



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 29, 2018

Let Us Pray



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

(This will send this week's newsletter as an email to a friend!)



Virginia - First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
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Rev. Marcia Forman
Paul Smay, Clerk of Session
Ms. Audrey Cox, Treasurer
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Carl Wiggins
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Mark Your Calendar

NOVEMBER

PRESBYTERY ASSEMBLY

Saturday, November 3
9:30 am - 2 pm
Galesburg-First

Admin Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 28
1 pm - 4 pm
Presbytery Office

Office Closed
November 21-23

DECEMBER

Committee on Ministry
Tuesday, December 4
10 am - 3 pm
Peoria-First Federated

Office Closed
December 19 - January 2

[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. 10 @ First Federated in Peoria
Nov. 9 @ IL College in Jacksonville

A Video Message From Your Lead Presbyter: "Commissioners Assemble!"

A special welcome message ahead of our Saturday, November 3rd Presbytery Assembly in Galesburg from Lead Presbyter for Transformation Rev. Ryan Landino and Host Pastor Rev. Shawn Smith.

Presbytery Assembly
Saturday, November 3
First Presbyterian Church-Galesburg
101 N Prairie St
Galesburg, IL 61401
10 am - 2 pm

Registration starts at 9:00 am / 9:30 am optional fellowship time

[Click here for youtube video.](#)



THE 95 THESES OF GREAT RIVERS PRESBYTERY

Last year, on November 14, 2017, as part of our recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, those gathered at our presbytery assembly were given the chance to reflect together on "What are your hopes for the Church for the next 500 years?" Participants were invited to write down these hopes for the church. Here they are presented, reorganized around common themes. Subcategories are repeated and overlapping comments.

For our November 3, 2018 assembly this Saturday, we will revisit our shared hopes and dreams together, and we will break off into different discussion groups in the sanctuary to spend some time with these. Feel free to read through these statements in advance. The kinds of questions we can discuss will be: *Which two or three to you find yourself really resonating with, and why? Where in your own church do you see one of these hopes actually being realized? What are some concrete steps you can do in your own context to make this hope come alive?*

Looking forward to discussing with you!

[Click here to download the 95 Theses](#)



POAMN

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Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network

Dear POAMN Friend,

One of the roles of Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) is to provide resources, information, and answers to your questions. Through our POAMN Network we provide information in the POAMN Network Newsletter five times per year, the Older Adult Ministries Planning Guide, our Older Adult Ministry Certificate Program in collaboration with Columbia Theological Seminary Lifelong Learning, and our Regional and National Conferences. We do our best to stay well informed and address the questions and concerns of aging for the generations.

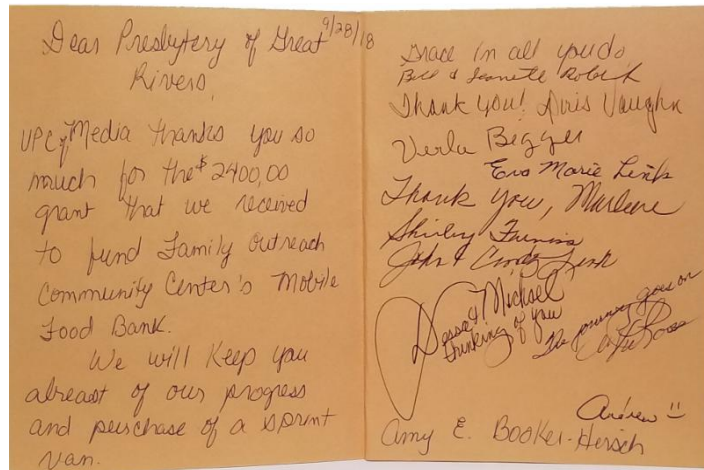
This has been a busy and exciting year for POAMN and you are an important part of this organization. Your POAMN leadership has been working in teams and we encourage your participation as we continue to grow and develop strategies that remember our past and look forward to the future of aging and the importance of intergenerational engagement. We recognize this will be an important focus for the future of the denomination, our congregations, and our network.

[Read More](#)

Our Per Capita/Shared Mission Dollars at Work:

From the United Presbyterian Church of Media:

"UPC of Media Thanks you so much for the \$2400 grant that we received to fund Family Outreach Community Center's Mobile Food Bank! We will keep you abreast of our progress and purchase of a spring van. Grace in all you do!"



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