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Worshippers light the candles in preparation for worship at Center Presbyterian Church in Seaton.

## 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.*

March 6, 2020

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## Let Us Pray



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. . .*



**Clayton - First Federated Church**  
101 E Main Street, Clayton, IL 61324  
Rev. Kay Daniel  
Mary Susan Royalty, Clerk of Session  
Loretta Carroll, Treasurer

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## Mark Your Calendar

### MARCH

**Nominating Committee**  
Wednesday, March 18  
1:30 pm  
Via ZOOM

**Visioning Team**  
Thursday, March 19  
10 am - Noon  
Via ZOOM

**Committee on Ministry**  
Tuesday, March 24  
10 am - 3 pm  
Peoria-First Federated LTC

### APRIL

**Office Closed**



**Clinton - Clinton Presbyterian Church**

402 N Center St, Clinton, IL 61727

Rev. Paul Stroup

Shari Schneider, Administrative Assistant

Kathy Puckett, Clerk of Session & Treasurer

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Friday April 10

Monday April 13

**Committee on Ministry**

Tuesday, April 28

10 am - 3 pm

Peoria-First Federated LTC

**Administrative Team Meeting**

Wednesday, April 29

11 am - 4 pm

Peoria-First Federated LTC

**Leadership Team Meeting**

Thursday, April 30

10 am - 2 pm

Peoria-First Federated LTC

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Join Our List



**In Our Prayers**

*Let us please keep in our prayers Scott Whitson, husband to CLP Kathie Whitson, for his hospitalizations over the past few weeks due to surgery and infection. He is now home as of today, so let us continue to pray for stress and pain relief.*



**Committee on Ministry February 2020 Highlights**

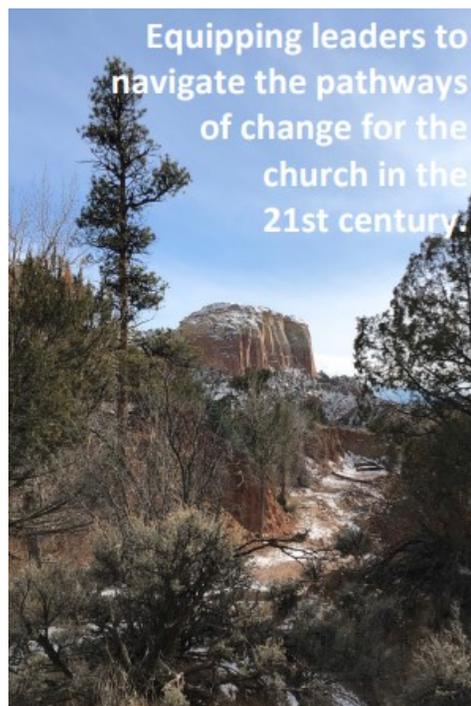
The regular meeting of the Committee on Ministry met on February 25, 2020 from 10-3 pm at the Life Together Center in Peoria. The C.O.M. is responsible for "enhancing and strengthening pastor/congregation relations, enhancing and strengthening skills for the professional ministry, and the performances of all duties required by the PCUSA Constitution (G-3.0307)" (Article X, Section 2a of Manual of Operations). Highlights from the August meeting include:

- Approved terms of call and pastoral contracts to ensure that all pastoral arrangements are fair and supportive to the church and to the pastor.
- Celebrated new pastoral and transitional pastor leadership at Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomington and First Presbyterian Church of Galesburg.

- Had a learning moment together of best practices of engaging churches in relationship as ministry partners and what information is helpful to log about our visits.
- Blessed by wonderful worship together.
- Due to weather, used Zoom technology as a way to enable people to have a virtual presence in the meeting without risking dangerous driving conditions.
- Named gratitude for covering each other, supporting each other, and how we are blessed by the chaplain validated ministers of our presbytery.

## Transitional Ministry Training Opportunity

Have you ever thought to be trained as a transitional pastor? Due to the nature of 21st century ministry, Great Rivers Presbytery believes that all churches are in transition of some kind. That is why **the presbytery will pay for the tuition and single room expense for all Ministers of Word and Sacrament interested in participating in Transitional Ministry Training** (and for Commissioned Ruler Elders/Commissioned Lay Pastors upon approval by the Committee on Ministry to confirm you have a commission) so long as it is at one of the approximately a dozen sites facilitated by the Transitional Ministry Education Consortium (TMEC) of the PCUSA. Some participants benefit from actual transitional ministry positions meant for the time between called and installed pastors, but more are using it for the necessary skill sets of leading churches through change. *MALT stands for Mid American and Lincoln Trails Synods, who work together to provide training close to Great Rivers Presbytery once a year.*



### MALT Transitional Ministry 2020:

Parkville Presbyterian Church  
 819 Main Street, Parkville MO 64152  
 (Kansas City area)  
 May 18-21, 2020

[Click here for more Information and Registration](#)

Click [HERE](#) for more information on additional 2020 Transitional Ministry Training opportunities around the country.

## Wilderness Christian Camp

Wilderness Christian Camp  
June 7-12, 2020  
held at Stronghold Camps  
and Conference Center.

\$175.00 for **grades 3-5**  
\$200.00 for **grades 6-12**  
[Registration Form](#)



We stay in cabins, with our only modern conveniences being cold running water to our units and a porta potty. We cook our own food over a campfire, clean up and do our dishes. We do daily Bible studies and worship. We go swimming and hiking each day. We also go to games, Nature and/or Crafts. The 6th-12th graders get to do extra activities; such as canoeing and high ropes course.

We welcome all Christian denominations. If interested contact Kayla Thompson (217-502-0678) or email us at [info@wildernesschristiancamp.org](mailto:info@wildernesschristiancamp.org) or look us up on [our website](#) (we also are on [Facebook](#)).

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## **TRANSITIONAL PASTOR WATCH**

Are you interested in helping guide a church through transitional time as they prepare for the next chapter of their life? Our presbytery has a need for those serving as transitional pastors (also called interim pastors), particularly in the southernmost and northern regions of our presbytery. Our presbytery pays for the registration and single room expense for Week One and Week One of Transitional Pastor Training, for anyone would who like to complete or update their training. Please contact Kathie Whitson, chair of Committee on Ministry or Ryan Landino, Lead Presbyter for Transformation, for more information!

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**Be sure to encourage your congregations, sessions, and even your church newsletter editorial staff and volunteers to be sure to sign up for our presbytery newsletter and follow our Facebook page so you don't miss out on what is going on in our community of churches!**

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