



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 17, 2018

Let Us Pray

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

Week of December 17:
Illinois Council of Churches
Local Ecumenical partners

Week of December 24:
Synod of Lincoln Trails (Indiana & Illinois)
Blackhawk Presbytery
Chicago Presbytery
Great Rivers Presbytery
Midwest Korean American Presbytery
Ohio Valley Presbytery
Southeastern Illinois Presbytery
Wabash Valley Presbytery
Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Week of December 31
Presbytery Staff:
Rev. Ryan Landino, Lead Presbyter
Rev. Elissa Bailey, Stated Clerk
Sabrina McGrath, Bookkeeper
Patti Parrish, Executive Admin Assistant
Rev. Kathy Mitchell, CLP Liaison

Please keep the Rev. David Esche (Retired) in your prayers--he has suffered a debilitating stroke and is currently receiving medical care from the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA (the closest hospital for his care needs). He is unable to communicate by voice, but he can hear and acknowledge prayer, nod slightly, and can hold and squeeze hands and wave with his left hand. Please keep him and his wife Sharon in your prayers as we anticipate the possibility of a long recovery.

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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

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A Video Message From Your Lead Presbyter: "Merry Christmas Presbytery of Great Rivers!"



[Click here for youtube video.](#)

[Mission Trip January 2019](#)



WANT TO MAKE THE BEST NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION EVER?

How about spending an amazing week (or part of one) in a warmer part of our country?

COME JOIN US as we travel south!!!

Members of Great Rivers Presbytery are invited to join our church on **January 2 to 10, 2019** (or part of that time) as ambassadors of God's love to our neighbors in the Florida Panhandle who have been left with overwhelming **devastation from Hurricane Michael's path of destruction.**

Our church feels called to this great opportunity to be of service to God's children who are suffering from losses. We hope you will consider joining us at the beginning of this New Year on an intergenerational work/mission trip to help our friends in need.

We will be travel by van and stay at Camp Dogwood Acres, a Presbyterian Church Camp. Hurricane cleanup needs are: chain saw work, carpentry, housekeeping/cleaning, painting, power-washing, yardwork, debris cleaning, flooring, cooking, hospitality, prayer team, playground/ropes course repairs, and medical tent.

We hope this call to serve touches your heart and sparks your interest in coming along in this ministry and mission!

In Christ's Service,

Second Presbyterian Church
Bloomington, Illinois

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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).

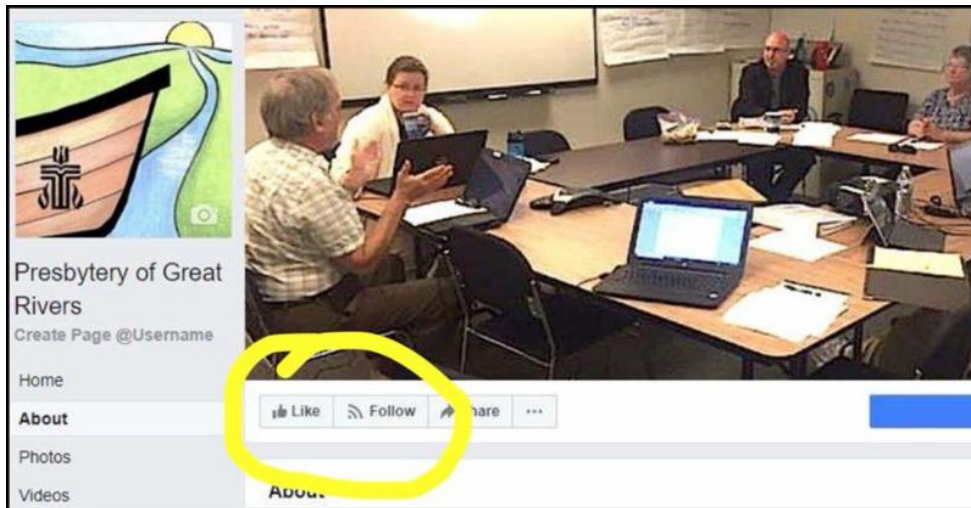
Funded by the Lilly Endowment, the Lux Institute is an opportunity for students to engage with a topic of global importance and participate in a living-learning community through study, worship, service, recreation, and vocational exploration.

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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