



# GOOD NEWS

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## Presbytery of Great Rivers

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

August 20, 2018

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### Let Us Pray



### New Presbytery Prayer List!

Some of you are in the wonderful practice of praying for the churches of Great Rivers Presbytery on a routine basis. We want to encourage this practice! Please continue your prayer practices as you find most fruitful. For those jumping on board, we are introducing a presbytery prayer list that will list our faith communities alphabetically, evenly distributed over the calendar year. As we are over halfway

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### Mark Your Calendar

**AUGUST**

**Leadership Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 22  
10 am - 2 pm  
Presbytery Office

**COM Meeting**  
Tuesday, August 28

through the year, we'll start over halfway through the list and then pick up at the top in 2019. Let us keep each other in prayer as a community of churches together!



Hamlet Perryton Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Harold Losey  
Colleen Hessman, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Robert A. Winter, Clerk of Session  
Mr. Charles E. Wood, Treasurer  
1848 170th Ave  
Reynolds, IL 61279



Ellington Memorial Presbyterian Church  
CLP Ron Cox  
Ginny Wellman, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Linda Duncan, Clerk of Session  
Ms. Susan Disselhorst, Treasurer  
4600 N 36th St  
P O Box 3125  
Quincy, IL 62305  
[Facebook Page](#)

10 am - 3 pm  
Peoria-First Federated LTC

**CPM Meeting**  
Thursday, August 30  
10 am  
Presbytery Office

## SEPTEMBER

**Office Closed**  
Monday, September 3  
Labor Day

**Interfaith Group**  
Wednesday, September 12  
11 am - 1 pm  
Presbytery office

**Ordination & Installation**  
Sunday, September 16 @ 4 PM  
CPM Candidate Paul Stroup  
Clinton-Clinton Presbyterian  
Church

**Assembly Meeting**  
Saturday, September 22  
Blackburn College, Carlinville, IL

**COM Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 25  
10 am - 3 pm  
Peoria-First Federated LTC

**CPM Meeting**  
Thursday, September 27  
10 am  
Presbytery Office

[Click here for the PGR Calendar](#)

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**PGR MISSION FAIR**  
AT SEPTEMBER 22 ASSEMBLY

The Visioning Team is coordinating a Mission Fair for the September 22 PGR Assembly Meeting at Blackburn College in Carlinville, IL. Show us how you used your MIFA, Bucks for Blessing, Worship Initiative and Talent Grants! We'll have a special room and table set up so we can let each other know about the great mission and ministry happening through our churches. Displays do not have to be elaborate - a display board with photos and brief description will do. If you bring it on a laptop, please bring your own power strip and extension cord. The meeting starts at 9:30 AM, so come early to get set up! If you have questions, contact Joe Eby at 217-528-0457 or [drjheby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drjheby@sbcglobal.net).

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## Monmouth-Faith United

# *Congratulations!*

Congratulations to **Brandon Ouellette** who was ordained and installed at the Faith United Presbyterian Church in Monmouth on Sunday, August 12!





To Like and Follow the Facebook page of Faith United Presbyterian Church, Monmouth please click the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/Monmouth-Faith-United/>

To **Like** and **Follow** the Presbytery's Facebook Page, click on the follow link:

<https://tinyurl.com/PGR-Facebook-Page>



The Inclusion Committee of the First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville presents:

**Parents And Relatives Accessing Solutions for extra Ordinary lives**

A one day special needs conference and vendor fair  
**Saturday, September 8, 2018, 8:30-4:00**

**Topics Include:**

- History of disability in America
- Community living for adults with DD
- Accessing community supports
- IEPs and advocacy
- "Creating a Therapeutic Life, Not a Life Full of Therapies"

A round table/panel discussion with parents and professionals. Bring your problems here, and let's put our hive mind to work!

**Presenters**

Taylor Sweeting  
Keynote- Autism Self-Advocate  
Sandy Valentine  
Equip for Equality  
Levi Graham of DD Homes  
Michele and Aubrie Westmaas  
Expect ExtraOrdinary

**TO REGISTER, [CLICK HERE!](#) To view the flyer [CLICK HERE!](#)**

Cost is \$5. Pay at the door or drop off at the church.

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**SPOTLIGHT ON TEAMWORK**



This last Wednesday, the Administration Team, which is responsible for the finances of the presbytery, met in Peoria for a "Budget Summit," where we invited the chairs of all the standing committees of the presbytery to give feedback on what financial resources we know we will need to be faithful to our committees' work in 2019. What was unique about this meeting is that before even looking at the

numbers, we brainstormed together ways we can best honor our mission as a presbytery. We said such things as "making connections," "sharing best practices," "taking stock of all our congregations," etc. From that list, I noticed four emerging different priorities. They were: 1) *resourcing churches*, 2) *building relationships*, 3) *fostering communication*, and 4) *increasing efficiency/cost effectiveness* in our stewardship. What was striking was how close these priorities were to the kinds of themes that arose in last year's open town hall discussions! We wrote these four priorities down on a large sheet of paper and held it out in front of us as a reference during our budget deliberations. For our next presbytery meeting, we hope to bring before you a budget that reflects our shared priorities so that we can be as faithful to our commitments to each other as possible! - Ryan Landino, Lead Presbyter for Transformation



## 2018 Clerk of Session Training

Are you a new Clerk of Session? Have you been a clerk for years and still have questions? Every other year, the Presbytery provides training for the Session clerks. This is a great time to ask questions, help one another and even learn something new! Since Session records need to be reviewed by the presbytery only every other year, you will not need to produce your minutes this year. However, half of the churches did not have their minutes reviewed last year. If your church is one of those, we can review them at the training session. Rev. Elissa Bailey will be conducting morning sessions of training for clerks at several locations throughout the presbytery this fall. Each event will be held on a Saturday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

The training will include the following:

- *What's new in the Book of Order I may have missed?*
- *What might be coming up that I should know?*
- *A time to answer those questions that no one else but another Clerk would understand!*

*The training will be taught by Rev. Elissa Bailey,  
Presbytery of Great Rivers Stated Clerk.*

The dates and locations of the 2018 Clerk of Session Training events are:

**SEPT 15**

First Presbyterian Church  
400 E Carroll St  
Macomb, IL 61455-2354  
309-833-3333

**OCT 13**

Third Presbyterian Church  
1030 N 7th St  
Springfield, IL 62702-3907  
217-528-0457

**SEPT 29**

First Presbyterian Church  
2000 E College Ave  
Normal, IL 61761-2294  
309-452-4459

**OCT 20**

United Church of Woodhull  
150 West Third Avenue  
Woodhull, IL 61490  
309-334-2533

**RSVP** (No later than 1 week prior to training)  
to Patti at [pparrish@greatriverspby.org](mailto:pparrish@greatriverspby.org) or call 309-683-6980

**Important:** If you are bringing records to be reviewed from the previous year, you must notify Patti or Rev. Elissa in advance! You will need to bring your minutes books from the last time they were reviewed to your most current minutes. Thanks, Pastor Elissa.

**Your Per Capita/Shared Mission Dollars at Work**

Last year, twelve Presbyterian churches in the Springfield area united together with other organizations in the community for a Habitat for Humanity housing project called the Central Illinois Presbyterian Build. Through their collaboration of time, resources, volunteer labor, and shared presbytery grants, Kyla Overby and Tim Anders were able to celebrate the construction of their new handicap-accessible home. This is Sangamon County's 106th Habitat for Humanity build.

<https://www.eighteen21.com/news/habitat-for-humanity-106th-build-kickoff>



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