and testify to God's provision, promise, and power that transform our hope into reality.

Let us meet by the river in Cincinnati for the 2020 NEXT Church National Gathering, to remember, pray, sing, and testify to God's power that transforms us and our work to reflect God's faithfulness.

[Click here for more information and to Register](#)

White Privilege Conference

April 1-4, 2020

Mesa Convention Center
263 N Center St
Mesa, AZ 85201



THE WHITE PRIVILEGE CONFERENCE

Understanding, Respecting, & Connecting

The WPC provides a challenging, collaborative and comprehensive experience. We strive to empower and equip individuals to work for equity and justice through self and social transformations.

[Click here for Information and Registration](#) (please note that registration is filling up fast, as are hotel rooms in the Mesa area!)

During registration, please be sure to click non-profit rate and use discount code "20pcusa20" which is provided by the PC(USA).

This conference qualifies for our Great Rivers Presbytery leadership transformation grant of up to \$300 for enrollment per person (\$600 per church) for anti-racism training.

2020 Elder/Deacon Training

**PLEASE RSVP to Patti at pparrish@greatriverspby.org or 309-683-6890.
Include name, email, cell, and church city/name.**

February 8

Woodhull-United

United Church of Woodhull
150 West Third Avenue
Woodhull, IL 61490

February 22

Normal-First

First Presbyterian Church
2000 E College Ave
Normal, IL 61761

February 15

Macomb-First

First Presbyterian Church
400 E Carroll St
Macomb, IL 61455

February 29

Springfield-Third

Third Presbyterian Church
1030 N 7th St
Springfield, IL 62702-3907

Get Connected!

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