



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.

December 5, 2018

Let Us Pray

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

Our Validated Ministers

- Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard
- Rev. Beunghoon Choi
- Rev. Sterrett Collins
- Rev. Beth Hamilton
- Rev. Jessica Hawkinson
- Rev. Dr. Teri M. Ott
- Rev. Christopher F. Roland
- Rev. Anna C. Saxon
- Rev. Darwin Smith
- Rev. Dr. Almut M. Spalding

Full 2018 Yearly Presbytery Prayer Calendar can be found [here](#).

Let us please keep Grace, the daughter of Rev. Tim Doty (First Presbyterian Church of Geneseo) in your prayers as she continues chemo for pancreatic cancer. Her husband's name is Rick Voytas and they have two grade school children.

May we also keep in prayer Rev. Adam Quine (First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln) and his family upon the death of his grandfather Clifford, who was a faithful member of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Peoria.

Forward to a Friend



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

For Headline News
Happening Around
the PC(USA),
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Mark Your Calendar

DECEMBER

Office Closed
December 19 - January 2

JANUARY

COM Meeting
Tuesday, January 22
10 am - 3 pm
Peoria-First Federated

Visioning Team Meeting
January 29
10 am - 2 pm
Presbytery Office

CPM Meeting
January 31
10 am - 3 pm
Presbytery office

[Click here for the PGR Calendar](#)



Ordination

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Rev. Jennifer Hardin, who was ordained in joint cooperation with the Presbyteries of Great Rivers and Cimarron at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield on December 2nd! We bless her new ministry at the First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, Oklahoma!





"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!



Eureka Presbyterian Church - Celebrating 150 years!

For more information: 309.467.3342

Email: epc@mtco.com

Snow Date: Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Concert of Christmas Carols



Ellen Huntington, flute
& Lillian Lau, harp
of Chicago

Lyrebird 
Ensemble

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**Celebrating the
150th
Anniversary
of
Eureka
Presbyterian
Church**

7 p.m. Monday
December 17, 2018

Free Admission
101 N. Major St.
Eureka, IL
Reception Following

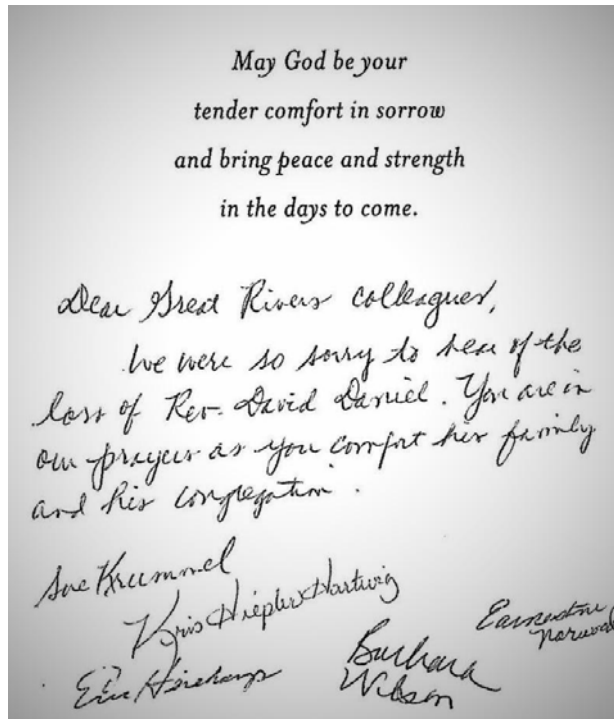
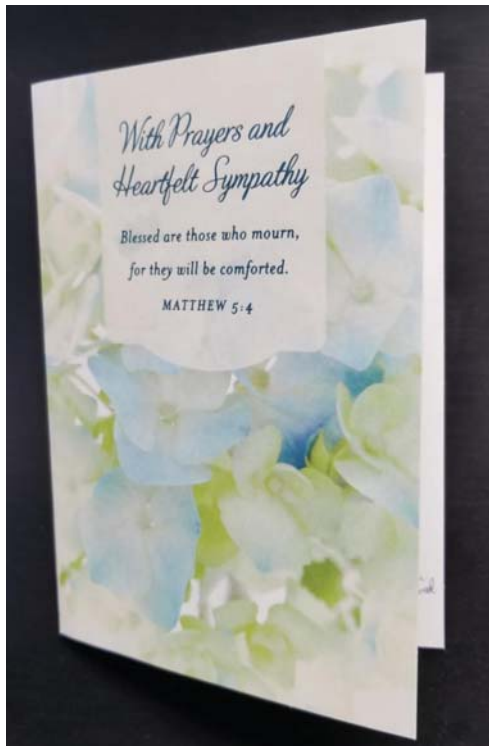
Questions for the Presbytery:

"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@greativerspby.org.

Prayers from the Chicago Presbytery

From our friends from Chicago Presbytery, upon the tragedy of Rev. David Daniel's death, "
Dear Great Rivers Colleagues, We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Rev. David Daniel. You are in our prayers as you comfort his family and his congregation."



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