



January 2015

The Banner

Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas

In this issue:

(Click on the link below to jump directly to an article, or scroll/page down to read the entire Banner from beginning to end)

[Bill Galbraith: "A Greater Cause . . ."](#)

[First, Clarksville and UofO to Host February Presbytery Meeting](#)
[Church Employment \(and Other\) Opportunities in or near our Presbytery](#)

[2014 Presbytery Year-End Financial Status](#)

[First, North Little Rock to Offer Cold-Weather Shelter](#)

[Welcome to Ed Wilkinson, New Presbytery Moderator](#)

[News of Our People and Our Congregations](#)

[NiAnn Thompson: Resource Center News](#)

[News for Presbytery Youth](#)

[You Are Invited--Annual Spring Retreat \(March 5-7\)](#)

[Save the Date: "The P.L.A.C.E." Workshops Return \(August 8th, 2015\)](#)

[Disaster Preparedness Update: Tornado Recovery Needs Your Help](#)

[Spring Break Mission Trip to Honduras](#)

[New Region List Available](#)

[News From Vera Lloyd: Donor Appreciation Day and Pink Hat Day](#)

[Presbytery's Committee on Nominations Welcomes Suggestions](#)

[Winter Weather Reminder](#)

[Presbyterian Prayer List](#)

[Presbytery Calendar](#)

[Staff Contacts](#)

[About the Presbytery of Arkansas](#)

A Greater Cause . . .

What do Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, United Campus Ministry in Fayetteville, West End Presbyterian Church of Arkadelphia, YouthQuakes, Mission Trips, the Resource Center, Solar Under the Sun, Hunger Relief and Prevention, Faith Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff, Disaster Recovery, The PLACE, Preparation for Ministry, Spiritual Enrichment, Lyon College, Vera Lloyd, University of the Ozarks, Wellspring Renewal Center, Junior High Jubilee, Youth at Montreat, Congregational Support and Direction, Committee on Ministry training, Multi-cultural Conferences, New Worshiping Communities, World-wide Educational, Health and Evangelism efforts, Calling a Pastor ...have in common?



All are institutions and events, missions and ministries, which we support financially and with time and leadership, recognizing them as arms, legs, mind and heart of the body of Christ in ministry within and beyond the Presbytery of Arkansas.

For what you have done to help continue these ministries, we are grateful. For what remains to be done, we are enthused. For generous support, we are in daily thanksgiving. Through God's bounty, resources are sufficient for the needs God continues to bring to our attention. As receivers of much, much is asked. Responding with glad and generous hearts, might we impact the world with the good news of Jesus Christ and help others do the same.

Gratefully yours,

Bill

[Back to the top of this email](#)

First, Clarksville and UofO to Host Feb. Presbytery Meeting

Activities will be divided between First Presbyterian, Clarksville and the Rogers Conference Center, a few blocks away and on the University of the Ozarks campus, when presbytery gathers in Clarksville on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21.

Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. in Rogers Center on the college campus, a pre-presbytery workshop on "Growing in Grace and Gratitude" new children's curriculum and orientation for church professionals new to the presbytery is set for 4 to 5:30 p.m. Supper is available in the college dining hall on Friday. Youth advisory delegates will gather at First Presbyterian and be joined by the commissioners for the gavel at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the installation of Ruling Elder Ed Wilkinson as moderator begins at 7:30 p.m. with a reception at the church rounding out the evening.

Continental breakfast starts the Saturday schedule in Rogers Center, with opening worship and installation of vice moderator Teaching Elder Lacy Sellars at 8:30 a.m. A full morning of business including voting on proposed amendments to the PC(USA) constitution is set in Rogers Center with lunch available.

