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Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas

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### Harrison Congregation Hosts Presbytery

by Rev. Stewart Smith, General Presbyter

On a beautiful fall evening, Moderator Lacy Sellars called to order the 133rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church in Harrison. Words of welcome were given by Moderator Sellars and by D.C. Adams, pastor of the Harrison Church.

Ruskin Falls led the council in a theological discussion of a proposed amendment to the constitution regarding access to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The

proposed amendment would no longer make baptism a requirement for participation in the sacrament. The Presbytery will vote on this amendment in February along with an amendment that would replace the ***Directory for Worship*** in the **Book of Order**.

After a very engaging discussion the council participated in a wonderful service of worship. The host pastor D.C. Adams designed and helped lead the service with contributions from Emme and Ellie Bell, Hartley Allen, Benjamin Adams, Marvin Murphree, Melody Davis, Harry Cikanek, Steven Hudson, Elizabeth Adams, Dr. Mark Bowdidge, the Chancel Choir of FPC, and Carol Clark. Carol Clark, transitional pastor at Park Hill Presbyterian Church preached a marvelous sermon on the Great Adventures in the Kingdom of God, using Mark 6:6b-13 as the text. Carol and D.C. presided at the table and the meeting was adjourned for the evening at the end of the worship service. The worship offering for Arkansas Foodbank totaled \$1,346.00.

The Saturday morning session began with a morning prayer service led by host pastor D.C. Adams. The report of the stated clerk offered several items of importance to the council. Robert Lowry reminded the council that five years has passed since the last background checks were completed and informed the council that all Teaching Elders must complete a background check authorization and release form and forward to the Presbytery office \$10.00 for the cost. Also, all teaching elders must complete and return to the Stated Clerk an acknowledgement of receipt of the presbytery's sexual misconduct policy. Both documents are found in section M of the packet on the Presbytery's website. (Under Presbytery Meetings Section, October 21-22, 2016). The stated clerk reminded the council of the need for all employees who were offered benefits under the Board of Pensions plan, to respond and accept those benefits by November 11, 2016. An informational flyer is found in Section P in the presbytery packet. One of the highlights of the stated clerk's report was a motion that the Presbytery of Arkansas approve the sale of "the Chenal Property" in Little Rock for 1.13 million dollars under the terms of sale contracted with the purchaser. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ruling Elder Ed Wilkinson, moderator of the Coordinating Team gave a lengthy report to update the council on the multiple items the Coordinating Team has dealt with throughout the year. Many of these relate to how we are adjusting to the new presbytery structure. Ed brought a motion that would limit a person to serving on only one of the five ministry areas of the presbytery structure and one that affirmed the slate of the Nominations committee for 2017.

General Presbyter Stewart Smith gave thanks for the vote to approve the sale of the Chenal property. Stewart expressed hope that the pending sale and payment of the million dollar loan could help the presbytery experience healing and move beyond some of the divisiveness and hurt feelings that the long process of the gift to Ferncliff and subsequent loan had caused. He then spoke of efforts to reduce the deficit spending that had not been adequately addressed with budget cuts in recent

years. He mentioned a per capita figure from the 2015 budget (taking the total budget figure and dividing by the number of members in the Presbytery) and highlighted and thanked 16 congregations that were giving above that amount: Second - Little Rock; First United Fayetteville; Bella Vista; Springdale; Kirk of the Pines - Hot Springs Village; Kirk of the Hills - Fairfield Bay; Park Hill - North Little Rock; Wynne; Dardanelle; Prairie Grove; Mena; Grace - Little Rock; Spring River - Hardy; and Elkins. He encouraged congregations to stop the slide of decreased giving and asked congregations to give at a minimum what they had given the prior year and for those that could to increase their contributions. He then gave an update of the status of the lawsuit filed by Woodlands Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs Village and then asked the council to remember the members of the Honduras Mission Trip in their prayers. A group of 13 individuals representing 6 congregations of the presbytery were leaving the next morning for Copan, Honduras.

Teaching Elder Catherine Allsbury gave the report for the Administration Ministry area and followed up with more information related to the 2017 budget. Due to continued conversations with committees a proposed budget has not been finalized but reductions of greater than \$80,000 will be proposed. She gave encouraging news for the 2016 budget that the anticipated shortfall will not be as high as anticipated.

