



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.

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Let Us Pray



This week, we invite you to pray for . . .

Mark Your Calendar

AUGUST

COM Meeting

Tuesday, August 28
10 am - 3 pm
Peoria-First Federated LTC

CPM Meeting

Thursday, August 30
10 am
Presbytery Office



Rio - Rio Presbyterian Church

Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle
210 E Center Ave
Rio, IL 61472-0167

Linda Harding, Admin Assistant
Ms Dee Litchfield, Clerk of Session
Ms. Carol Boyer, Treasurer

[Rio Presbyterian Church Facebook Page](#)



Rock Island - Broadway Presbyterian Church

710 23rd St
Rock Island, IL 61201-2619
Ms. Victoria Blair, Clerk of Session
Ms. Donna Schuldt, Treasurer

[Broadway Presbyterian Church Facebook Page](#)

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
10 am - 3 pm
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](#)

2018 Clerk of Session Training

This year's Clerk of Session Training will be held on a Saturday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

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 or call 309-683-6980

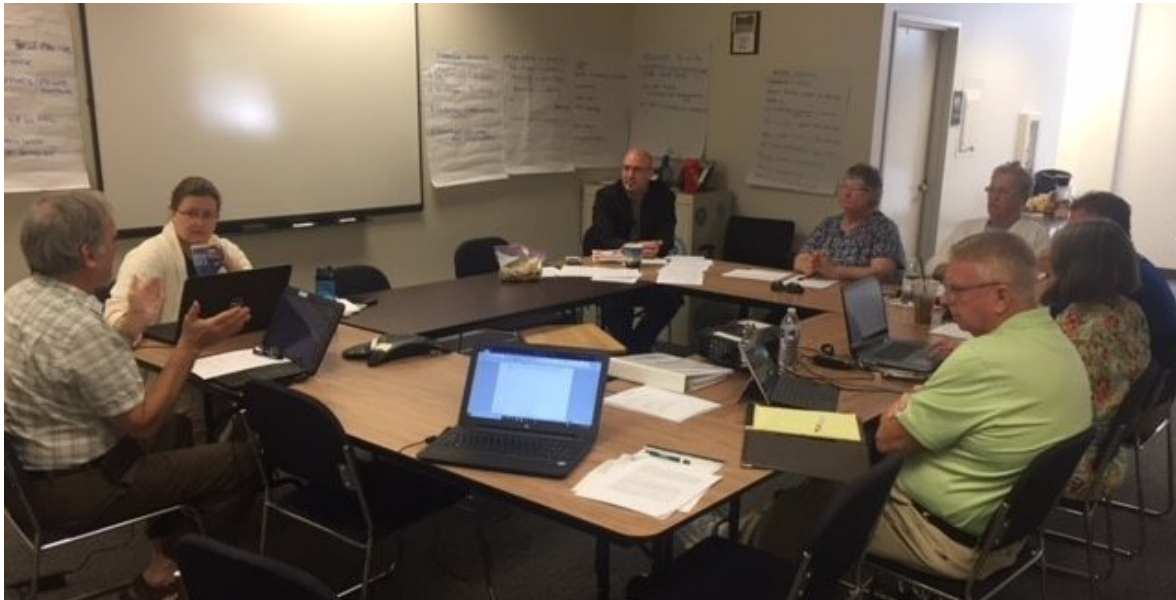
Important: If you are bringing records to be reviewed from the previous year, you must notify Patti or Rev. Elissa in advance! You will need to bring your minutes books from the last time they were reviewed to your most current minutes. Thanks, Pastor Elissa.

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 10 AM, so come early to get set up! If you have questions, contact Joe Eby at 217-528-0457 or drjheby@sbcglobal.net.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEAMWORK

Last Tuesday, the Leadership Team met at the presbytery office to coordinate our work together ahead of the September 22 assembly meeting in Carlinville. We reflected on the written evaluations of the last assembly meeting, communicated about our assembly needs with each of our volunteer committee chairs, and began work on the 2019 assembly schedule. We spent special time talking about how to make our meetings as accessible as possible to all our church communities, and we committed to take some risks with some experimentation on what a "virtual microphone" might look like for those who cannot physically attend presbytery activity together. We hope to have all reading materials for our next assembly available by the beginning of September. We are looking forward to a Spirit-filled presbytery gathering at Blackburn College filled with the good news of how God is at work among us!
- Rev. Ryan Landino, Lead Presbyter for Transformation (photo courtesy of Gary Davis)



Your Per Capita/Shared Mission Dollars at Work

In conjunction with local community and presbytery grants, the First Presbyterian Church of Milan has for the last two years been running a "Milan on the Move" van ministry that provides the services of a fifteen-passenger van for the Milan community. The vehicle is used nearly every day, transporting low income and elderly residents to the local food pantry, grocery stores, and doctor appointments. It also assists schools in their after school programs and so lower income children can attend swimming and other events. Photo source and more information can be found at firstpresmilan.org/serve.html.



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