Amendment booklets may be downloaded [here](#) from the Presbytery website, and a limited number of hardcopies of the amendment booklets will be available at registration.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

2014 Year-end Financial Status Report

The following is an end-of-year overview of the financial status of the Presbytery of Arkansas:

Total Benevolences (giving to the presbytery from churches and individuals) was \$671,165 in 2014. This amount is down \$68,234 from the previous year's total, which was \$739,399. Thank you to all the churches in the presbytery for faithfully sending Benevolence dollars to the presbytery for the work of the larger church. If your church would like to contribute toward the 2014 Benevolences, you can still do that -- if we receive contributions by January 25th, we can still credit them to your 2014 Benevolence.

Our Total Income (including Benevolences, Interest Income, Miscellaneous Revenues) was \$841,539. Our budget of Total Income for 2014 was \$915,050, which means we expected to receive more than we did receive. The deficit is due to the decrease in Benevolences mentioned earlier.

Total Expenses were \$888,864 versus a budget of \$915,050. Our committees did an excellent job of spending wisely in 2014 -- no committee was over budget in

total (some of their individual line items might have been over budget, but as a total, the amount each committee spent was less than budgeted).

Since Income was less than Expenses, we had a deficit of \$47,325 for 2014. While we anticipate receiving more Benevolences in January, that deficit should decrease, but it is very unlikely the deficit will be eliminated.

In light of the reduced Benevolences in 2014, we have decreased our budgeted Benevolences in 2015. Budgeted Benevolences in 2014 was \$775,000, while the 2015 budget shows \$740,000 in Benevolences.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Church Employment Opportunities in or near our Presbytery

Christian Education Director -- First Presbyterian Church of Texarkana, Arkansas is seeking a full-time Christian Education Director to oversee and develop the overall educational program of the church. The current emphasis for this position will be on development of children's ministry with some support of youth and other educational ministry. For a job description, click this link: <http://www.firstprestexarkana.org/wp-content/uploads/DCE.pdf>. Resumes may be emailed to 1stpresbytxk@cableone.net.

For questions about the position please call either of the search committee's co-moderators: Jeff Daniels, 1-903-280-1424 or Corey Sharp, 1-903-556-7853.

Director of Youth Ministry -- Park Hill Presbyterian Church, 3520 JFK Boulevard in North Little Rock, is seeking a creative, energetic person of faith to lead its youth ministry. The position is 10 hours per week, salary negotiable, with primary focus on the church's youth group which currently meets Sundays at 5:30 p.m. We are searching for someone with a heart for youth, who with our youth and their adult sponsors will build a program that nurtures Christian faith and fellowship and includes Bible study, recreation, and service. Mission trips and participation in Presbyterian youth events and conferences are also high on our agenda. Please send resumes to the Search Committee via the church's pastor, Gordon Garlington, at ggarlington3@hotmail.com. Questions or inquiries may be addressed to him at 501-940-8008.

Director of Christian Education -- Park Hill Presbyterian Church, 3520 JFK Boulevard in North Little Rock, is searching for a creative, energetic person of faith interested in leading its ministries of Christian education for children, youth, and

adults. The position is 10 hours per week, with salary and schedule negotiable. With the right individual, this position might be combined with the church's current search for a Director of Youth Ministry. Please send resumes to the Search Committee via the church's pastor, Gordon Garlington, at ggarlington3@hotmail.com. Questions or inquiries may be addressed to him at 501-940-8008.

Part Time Music Director -- First Presbyterian Church in Harrison, Arkansas seeks a qualified person to direct the chancel choir, hand bell choir, and praise band, with occasional youth/children's choir, meet with the pastor to plan music for worship, and direct all choir practices. Salary, vacation, study leave, and study fund are part of the salary package.

Administrative Assistant -- FPC Bentonville is looking for a full time Administrative Assistant; please call 479-273-5450, or email bwilliams@fpcbentonville.org.

