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Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas

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"So Who Gives?"

When any institution seeks to raise money, one of the key questions asked of officers of that institution is: "How many of your Board of Trustees contribute?" Those who financially support various causes want to know if the people given stewardship of the college, university, hospital or congregation are actively supporting the institution not only with their time and energy but also with their money.



When seeking others' support, it is crucial that we who have the privilege of serving offer our own. We're first up.

It was a blessing to be nurtured in a family which considered our giving to the church as our first priority among giving to many worthy causes. First, we tithed (10% of regular income as a starting point), a practice which has continued in our family through the years and has grown on a percentage basis. I commend it as one of the spiritual disciplines which has wide-ranging positive effects. Foremost, is an awareness that all comes from God who abundantly provides in times of plenty and times of scarcity. We give because God gives in a way which enables our giving. It's a decision individuals and families can make. It's a decision congregations can also make. As a congregation, consider tithing. It's a decision this presbytery made years ago. "We will tithe to mission beyond ourselves."

It is encouraging to discover people and congregations who give because they love the opportunity to share in what God is already about. These are folk who regularly want to see what more they can do. Never do they ask, "What am I getting out of this?" They already know and it results in glad generosity and open handed sharing.

As of today, 67% of our congregations have contributed financially to the mission of Christ through this Presbytery. Two-thirds is pretty good. 100% would be better. If the 27 not yet giving congregations join the others at even last year's level, we would have \$47,900 more in our tank for mission. What if the 55 already giving congregations committed to more than, "what we did last year?" Some have! I encourage you to be among the congregations which contribute to the shared mission of the Presbytery of Arkansas. If you like to see leaders equipped, youth growing in faith, new worshipping communities being formed, ministry emerging in Central America, people being fed, congregations finding their purpose, care from a dedicated group of staff members, the challenge to make visible the Body of Christ - join in the thrill of giving!

Gratefully,

Bill

General Presbyter's Out of Office Commitments

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- 10 Interfaith Arkansas, First United Methodist
- 13 Preach and Lead Worship, Grace Presbyterian, Little Rock
- 18-20 130th Anniversary Celebration, Co-Lead Worship, First Presbyterian, Gatesville, Texas
- 24 Vera Lloyd Board, Monticello

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- 9-10 Presbytery Meeting, Central Presbyterian, Russellville
- 11 Dedication of Dining Hall and Celebration of Capital Campaign, Ferncliff
- 18 Installation Service of Elizabeth Gabbard, FPC, Arkadelphia
- 22-23 Executive Presbyter Forum, Irving, Texas
- 23-24 Synod of the Sun Fall Meeting, Irving, Texas
- 25-31 Continuing Education, Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas

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Church Employment Opportunities in or near our Presbytery

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.

Choirmaster/Organist -- Arkadelphia First Presbyterian Church seeks a Choirmaster/Organist. If interested, please contact Adrienne Queen for more information: adriennecamillequeen@gmail.com or 910-280-8232.

First Presbyterian Church--Bentonville is seeking a **Full-time Teacher's Assistant** for their *My Friends & Me* Daycare for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information, contact Mrs. Z Cooper at 479-273-5450 or zkcooper@fpcbentonville.org.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (Hot Springs, AR) is seeking an Organist/Choir Director for an established choir. Our organ is a Casavant 2 manual pipe organ. Competitive salary.

Resume can be mailed to:
3819 Central Avenue
Hot Springs, AR 71913

Or email to wpchsar@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Manager of Administration--Office of the General Assembly -- The Office of the General Assembly in Louisville, KY seeks a Manager of Administration. This position will provide administrative leadership in the areas of human resources, financial management and policy. A detailed description of the position and contact information is available [here](#).

