



# 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 27, 2018

## Let Us Pray



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

### **Our Presbyterian Colleges:**



**Blackburn College, Carlinville, IL**  
700 College Avenue, Carlinville, IL 62626

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## Mark Your Calendar

# DECEMBER

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**Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL**  
1101 West College Avenue, Jacksonville, IL  
62650  
[Illinois College Website](#)  
[Illinois College Facebook page](#)



**Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL**  
700 E. Broadway, Monmouth, Illinois 61462  
[Monmouth College Website](#)  
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*Let us please keep Grace, the daughter of Rev. Tim Doty (First Presbyterian Church of Geneseo) in your prayers as she begins chemo for pancreatic cancer. She is currently in the hospital in St. Louis. Her husband's name is Rick Voytas and they have two grade school children. May we continue to surround Grace, Tim, and the rest of their family with love and prayer as they enter into these critical days.*

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## **A Sixty Second Sermon from Your Lead Presbyter:**

"The Fruits of the Spirit"

This sermon video is based on Matthew 7:15-20 and Ephesians 5:22-23, about how to recognize spiritual leaders worth following.

- Where in your life do you see these traits embodied?
- How strong is your own leadership in each of these areas?

[Click here to view YOUTUBE video](#)

Follow or like "Pastor Ryan's Sixty Second Sermons" on [Facebook!](#)

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](#)

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## **First Annual Christmas Handbell Choir Concert**

Join us for the first annual Christmas Handbell Choir Concert to benefit the Illinois Conference of Churches on Saturday, December 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 & 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.



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## **"CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!": Lux Summer Theological Institute for Youth**

Place at the Table: Thinking Theologically about Hunger and Poverty Sunday, June 16-  
Sunday, June 30, 2019

Why are some people hungry while others have more than enough food?  
Are Christians called to respond to the needs of the poor?  
Is it possible to have a world without poverty and hunger?

Theologically curious high school students are invited to **apply before January 1, 2019** for the 2019 Lux Summer Theological Institute at Presbyterian-related Monmouth College (Monmouth, IL).

Funded by the Lilly Endowment, the Lux Institute is an opportunity for students to engage with a topic of global importance and participate in a living-learning community through study, worship, service, recreation, and vocational exploration.

It's **FREE!** All expenses for the two-week program are covered, with the exception of travel. A free shuttle to/from Chicago airports is provided. Please forward to your High School Youth and Leaders!



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## **Questions 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)!

*"Does any church have Nativity costumes for kids you can lend to us at Good Shepherd Rock Island? (Preschool to high school)."* If so, please contact: Rev. Dawn Swartz 309-716-1839!

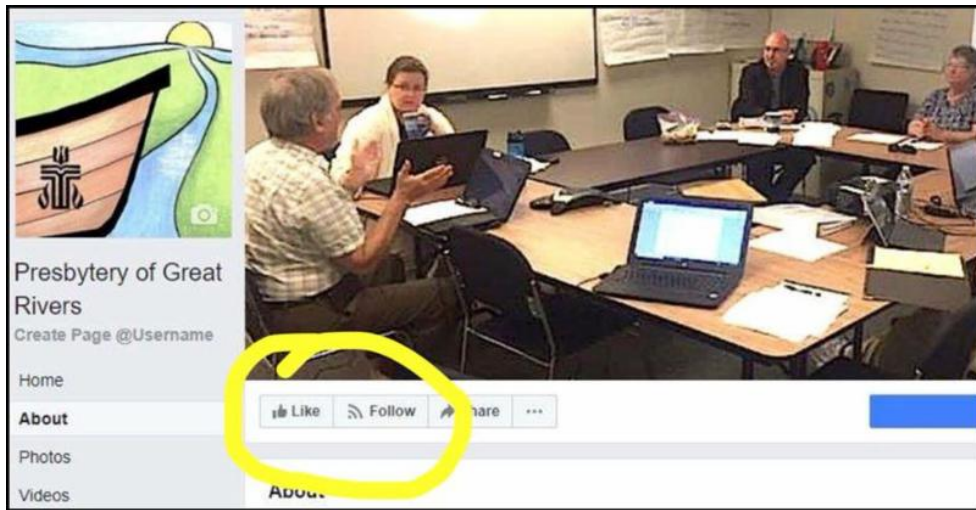
Have questions for the rest of the presbytery? Email the office at [office@greatriverspby.org](mailto:office@greatriverspby.org).

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