College Chaplain (Lyon College; Batesville, AR) -- Lyon College seeks an ordained PC(USA) minister to serve as College Chaplain beginning in the summer, 2015. Lyon is a U.S. News and World Report 'top tier' national liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), and is an equal opportunity employer. Send letter of application, resume (including graduate transcripts), and the names and telephone numbers of three references to: Ms. Clarinda Foote, Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 2317, Batesville, AR 72503-2317 or electronically to jobs@lyon.edu. The starting date is no later than August 1, 2015. Review of application materials will continue until the position is filled.

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry -- First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas is praying for a proactive leader with a love for youth and young adults and a shepherd's heart, a mature faith consistent with the Reformed Christian tradition, personal integrity, and an enthusiastic sense of humor and fun combined with a passion for teaching and forming youth and young adults to be committed followers of Jesus. Focus is 80% youth ministry and 20% college and young adult ministry. This is a full-time position with a generous continuing education allowance and healthcare. Complete position description and contact information available at <http://www.fupcfay.org/leadership/positions-open.aspx>. The position will begin as soon as possible in 2015.

Other Opportunities

Counseling Center Clinical Director (Monticello, AR) -- Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services is seeking a Clinical Director for a new nonprofit counseling center in Monticello, AR, which will serve youth, adults and families. A detailed description of the position is available [here](#). You may send a letter of interest and resume to: Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services, 1501 N. University Ave., Suite 345, Little Rock,

AR 72207 or email to donnamahurin@veralloyd.org.

Hymnals Available -- The Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista has recently switched to the new Glory to God hymnals. They have 140 copies of The Presbyterian Hymnals (blue) that are available free of charge. If you are interested in these hymnals, please call the church office at 479-855-2390.

Always wanted to travel to Israel? First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith is planning a trip February 24-March 12, 2015, hosted by Co-Pastors, Phil and Tasha Blackburn and offered by International Heritage Tours. Contact Phil or Tasha at (479) 783-8919 for additional information.

The Bold Word Preaching Conference Want to improve your preaching? Consider the Bold Word Preaching Conference offered by Mo-Ranch Camp and Conference Center, April 20-23, 2015. The event is scheduled as a post-Easter opportunity for reflection, renewal and fellowship with colleagues and other leaders widely recognized as outstanding preachers. Please be in touch with Bill Galbraith, (501) 663-2424x101, should you be interested in going.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

First Presbyterian (North Little Rock) Offering Cold-Weather Shelter

First Presbyterian, North Little Rock (Argenta) will serve as an emergency shelter for homeless families (couples or single adults with children) for whom there is no room in existing shelters on nights when temperatures go below 20 or when there is snow or ice on the ground. Rev. Anne Russ, the church's temporary supply pastor, explains they are part of a network of churches who are taking in different populations when shelters are overcrowded because of weather conditions. It is all being coordinated by The Van, an outreach ministry to the homeless. If churches would like to donate pillows, blankets or sleeping bags, First, NLR (revruss@gmail.com) will gladly accept.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Welcome to Ed Wilkinson, New Presbytery Moderator



Ed Wilkinson will be installed as Presbytery Moderator at the February 2015 meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas. He has served as the Vice Moderator for the past year.

Baptized as an infant at Central Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith, Ed joined the church through its communicant's class in 1971. At Central, he served both as Deacon and as Elder. Later, responding to the "still small voice," he became a member of the small congregation of Good Shepherd Church in Greenwood, where he was elected Clerk of Session. A graduate of the Presbytery of Arkansas Lay Academy, he fills the pulpit most Sundays and leads the adult Sunday school class. Ed served three years on the presbytery's Committee on Ministry and served as a commissioner for the 221st PC(USA) General Assembly.

Ed served in the United States Navy supporting operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, completing his service at the rank of Commander. He was elected to the Arkansas legislature, where he served for 16 years. Ed enjoys studying history and his family's genealogy, and has served over 21 years as a volunteer firefighter in Greenwood. He and his wife LaDonna have one son, Daniel, a student in the Honors College at the University of Arkansas.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

People and Church News

News of Our People

--Rev. Marion A. Humphrey was honored on Dec. 20 by Allison Presbyterian Church, Little Rock for his 30 years of service as their tent-making pastor. (Pictures are below).