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People and Church News

News of Our People

Former Moderator of Presbytery Dies

Christian sympathy goes to the family of **Rev. Ernest (Ernie) Balaam Smith**, 93, an honorably retired minister member of presbytery, who died on August 11, 2015 in Keller, TX. A native of Monroe, LA, Ernie graduated from Centre College, Danville, KY, served as a navy medic in WWII and graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1952. Ordained that year, Ernie served churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, and was executive secretary and stated clerk of Presbytery of Muhlenberg (KY). In Presbytery of AR Ernie pastored First, Jonesboro from 1971 to 1982, served as moderator of Presbytery in 1981, and pastored Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village from 1982 to 1987. He served on the presbytery's coordinating council and committees on church development, nominations and worship. After retirement in 1987, he served as stated supply at Westminster, Little Rock, then as Parish Associate for Westminster, Hot Springs.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years Betty Jean and survived by son David and daughter Carol, two grandchildren and two siblings.

A memorial service will be held at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, 275 Asturias Drive, Hot Springs Village on Saturday, Sept. 12, at noon with Rev. Bill Bailey officiating. Memorials may be made to the Kirk.

--**Emily Bartlett** is the new Administrative Assistant at First, Van Buren.

--**Dr. Bevan Keating** was honored on July 19 for his 10 years as Director of Music and the Arts at Second Presbyterian, Little Rock.

--Graham Memorial Presbyterian, Forrest City celebrated **Rev. Larry Mitchell's** five years as their pastor on July 5.

--Christian sympathy goes to Tom and **Rev. Georgia Senor** and their family on the death of Georgia's mother Mildred Anne Martin Pratt in Portland, Oregon on Aug. 28. Georgia is the designated associate pastor at First, Bentonville and a member of presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

--Christian sympathy goes to the family of **Gwen Shell** who died on Aug. 30. She was the widow of Rev. John Shell who pastored First Presbyterian, Conway for decades and who preceded her in death. Her graveside service was on Sept. 4 and a Service of Witness to the Resurrection at the church was on Sept. 5. She was an active member of the church where memorial gifts may be designated for the Building Fund.

--Lyon College students **Carolyn Ward**, **Victoria Hartough** and **Hannah Hanson** are on staff this school year at First, Batesville as youth director, children's program director and assistant director, respectively.

--Word has been received at the presbytery office that Inquirer in Ministry **Brittany Fiscus**, a member of First, Jacksonville, is an ongoing award recipient of the Apollos Scholarship. She is under care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the presbytery and a student at Columbia Seminary, Decatur, GA. This scholarship is for members of a PC(USA) congregation, under care of a presbytery and enrolled in one of the 10 theological institutions of the denomination.

--**Rev. Jim Chaffin**, HR of Conroe, TX, a minister member of the presbytery, has moved to Hot Springs.

News of Our Congregations

--**First, Hot Springs** members volunteered to help 40 blind campers, ages 9-68, with camp activities.

--**Second Presbyterian, Little Rock** will have Visitation Training on Sept. 17 for members visiting in homes, nursing homes and hospitals.

--**First, Mountain Home** checks blood pressure after worship on the first Sunday of each month.

--**First, Benton** won the Synod of the Sun video contest with their entry "What is a Synod?" [Click here](#) to view the video on YouTube.

--**Mountainburg Presbyterian** holds a quarterly healing and wholeness service on a Wednesday night.

--**First, Van Buren** hosted a program by local World War II Speakers on Aug. 20.

--**Pulaski Heights Presbyterian, Little Rock** plans a lunch bunch at 11:15 on the first Thursday of the month at a local restaurant of the host or hostess' choice.

--**First, Bentonville** offers Music and Arts Academy Sept. 14 to Dec. 11 to the community.

--**Hopewell Presbyterian, Morrilton** had their 58th annual homecoming and family reunion celebration on Aug. 9 with guest choirs including the combined choir from **Allison Memorial Presbyterian, Little Rock**.

--**Graham Memorial Presbyterian, Forrest City** has posted a collection box for contributions toward meals prepared in their Soup Kitchen.

