



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.

November 13, 2018

Let Us Pray

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



White Hall - First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church
201 N Carrollton Street
White Hall, IL 62092
Ms. Pamela Keller, Clerk of Session
Mr. Jim Powell, Treasurer



Woodhull - United Church of Woodhull

United Church of Woodhull
150 W Third Street
Woodhull, IL 61490
Rev. Cheyanna Losey
Ms. Jennifer Keever, Admin Assistant
Ms. Vicky Carlson, Clerk of Session
Ms. Sally Goff, Treasurer
[Woodhull's Facebook page](#)

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

Mark Your Calendar

NOVEMBER

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

PRESBYTERY ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS: 11/3/18, Galesburg

- Received ecumenical greetings from Rev. Dr. Monica Corsaro (United Methodist), Director of Spiritual Life at Knox College, who lifted up her partnership experience with Presbyterians in the Galesburg community.
- Heard sermon from host pastor Rev. Shawn Smith, "Built Together in the Spirit," from Ephesians 2:8-10, 13-22. You can see the full sermon [here!](#)
- Collected \$540 for the PCUSA Christmas Joy Special Offering!



- Discussed the "95 Theses of Great Rivers Presbytery," Lead Presbyter for Transformation Rev. Ryan Landino facilitated discussion using the presbytery's 2017 written responses as to our Hopes for the Future of the Church. The discussion questions used were: 1) *"Which two or three do you find yourself really resonating with, and why?"* 2) *"What do we need to let go of in order to embrace these hopes more fully?"* 3) *"Where in your own church do you see one of these hopes actually being realized?"* 4) *"What are some concrete steps you can do in your own context to make these hopes come alive?"* The link to the full document can be found [here](#).



- Received report from Rev. Laura Reason, one of our Synod Commissioners, about synod happenings and grant money that is available, as well as from Rev. Tim Doty on the Illinois Conference of Churches.

- Approved a new manual for Commissioned Lay Pastors, presented by Rev. Kathy Mitchell, CLP Coordinator.

- Celebrated ordinations and retirements, as well as the installation of Moderator Gary Terpstra, Moderator-Elect Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle, and Lead Presbyter for Transformation Rev. Ryan Landino.



- A special delight: being joined by the confirmation class from the United Church of Woodhull!

A Special Thank You To All Who Made This Assembly A Success!

Question for the Presbytery: *"Does your church have solar panels or is in the process of getting them?"* If so, please contact Rev. Cheyanna Losey, [cheyannalosey@gmail.com!](mailto:cheyannalosey@gmail.com)

2018 Annual Stats

Your annual statistic packet will be arriving soon! The opening date to enter stats is December 7, 2018 and the ending day is February 14, 2019. For assistance with your annual stats please call Patti at the office, 309-683-6980.

First Annual Christmas Handbell Choir Concert

Join us for the first annual Christmas Handbell Choir Concert
to benefit the Illinois Conference of Churches
Saturday, **Dec. 8** at 7:30 p.m.
Saint Julie Billiard Catholic Church
7399 W 159th Street, Tinley Park, IL



Chicago Bronze plays 7 octaves of Malmark and Schulmerich handbells and 5 octaves of Malmark handchimes. ChicagoBronze.com

Open-seating tickets are \$21, tax deductible and non-refundable.

Purchase at www.illinoisconferenceofchurches.org. Order a block of tickets for your friends or church family. See our website for nearby restaurant recommendations.

Questions? Contact Laurie Vial, Executive Director at laurie@illinoisconferenceofchurches.org or at 217-522-7099.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019

Here's My Heart
Purdue University July 16-20, 2019
A classic melody for a new generation's voice!



Get READY for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium - a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church (entering 9th grade through graduated 12th grade)!

The Presbytery of Great Rivers (Patti Parrish) will keep you informed about registration, event plans and travel information from the various sites.

[See Video](#)

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