--**Rev. David Reed**, HR of Little Rock, Stated Supply at First, Lonoke, is arranging and recording music.

--**Rev. John E. King**, HR of Fayetteville will lead the "Reformation Pilgrimage" for the Office of Alumni Relations at University of the Ozarks, Clarksville Sept. 7-15. King is pastor emeritus at First, Prairie Grove.

--**Rev. Jim Miller**, HR continues as a patient at Baptist Health, Little Rock. Prayers are appreciated for him and his wife Rev. Catherine Allsbury of Little Rock.

--Christian sympathy goes to the family of **Carolyn Cole Hardie**, widow of the late Rev. Richard B. "Dick" Hardie, Jr. She died on Dec. 15 and the Service of Witness to the Resurrection was on Dec. 20 at Westover Hills Presbyterian, Little Rock.

--**Karin Howze** has added administrative associate to her duties as child care coordinator at Second Presbyterian, Little Rock.

--**Dan Mays** has been employed as part-time Associate Director of Music at First, Fort Smith.

--Christian sympathy goes to Thelma Robertson and family on the death of Ruling Elder **Thomas Robertson, Jr.** of Benton on Jan. 2. He was a former member of the presbytery's Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response and a member of Alpine Presbyterian, Amity.

--Christian sympathy goes to **Rev. Jerry Rice**, honorably retired of Rogers, on the death on Jan. 12 of his wife of 62 years Myra Rice. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. at First, Rogers, 1901 So. 26th Street. Jerry is pastor emeritus of First, Rogers.

News of Our Congregations and Ministries

--**Woodlands Presbyterian, Hot Springs Village** was recognized in a recent edition of "Today" magazine as a supporter of the University of the Ozarks, Clarksville.

--**Second Presbyterian, Little Rock** hosted homeless families in their building from Jan. 4-11 as part of the Family Promise program.

--**First, Fort Smith** uses the proceeds from poinsettias memorials and honorariums for mission opportunities throughout the community.

--**First, Springdale** sells Equal Exchange gourmet coffees, teas, cocoa, candy and nuts all year long as part of the Presbyterian Coffee Project and especially supported their sales during the holiday season.

--**First, Batesville** provides a hearty meal once or twice a month through Feed My Sheep ministry to people in the community who do not have healthy meals.

--**Grace Presbyterian, Little Rock** technology committee has added Pay Pal on their website to help

people donate to church and missions.

--**First, Yellville** annual congregation meeting occurred Jan. 11 after the potluck lunch.

--**First, Siloam Springs** was one of many churches to collect the PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering.

--**Central Presbyterian, Russellville** lists names of visitors in worship in the following newsletter.

--**First, Van Buren** is reorganizing committees and held their annual congregational meeting and installation of new ruling elders on Jan. 4.

--**First, Prairie Grove** invited their college students to Sunday worship and potluck on Jan. 4 to hear about Presbytery leadership opportunities for their age group.

--**Pulaski Heights Presbyterian, Little Rock** will host Paul Matheny and Mary Nebelsick, mission co-workers to the Philippines, on Feb. 22 as they teach Sunday School, lead worship and share table fellowship.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

[Resource Center News](#)

by [NiAnn Thompson](#), Resourcing Director

Phone 501.663.2424, ext. 104

Tuesday-Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.



PRESBYTERY FACEBOOK PAGE

If you have events that you want the people of the Presbytery to know about, post them to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PresbyteryOfArkansas. Rev. Anne Russ at First, North Little Rock (Argenta) at 501.374.7677 or email revruss@gmail.com will be glad to answer your questions.

