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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.

September 10, 2018

Let Us Pray



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



Seaton - Center Presbyterian Church

305 5th Street
Seaton, IL 61476
Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle
Ms. Dixie Greer, Admin Assistant
Ms. Marcia Duncan, Clerk of Session
Mr. Gary Greer, Treasurer
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Sherrard - Community Presbyterian Church

201 3rd Street

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Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Nominating Committee

Saturday September 15
9 am - Noon
Delavan-First

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

Office Closed

September 14 & 28

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Sherrard, IL 61281
Rev. Drew Nagle
Ms. Helenna Freeman, Clerk of Session
Ms. Lynn Crompton, Treasurer

FOR GREAT RIVERS PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS AND PASTORS: "Top Ten Reasons Why You Do Not Want to Miss the 9/22/18 Assembly Meeting in Carlinville"



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SPOTLIGHT ON GREAT RIVERS PRESBYTERY: Jacksonville

Did you know that the [First Presbyterian Church](#) of Jacksonville has a program entirely focused on providing networking and assistance for special needs families?

This Spotlight on Great Rivers Presbytery video gives you a glimpse into how Presbyterians in Jacksonville, IL have provided space for the larger community to connect, share resources, and stand together in support of their loved ones with special needs, through the work of their Inclusion Committee, PARASOL program (Parents And Relatives Assessing Solutions for extraOrdinary Lives), and under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Jonathan Warren. On site footage is from their September 8, 2018 PARASOL event.

~Rev. Ryan Landino, Lead Presbyter for Transformation of Great Rivers Presbytery



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2018 Clerk of Session Training

RSVP to Patti at pparrish@greatriverspby.org or call 309-683-6980 by Wednesday, Sept 12 to attend the Macomb Clerk of Session Training on a Saturday from 9:00am to 12:00pm.



SEPT 29

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

OCT 13

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

OCT 20

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

2018 Women in Ministry Conference

October 15-16

WOMEN AT THE CROSSROADS: FINDING RESILIENCE IN MINISTRY THROUGH COACHING AND CONNECTION

How do women stay creative and resilient within the challenges of church leadership? Through reflection, discussion, and small-group coaching, our Chicago Women in Ministry (WIM) Conference at Fourth Presbyterian Church will focus on opportunities for change and growth in the daily work of ministry.

Our keynote speaker, The **Rev. Dr. Sonia Waters**, will frame our time together with scripture inspiration and pastoral theological reflection on women in leadership. We will then work in coaching groups to explore best practices of ministry at the crossroads of challenge and change.

[Schedule](#) and [Registration](#)



Presbytery Assembly Meeting

Presbytery Assembly Meeting Blackburn College, Carlinville, IL

Woodson Business Center

[Click here for Campus Map](#)

September 22, 2018

10 am - 3:30 pm

Registration starts at 9:00 am

9:30 am optional fellowship time

10:00 am official meeting start

Highlights:

- Visiting Blackburn College, one of three Presbyterian colleges in Great Rivers Presbytery
- Keynote Speaker: Bryce Wiebe, Director of Special Offerings for the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)
- 2019 Budget Approval
- Mission Celebration and Grant Recipient Presentations
- Presentation of "Hands and Feet" Presbytery Mission Trip
- Report from 223rd General Assembly commissioners and delegates
- Presentation of Kemmerer Village

ALL PAPERS AND MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE BY TUESDAY THE 18TH

Your Per Capita and Shared Mission Dollars at Work

We have a Sabbatical Grant available to Presbytery of Great Rivers pastors currently serving a church who are planning a Session approved sabbatical. Pastors may request up to \$2,000 to help with sabbatical related expenses, and up to \$500 to help the church with expenses related to the pastor's absence during the sabbatical.

Sabbatical leave is a carefully planned period of time in which a pastor is granted leave away from his or her normal ministerial responsibilities in order to spend an extended period of time in rest, renewal, and recovery, through prayer, reflection and relaxation. Sabbatical leave is not vacation, nor is it continuing education. Sabbatical leave can be a needed break from the long hours, high pressure, personal sacrifice, and 24 hour a day, seven day a week nature of pastoral ministry.

Sabbatical leave can be a time of prayer, rest, study and travel, either at home or abroad. It can provide the needed change of scenery and pace that can help prevent burnout for the pastor of a congregation. Sabbatical leave can also be beneficial for the congregation in that the pastor may return from sabbatical leave with renewed energy and rediscovered zeal for ministry. It is also a time when congregations can refocus its energies around the leadership of the church and discover new energy from within.



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