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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.

October 8, 2018

Let Us Pray



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



Springfield - Third Presbyterian Church

Third Presbyterian Church
1030 N 7th St
Springfield, IL 62702
Rev. Joe Eby

Clerk of Session: Patsy Rader
Treasurer: Robert Smith

[Third Presbyterian Church Website](#)
[Third Presbyterian Church Facebook Page](#)



Springfield - Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church
533 S Walnut St
Springfield, IL 62704
Rev. Blythe Kieffer
Rev. Trayjan McGill

Administrative Assistant: Jennie Alt
Clerk of Session: Mr. Tom Owen
Treasurer: Steven Scaife
Parrish Associate:

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Gerald Boutelle
[Westminster Presbyterian Church Website](#)
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Mark Your Calendar

OCTOBER

Visioning Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 16
10 am - 2 pm
Presbytery Office

Admin Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 17
1 pm - 4 pm
Presbytery Office

COM Meeting

Tuesday, October 23
10 am - 3 pm
Peoria-First Federated

Leadership Team Meeting

Thursday, October 25
10 am - 2 pm
Presbytery Office

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE!

Nominating Committee

Conference Call
Saturday, October 27

Office Closed

October 5, 12, 19, 26

[Click here for the PGR Calendar](#)

2019 Assembly Dates

The 2019 Assembly dates have been scheduled as follows:

- Feb. 26 @ FivePoints in Washington
- June 8 @ First Pres in Macomb
- Sept. 17 @ First Federated in Peoria
- Nov. 9 @ IL College in Jacksonville

SPOTLIGHT ON TEAMWORK: Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is in need of volunteers. We are looking for ruling elders for COM, CPM, and Visioning Team. We are in need of teaching elders for the Permanent Judicial Commission and Administration Team. If you are interested in serving, please contact Rev. Cheyanna Losey at cheyannalosey@gmail.com. Thank you.



Committee on Ministry Highlights:

(from 9/25/18 meeting)

The Committee on Ministry (C.O.M.) met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 25th 2018. Here are some of the highlights we'd like to share with you:

- Focused on strengthening communication with the churches by clarifying the role of "ministry partner" of which one is assigned to every church. Ministry partners will continue to be the primary pointpersons for churches to connect with the Committee on Ministry for issues such as assisting transitions and receiving support resources. [A list of ministry partners can be found here.](#)
- Committed to bringing the issue of the status of Pastor Emeritus that was referred back to the committee from the 9/22 Carlinville Assembly to the agenda for the October COM meeting, with the goal of bringing clear recommendations to the 11/3 Galesburg Presbytery Assembly in November.
- Began forming a "cooperative ministries" taskforce that will seek new ways to support the needs of our churches, particularly smaller churches. This is still a work in progress!
- Updated our requirements for safely vetting our pulpit supply list, which includes but not limited to, criminal and sex offender background checks.
- Started to craft the 2019 ethics training, which is required for pastors once a year. (If you are aware of resources you think may be helpful, please feel free to contact Diane Ludington of COM, pastorcentralpres@gmail.com)

Job Posting for St. Luke Union Church

Office Manager / Program Coordinator

St Luke Union Church (PC(USA) and UCC)
2101 East Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701
309-663-7437 / stlukeunion.org

Church Mission:

We are an active, caring community proclaiming the Word of God. We seek to know God's will as individuals and as a church, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit, to practice Christian discipleship, and demonstrate Christ's unconditional grace and love for all.

General Description:

The Office Manager / Program Coordinator provides administrative support to the pastor, committees and work teams. This person will be a valuable member of the church office and expected to reach out to the church and community in a manner consistent with the church's mission. The person must be patient, engaging, and have a heart to serve. As an employee of St. Luke Union Church, the person reports directly to the church pastor as directed and coordinated through the church council.

Qualifications:

- Understanding and experience with Microsoft Office Suite and ability to learn and achieve expertise in the systems used by the church including: Excel, Quick Books, Servant Keeper, Word Press, Media Shout and desk top publishing.
- Understanding of basic accounting and financial practices to include preparing and managing budgets and purchasing practices.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience with use of social media and other outreach tools.
- Experience and maturity expected.
- Ability to sit for extended periods of time and lift and carry a minimum of 20 pounds short distances.
- High school diploma or equivalent required.
- Ability to pass background check and drug test.
- Commitment to support the theological beliefs of the Presbyterian Church USA and United Church of Christ denominations.

Responsibilities:

- Construct weekly worship bulletins, announcements, and worship slides.
- Gather articles and activity information from church committees, work teams and members and construct the monthly newsletter.
- Manage and execute day-to-day activities of St Luke Union Church office.
- Obtain a working knowledge of and become an asset to all ministry teams and committees.
- Work with the pastor, church committees and work teams to plan and arrange logistics for church programs and events.
- Supervise volunteers in performing office tasks.
- Perform all other duties as assigned.

Hours, Benefits and Salary:

- Office hours are: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday - Friday. (Approximately 30 hours per week). Some evening and weekend hours may be required.
- Vacation days include two weeks of paid vacation in each calendar year for the first two years of employment increasing to three weeks paid vacation following that time.
- Candidate is eligible for additional benefits through the Presbyterian Board of Pensions. The amount St Luke Union Church will contribute can be negotiated.
- Starting salary is expected to be \$28,000, but may be adjusted based on experience and qualifications.

Robe & Stoles

Charles Hendricks's robe and stoles. Contact his daughter, Julie Kasa, at kasaj@comcast.net if you would be interested in having them. Thanks!



Illinois-Wisconsin-Iowa Youth Assembly

**ILWIA Youth Assembly 2018
Nov 9-11, 2018
Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center
1922 Illinois Route 2 N, Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-6111
[Click here for Brochure](#)**

"Three States for One God"

A meeting place for middle-school folks and leaders to enjoy God's great outdoors to be introduced or reintroduced to Jesus Christ to experience life in the body of Christ

Jacob and Brianne Christiansen, presenters for the weekend, bring a passion for telling the story of the gospel in words as well as drama. They lead the ministry to youth at First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Cost: \$120 for campers, \$60 for leaders. A limited number of \$20 scholarships available upon request. Register online at www.strongholdcenter.org.

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