RAVE REVIEWS

Amy Griffin from Trinity Presbyterian, Little Rock wrote: "We have used the "**animate**" series with our parent group. The speakers are very diverse and very interesting. We have really enjoyed each one. Each speaker has given us a unique opportunity to dig into some of the questions that we all have about faith and spirituality. They have also challenged us through their examples of living out their faith. In some very real ways we have been called to action as a group and as individual families. We have appreciated their perspectives, laughed at their humor, and grown closer as a group through our own struggling faith journeys."

Betsy Gillaspay-Williams from First, Conway reports they are using the **Theocademy** teaching materials for new members and elders and find them to be very good.

Susie Wright, retired Certified Christian Educator, taught elder training at Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs and recommends the Alban book "**A Change of Pastors**" (Acc. #BK9422) "as a very readable book for all levels of the church. It is a concise guide to the transition period of calling a new pastor. This book outlines reasons that the process of a pastoral search should not be rushed and why a period of healing and "cooling-off" is prudent and logical. I used it for part of my officer training

this fall, and I would recommend this book to be read by all church members seeking new pastoral leadership."

Rev. Anne Russ, First, North Little Rock (Argenta) recommends "**Real Good Church: How Our Church Came Back from the Dead and Yours Can, Too**" by Molly Phinney Baskette.

NEW CURRICULUM ESPECIALLY FOR LENT (beginning Feb. 18)

"**Engage Youth: Discipleship**" is new print curriculum for teenagers (and especially for confirmands) produced by the PC(USA) and divided into 6 gatherings about being a learner-follower and apprentice of Jesus. Includes a leader's guide and notebook for students and topics such as continuing Christ's ministry, directions, cultivating our relationship with God, growing in the body of Christ, following Christ into mission, and continuing Christ's ministry today.

"**Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy: Richard Rohr on the Legacy of St. Francis**" (Acc. #DVD/Bk 9817) is a five-session study on contemplation, compassion, justice and rich history. Includes DVD and handbook.

"**Through Lent & Easter Sunday with the Gospels of Matthew and John**" (Acc. #DVD/guide 9816) is for high school through adult audiences in English and Spanish in Cycle A for small discussion groups, personal reflection and class use.

"**Partnering with the King**" (Acc. #DVD/Bk/leader's guide 9810) is subtitled '7 discussions in 6 weeks about Being Jesus' Disciples' and is based on Matthew's gospel. Includes 31 readings in Matthew for a month to introduce the Christian life to newcomers and renew seasoned believers.

"**Healing Waters: A Bible Study on Forgiveness, Grace, and Second Chances**" (Acc. #DVD/2 copies of the leader guides/bk9820) is an 8-week women's study on the need for forgiveness and mercy and the role that second chances and new beginnings play. Focuses on Psalm 103.

This year I will be working each Tuesday (7:30-5:30) and most of Wednesday (7-1:30) and can easily be reached other weekdays by email, text or cell phone (501.337.2360).

Self-service hours in the Resource Center are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. If these latter days are the best for your visits, I'll gladly gather resources for you to pick up and as usual, I'll mail resources to patrons on the days I'm here.

REMEMBER OUR ONLINE CATALOG! Just go to the www.presbyteryofarkansas.org website, click on "Resources," then on "Resource Center" and "click here to search the catalog" to conduct a simple or advanced search for just the right item.

(The Resource Center receives funding from Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education)

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Presbytery of Arkansas Youth News
Youth at Presbytery!
February 20-21
University of the Ozarks
For 10th-12th grade church leaders
Registration and \$25 fee are due (postmarked) by Feb. 6.

Youth at Presbytery is a chance for young leaders in your congregation to learn about and participate in our connectional church by attending parts of the Presbytery of Arkansas winter meeting and having the chance to cast Advisory Votes. Interspersed with all that, there will be lots of time for hanging out with other youth, playing games, sharing faith, and having fun!

Registration packets are in the mail to all churches and will be posted on the Presbytery website later this week!

Please make sure your young people know about this opportunity!

Important Youth Ministry Dates

Please mark your calendar with these important dates!