--**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista** will host a lunch and live auction on Sept. 26 and collected school supplies, both to benefit Cooper and Gravette schools. The church's missionaries Dr. Larry and Inge Sthresley will visit the church in October.

--**First, Siloam Springs** youth made a mission trip to Chicago in early August.

--**First, Huntsville** plans to have classes for children, youth and adults in their new classrooms in the new Fellowship Hall on Sept. 13.

--**First, Mena** Presbyterian Women sponsored the Back To School Swimming Bash for children in local foster care.

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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.

--Seven copies of the 2015-2016 Presbyterian Planning Calendar are available for sale at the presbytery office for \$15.00 per copy. It's not too late to transfer all those "things to do" to a fresh calendar.

--It's the time of the year when many churches start considering who will serve in the ordered ministries of deacon or ruling elder. Following that election comes the time of training and preparation when each should receive the new "**Book of Order 2015-2017**" (part II of the PCUSA Constitution) which is available from Presbyterian Distribution Services in regular print, large print or downloadable file.

If you have responsibilities for and yet secretly dread STEWARDSHIP SEASON, these books could help.

--"**Rich Church, Poor Church: Keys to Effective Financial Ministry**" by J. Clif Christopher, who spoke at a presbytery meeting, shows why some congregations are financially sound and why others perennially fail, also helps assess the financial condition of your church and increase its health and effectiveness.

--"**Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship**" also by Christopher explains that "people give to church when we offer them a compelling vision of the good their giving will achieve" and how to share that vision.

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT with popular authors' works

--It's not too soon to start planning for special studies, events, programs that will begin on Nov. 29. In those years when "Thanksgiving Sunday" is also "first Advent Sunday" you have the opportunity to do creative activities. Why not consider any of the following...

"**Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem**" by popular author Adam Hamilton includes 9 copies of the book, leader's guide and DVD of 10 minute segments for the 5-part study which begins with the end of Mary's life and works backward through the crucifixion, Jesus' ministry, their relationship to his birth.

"**The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna**" book by best-selling author Liz Curtis Higgs is an 8 chapter study in hardback with built-in guide, especially suited for women's groups.

"**The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth**" book by Marcus J. Borg and Dominic Crossan (YOUR Resource Center has seven copies that we will check out to your group or class.)

"**Christmas Gifts That Always Fit**" book by James W. Moore focuses in nine chapters on friendship, encouragement, kindness, faith, hope, love...

Two books by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "**God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas**" (Acc. #BK9823) and "**Christmas with Dietrich Bonhoeffer**" (Acc. #BK8869) is a collection of meditations.

Beautifully illustrated children's book by Archbishop Desmond Tutu "**Let There Be Light**" re-tells the biblical story of creation on each of the seven days ending with the good news of our own creation and being loved.

This year I will be working each Tuesday and Wednesday (7:45-5:15) 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)

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Leading in the Local Congregation -- Some Things to Ponder

*Rev. Michael Vinson, Staff Resource
Congregational Vitality*

What is your leadership team leading? Remember last month's article about being able to answer the purpose question: Why are we here? If you can answer that question, then leadership has a clear understanding of what they are leading. Once you have clarity of purpose, the leadership team can focus their efforts on accomplishing that purpose. It also helps those who are interested in leadership discern ways that they may help lead.

How is your leadership team leading? For many years, within the institutional church, leaders have focused their attention on things like: organizational success, effectiveness, efficiency, productivity, commitment of leaders and church members, good polity/governance. This is a centralized approach to leadership. Current thoughts on leadership suggest that leadership is NOT centrally located in a few but rather formal leadership is responsible for developing a culture of leadership. In this model, leadership is decentralized (leadership outside the session) so that people can discern their call, discern time commitments and be free to organize as they go. In this type of leadership, the formal leadership team is responsible for things like: build the capacity throughout the congregation to grow and thrive in change, develop congregations that can maintain a constant state of adaptability and flexibility, consider gender equality and be accountable to economic, social and environmental good.

