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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 15, 2018

### Let Us Pray



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

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**Stronghurst - Stronghurst Presbyterian Church**

Stronghurst Presbyterian Church  
220 S Division St, PO Box 126  
Stronghurst, IL 61480  
Mr. Phil Cooper, CLP  
Clerk of Session: Mr. Donald Fry



**Tallula - Rock Creek Presbyterian Church**

Rock Creek Presbyterian Church  
16945 Rock Creek Ave  
Tallula, IL 62688  
Rev. David Daniel  
Clerk of Session: Mr. Tim Hurie  
Treasurer: Ms. Amy Ruppel  
[Rock Creek's Facebook Page](#)  
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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**

Wednesday, 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

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**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

**Welcome Sabrina**

Please join me in welcoming our new Bookkeeper, Sabrina McGrath. Sabrina is now in the Presbytery Office as of Friday, October 12. She will be here on Friday's only. To reach Sabrina, please call the presbytery office at 309-683-6980 or email, [smcgrath@greatriverspby.org](mailto:smcgrath@greatriverspby.org).

For all Board of Pensions questions, please call 800-773-7752.

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## **Spotlight on Teamwork: Commissioned Lay Pastors Retreat**



On Saturday, September 29 nine Commissioned Lay Pastors (Diane Ludington, Gary Pullen, Sheila Sheer, Sue Shike, Sue Sawers, Penny Frame, Sandi Woodard, Alan Willadsen, and Penny Frame), along with Ryan Landino and Kathy Mitchell at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria for a morning of education, discussion, and fellowship.

The morning began with each person updating the group about themselves, their current ministry and what amazing things are happening at the churches where they serve.

That discussion was followed by a time of education on pastoral care presented by Kathy Mitchell. The format was one of discussion and mutual sharing about our experiences in pastoral care.

Kathy and Ryan then asked for issues that members of the group would like to discuss, and how the Presbytery could support them in their ministry. The group had an interesting idea for a newsletter that would update all CLPs in the Presbytery on issues that affect CLPs. Kathy agreed to work on a newsletter and will address the concerns of the group in that newsletter.

The end of the morning was lunch from Jason's Deli and a time of food and fellowship. The group agreed that this had been a productive and helpful morning and would like to have two such events each year. It was suggested that March and August might be good times to have retreats.

We all look forward to meeting again in March!

*-Rev. Kathy Mitchell, CLP Coordinator*



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## **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](http://www.strongholdcenter.org).



# Illinois-Wisconsin-Iowa Youth Assembly



## "Three States for One God"

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