Sr. High Youthquake (Ferncliff) -- March 13-15

Jr. High Jubilee trip to Mo Ranch -- July 5-9

Montreat Youth Conference trip -- July 26-Aug. 1

Want to stay updated about Youth Ministry happenings in the Presbytery? "Like"

us on Facebook!

Search

PresbyteryofArkansasYouthMinistry

on Facebook,

or go to

www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofArkansasYouthMinistry

This page is for anyone wishing to stay updated about Youth Ministry happenings in the Presbytery -- Youth Workers, parents, youth, Educators, Pastors.

(Presbytery's Youth Ministry receives funding from

Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education.)

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Congregational Care & Development Invites You to the 2015 Annual Spring Retreat

Your Committee on Congregational Care & Development invites you to the 2015 Annual Retreat from March 5th-7th, 2015 at Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center. The theme of this year's retreat is "Unlocking the Door." The Keynote Speaker is Jane Lee Wolfe from Woodstock, VT. You may register online through Ferncliff at the following web address: <http://goo.gl/S7ov4p> or you may download the retreat's brochure [here](#). For more information, contact Rev. Jeff Price at 501-868-5848.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Save the Date -- The P.L.A.C.E Returns This Summer

Back by popular demand, the presbytery of Arkansas will again host "The P.L.A.C.E." collection of workshops on Saturday, August 8th, 2015 at Second Presbyterian Church (Little Rock).

[Back to the top of this email](#)



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Tornado Recovery Needs You and Your Church

First of all, thank you, Arkansas Presbyterians, for your generous donations. You have given a total of \$37,055.42 to help 4 Central Arkansas counties and the towns of Paron, Mayflower, Saltillo, Vilonia, and El Paso recover! Using part of your donations, your presbytery committee has contributed \$10,000 each to the Vilonia and Mayflower long-term recovery groups (LTRGs) to help with rebuilding the impacted communities. The committee has designated another \$10,000 to support housing volunteer work teams or provide other recovery assistance.

Now the long-term recovery groups need volunteers. They need people to get trained and to do case management with the more than 300 clients who have come forward to get help. If you can volunteer or know of someone who could put their compassion to work in this way, please contact James Anderson at jandersonret@gmail.com or Liz Branch at erbranch@comcast.net

They also need volunteer work teams. 10 Arkansas Presbytery mission trippers in November accomplished a lot in just a week; there is much more to be done. They need both skilled and unskilled workers. To find out about work, contact Janice Mann at 501/205-6873 or disaster@arumc.org To find out about housing, contact the PDA Call Center, 866/732-6121 or pda.callcenter@pcusa.org

The LTRGs also need money to fund repairs and rebuilds. The entire recovery process will take at least two more years; they already have 330 cases, with more emerging each week. The LTRGs have three national recovery organizations sending house building teams to Arkansas in 2015. Samaritan's Purse, Apostolic Christian World Relief and Christian Aid Ministries are the three organizations. The LTRGs have raised about 50% of the money needed for materials. Additional funds are needed. If you want to help, they'll find a way to help you do that.

--This message is brought to you by the Presbytery of Arkansas Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee. Additional information is available at <http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmDisasterResponse.aspx>

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Spring Break Mission Trip to Honduras

by Rev. Leslie Belden

There are openings to go on a Spring Break mission trip to Honduras! The trip has been planned by NW Arkansas Presbyterian congregations to replicate the mission trip during Spring Break of 2014. The dates of the trip are **Saturday, March 21-Saturday, March 28**, and the group will be flying out of Tulsa. The logistics and in-country arrangements for the trip are being handled by Tim and Gloria Wheeler, PCUSA missionaries who are also the regional directors of Habitat for Humanity. They will meet the group at the airport, have a van for transportation, and have arranged places to stay and the work to be done. Last year we worked on building the foundations for houses with our brothers and sisters in Honduras. To work alongside these Christ-filled people, and to learn more about that part of the world that leads them to seek refuge in the USA is a grace-filled opportunity.