Is your leadership prayed up? My favorite story here is about an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee that presented a session with its choice of a candidate. For those who have been through this process, you know that a good viable interim can be available one day and not the next. The Interim PNC presented their choice. Someone suggested a season of prayer before deciding. The chair of the Interim PNC replied, "I'm all prayed up, it is time to decide." Leadership teams need to have the spiritual skills and disciplines to be "prayed up." These skills are daily and ongoing. It is important that leadership have good spiritual disciplines as they seek to be leaders in our congregations.

What about informal leadership? I'm assuming that everyone who is reading this knows that there is the formal leadership of a congregation but there is also the informal leadership. The matriarch or patriarch can squash an idea in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye even though they have no formal position on the leadership team. And, we have all had the experience of parking lot meetings or the meeting after the meeting that seeks to undermine what actually happened in the meeting. But there are also other kinds of informal leadership--people who will willingly take on a project if they are asked. This happens when there is a culture of leadership in which people feel supported when they step forward for leadership. A culture of leadership says yes!! A culture of leadership supports self-

leadership and accountability. It also creates conditions for people to claim power to lead themselves. A culture of leadership knows how to embrace the chaos of rapid change as the germinating condition for solutions while at the same time embracing order as the condition for growth. In a culture of leadership, leadership is recognized as a verb and action and not a noun.

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Presbytery of Arkansas Youth News

Montreat Youth Conference Summary

by Stephanie Gilchrist, Class of 2015

Montreat is a Presbyterian conference center tucked away in the awe-inspiring mountains of North Carolina. This summer I was able to make the long journey to Montreat with roughly fifty other youth from the Presbytery of Arkansas on a charter bus. After two days of traveling, we finally made it to the tiny town, and everyone pulled out their phone to snap a picture of the iconic front gate that welcomes you to Montreat. I was with the group that got to stay at Assembly Inn, which is this enormous castle-like building on top of a steep hill overlooking Lake Susan. It was so wonderful to stretch out in our hotel-style rooms after such a long drive.

From that night on, the days we spent at Montreat were filled with a combination of worshiping God, exploring the campus, and simply relaxing. One of the things that I love about Montreat is the amount of free time they give you: after worship and small group, you are free to walk around the campus and sit by Lake Susan or go rock hopping in the creek. As an introvert, I really enjoyed this free time in a beautiful place to reflect on my life and my plans for the future. The most valuable experience for me, though, was the amazing community I found during my week at Montreat. I talked with many people from many places (youth come to Montreat from all over America), and they gave me nothing but love, acceptance, and support. There were even a few people that could understand some of the things I was going through. I left Montreat feeling incredibly sad that it would be another year before I would be back, but also ready to face the new school year ahead of me. There is really not enough space here to describe the wonders of Montreat and the amazing memories that you make there.... All I can say is that you have to experience it for yourself!

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

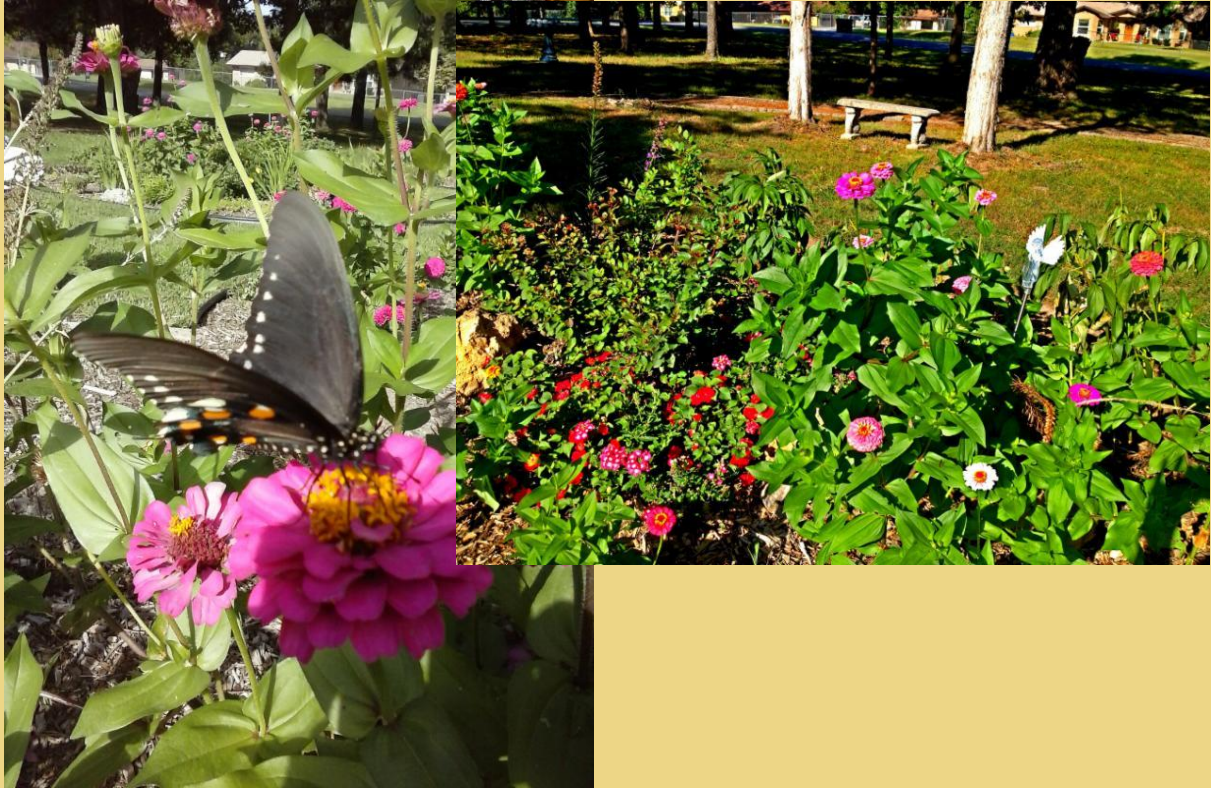
(Presbytery's Youth Ministry receives funding from Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education.)

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Bull Shoals Presbyterian Church Dedicates Meditation Garden

On May 10th, The Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals closed out its annual Golden Opportunity days celebration (May 4-10), with the dedication of its Meditation Garden. The Meditation Garden is being used by church members and members of the community. One young mother enjoys the Garden while watching her two young children ride their bicycles safely on the church parking lot. A grandmother who babysits her grandchildren brings them there to sit and enjoy the garden, walk its pathway, and then to play with the church basketball on the parking lot. A woman under hospice care enjoys being brought there to sit in the swing and enjoy its serenity and beauty. The pathway has Scripture and devotional thoughts along the way as well as three benches to sit on for meditation and relaxation. It was dedicated to the "Glory of God."

Shown below are some pictures of the garden:



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**DO YOU HAVE OLDER MEMBERS
IN YOUR CONGREGATION ?**

If you do, come to the

OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE

(Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries/Association of Retired Ministers and their Surviving Spouses)

October 13 - 16, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson

*Director of Public Witness - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Keynote Speaker*

Dr. Heath K. Rada

*Moderator - Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Special Guest*

More information and registration

www.POAMN.ORG

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Preparing Your Congregation for An Active Shooter Event

Q: Ever since I learned about the recent shootings during Bible study at the AME church in Charleston, SC, I've been worried. What in the world can we do at our church to prepare and protect ourselves?

A: It's OK to worry - **if you also plan your congregation's approach to the possibility of having an active shooter on the premises.** No one plan satisfies every congregation's situation, so it's important that you think through possible scenarios with your pastor(s) and session. Ask your local law enforcement to help you. The police or sheriff's staff might even

welcome a chance to advise all your neighborhood churches at one time.