Students from the 10th grade up are strongly encouraged to go, but "older adults" (post-college aged up to whatever) are also invited. Speaking Spanish or heavy lifting ability is not a requirement, but is a blessing! **The cost of the trip is approx. \$1,100 for transportation, food, and lodging.** For more information and/or an application form contact Leigh Woodruff Harvey at First Presbyterian Church of Rogers. Her cell number is 479.601.1437, and her e-mail address is leigh.woodruff@yahoo.com. Also, for those who would need to drive up on Friday to make a Saturday flight out of Tulsa the churches of NW Arkansas can provide accommodations both before and after the trip.

We need to know ASAP how many are going so as to get the forms filled out and passport info to the airlines for the group rate. Of course you will need a passport, and there are shots that some recommend, but the area that you will be visiting is not a mosquito-infested part of central America and special immunizations are not required. Please share this info with members of your congregations, and particularly with college students and older high school students. **Please respond with an indication of interest this week**, if at all possible.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

New Region Map

The Presbytery Restructure Task Force presented a new map of Regions for the Presbytery of Arkansas. This new map was approved by a vote of the presbytery in October. For a list of the churches in each region, [click here](#).

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Vera Lloyd Announces Date for Donor Appreciation Day and Pink Hat Day Luncheon

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services will host its annual Pink Hat Day event on Saturday, April 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All activities will take place at Vera Lloyd's children's home at 745 Old Warren Road in Monticello.

"This year, we will continue to honor Presbyterian Women who have done so much to support our ministry of caring for youth in need," Donna Mahurin, Vera Lloyd CEO, said. "We are also inviting Presbyterian ministers, church members and donors from all over the state. We want our supporters to see what a difference they make to children at our home."

The event will include tours of the campus, opportunities to visit with youth, lunch, the traditional Pink Hat Day parade and a variety of awards for best pink hat, volunteer of the year and the Traveling Pink Hat, which is presented to a church whose members have gone above and beyond in service to youth at Vera Lloyd.

For more information, call Melissa Hendricks, Director of Development, at 501-666-8195.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Presbytery Welcomes Nomination Suggestions

The Committee on Nominations asks for your suggestions for names of people who would be good candidates to serve on presbytery committees. You may submit these names by completing the Nominations Form at the following link: [2015 Nominations Form](#).

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Winter Weather Reminder

When Little Rock schools close for winter weather, the presbytery office closes also. We ask for your patience if you call and/or email the office during winter weather closings.

[Back to the top of this email](#)

Prayer List for Congregations -- 2015 can be found [here](#).

(Note: some web browsers may require you to press and hold the "Ctrl" key while you click the link to reach the linked website).

[Back to the top of this email](#)

[Presbytery Calendar](#)

PRESBYTERY STAFF:

General Presbyter [BILL GALBRAITH](#)

Stated Clerk [CATHY ULRICH](#)

Resourcing Director [NIANN THOMPSON](#)

Assistant Stated Clerk [DAVID DYER](#)

Director of Mission Support [KENNETH RICH](#)

Staff Resource for Youth [BRITTON VARN](#)

Staff Resource for Congregational Care & Development [MICHAEL VINSON](#)

Treasurer ["BUZZ" ROBERTS](#)

Moderator of Presbytery [ED WILKINSON](#)

Moderator of the General Committee [CLARE KELLEY](#)

Vice Moderator of Presbytery [LACY SELLARS](#)

[Back to the top of this email](#)



The Presbytery of Arkansas is a council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which is part of the Reformed family of churches within the universal Church of Jesus Christ. Our vision is *to make visible the body of Christ* (Acts II).

We are composed of over 14,000 Presbyterians gathered in 87 active churches, a new church development and one ministry located in various towns and cities in the northern two-thirds of the State of Arkansas.

Phone 501.663.2424 Fax 501.224.2429 <http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org>