Once you've decided what to do, train and drill your elders, ushers, and greeters to follow your plan. Being prepared is the best protection and helps tamp down the worry.

Following are a couple of helpful resources:

From the FBI -- <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cirg/active-shooter-and-mass-casualty-incidents/active-shooter-event-quick-reference-guide-04-29-14>

From the Department of Homeland Security - a webinar entitled "An Overview of the Guide for Developing High-Quality Emergency Operations Plans for Houses of Worship." (available at <http://rems.ed.gov/OverviewEmergencyOperationsPlans.aspx>)

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

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Presbytery-Wide Mission Trip to Conway, AR

Who: Anyone (age 18 and older) is invited to go on this trip.

When: We will leave after worship on Sunday, Nov. 1 and return Friday, Nov. 6.

What: It is likely that we will again be doing clean-up and light construction assistance work with those affected by the 2014 tornadoes.

Where: We will be working in the area of Conway/Vilonia/Mayflower, AR.

Why: We want to help rebuild and restore hope to the people of the Conway area.

Cost: \$120/week. Workers who can only help a day or two are encouraged and invited (\$20/day). We will be housed at First Presbyterian, Conway.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Monday, October 19, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Director of Christian Education Susie Wright at Westminster, Hot Springs (501-525-1367 or 501-262-9417).

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Central Presbyterian, Russellville to Host Presbytery Meeting

The Presbytery of Arkansas will gather for the 130th stated meeting at **Central, Russellville** on **Friday, Oct. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 10**. Plans are still being made about timing, but highlights will include welcoming new teaching elders, theological discussion on "Who is Jesus?", voting on final approval of restructuring the presbytery, examining a candidate for ordination, previewing the 2016 budget, celebrating anniversaries of church professionals, reporting by Solar under the Sun, and anticipated introduction and voting on new General Presbyter.

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Registration continues for Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage #23-- October 15-18 at Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

Are you looking for a boost in your faith journey? Consider attending the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage to be held at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center from October 15 through 18, 2015. The pilgrimage weekend will begin at 5:30 pm on Thursday, and will end about 5 pm on Sunday. There will be plenty of worship, prayer, food, study, fellowship, and much more. The cost to attend the weekend is \$200. Scholarships are available if you need financial aid from our Scholarship and Endowment Fund. Also, if anyone is interested in contributing to the Scholarship and Endowment Fund, information is available at the website below.

Applications are available on the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage website www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org.

You may also pick up participant applications from the Presbytery Office in Little Rock. If you have any questions, you may contact the Registrar at ARPC.registrar@gmail.com.

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Presbyterian Women News

The 7th Annual Westover Hills Presbyterian Women's Treats and Treasures Preview Party and Sale generated over \$17,500 during the two day event.



(L to R) PW Moderator Donna Callaway & Carolyn Nash, PW Mission & Service Chairman, were all smiles by the holiday section of the sale. In addition to holiday goods, furniture, housewares, linens, books, lawn care items, and toys, silver and crystal were some of the purchases that will help support PW's mission projects.

Cluster IX at Westover Hills Presbyterian, September 26

Westover Hills Presbyterian Will host the Cluster IX Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 26 from 9am until 12:30pm.

The event features "Come to the Waters," the fall Horizons Bible Study preview led by Rev. Sally Johnson (Westover Hills). Betty Jean Moore (Second Presbyterian Little Rock) will discuss her experiences at the churchwide PW gathering, "One Body, One Spirit," in Minneapolis this summer, and Rev. Marie Mainard O'Connell (Young Adult Volunteer Site Coordinator for Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center) will lead the worship service. Cluster member churches may also share a "mission minute," from their PW's about a project they are doing (or have done) that has been meaningful to them. A hot catered lunch will be offered following the meeting. For a registration form or more information email Kathy Rateliff at aspasia@sbcglobal.net.

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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 2014. For a list of the churches in each region, [click here](#). For a map with the new regions, [click here](#).

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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.](#)

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

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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.

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