Teaching Elder Dari Rowen gave the report for the Committee on Church's Ministries. One of the highlights of the CCM report was that the council approved the transfer and membership of 3 teaching elders. Terry McLellan, honorably retired, was received from Grace Presbytery. Jeremy Wilhemi was received from the Presbytery of the James. Jeremy is serving as chaplain of the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville. Jai Kwak was received from East Tennessee Presbytery. Jai is now serving as pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Pine Bluff. Teaching Elder Gordon Garlington was granted the status of honorably retired effective July 31, 2016. Teaching Elder Stewart Smith spoke of Gordon's service to the PCUSA (44 years as an ordained pastor) and of his service to the Presbytery of Arkansas (36 years - 23 as pastor of First Presbyterian in Bentonville and 13 as pastor of Park Hill Presbyterian in North Little Rock). Karen Akin's call was approved to serve as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.



Rev. Dari Rowen (left) introduces Rev. Terry McLellan (Honorably Retired)



Rev. Terry McLellan (Honorably Retired), originally from Grace Presbytery, joins the Presbytery of Arkansas



Rev. Dari Rowen (left) introduces Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi (right),  
new chaplain at University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR



Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi -- chaplain at University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR



Rev. Dari Rowen (left) introduces Rev. Jai Kwak (right), new minister at Pine Bluff--Central





Rev. Jai Kwak, new minister at Pine Bluff--Central



General Presbyter Rev. Stewart Smith (left) speaks on the honorable retirement of Rev. Gordon Garlington (right).



Rev. Gordon Garlington (newly Honorably Retired)

Teaching Elder Kade Curry gave a very encouraging report from the Committee on Leadership Development. Kade explained the process at a recent retreat when potential and current inquirers and candidates were interviewed. He gave updates on current candidates Krista Denne (First--Clarksville) and Brittany Fiscus-Van Rossum (First--Jacksonville) and current inquirers (Katherine Norwood (Second--Little Rock) and Molly Dewitt (Second--Little Rock). Jordan Akin, Stacey Hammons, David Mills, and Max Hill were all approved to be enrolled as inquirers. All four are from Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock.



Rev. Kade Curry reports for the Committee on Leadership Development

Teaching Elder Elizabeth Gabbard gave the report of the Nominations committee and the council moved the election of individuals to fill slots for all committees of the presbytery.

Ruling Elder Leah Shell gave the report for the Future of the Church Ministry area. She shared a brochure about the property for sale on Crossover Road in Fayetteville. She reported on current efforts in assisting congregations with various needs and encouraged congregations to talk with them about possible ways that the Future of the Church Committee could assist local congregations.



RE Leah Shell reports for the Future of the Church Ministry Area

Commissioned Ruling Elder Kelly Pearson reported for the Church and its Mission Ministry area. Kelly encouraged commissioners to visit the display table set up by David Schaller that gives information about an International Mission project called "Journey into Hope". He reported on the success of two recent mission trips to help with victims of the McGehee flooding. He reported on the voluntary budget cuts the committee offered and then gave information on two sets of grants available for congregations (evangelism incentives and unified mission grants for the most vulnerable.)

Teaching Elder Ike Brighton gave the report for the Subcommittee on Disaster Preparedness and followed up with further information on the McGehee mission trips.

Ruling Elder Jeanne Lloyd gave the report for Presbyterian Women. She reported that Presbyterian Women are alive and well and gave a report of the recent Synod-wide PW gathering in Fort Worth, TX. She highlighted four fall gatherings held within the presbytery in September and October.



RE Jeanne Lloyd updates the presbytery on Presbyterian Women

Teaching Elder Rebecca Spooner led a very helpful informative theological discussion dealing with suicide. Rebecca reminded everyone that statistics regarding suicide are the same inside and outside the Christian community. The discussion highlighted the stigma and lack of open and honest conversation about suicide; statistics by age and gender, and special concerns about rates of suicide among veterans and the elderly. Her presentation can be accessed on the Presbytery website at this link: [click here](#). You may also go to the presbytery's website ([www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org)) and go to Presbytery Meetings | 133rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas | View/Download Meeting Documents.



TE Rebecca Spooner presents information on suicide prevention and care

The council adjourned for lunch and was treated to a delicious lunch of barbeque pork sandwiches. The pork was smoked by one of the members of the Harrison congregation and received rave reviews from commissioners.

When the council reconvened announcements of interest were shared and a video presentation was shown introducing the three Young Adult volunteers that are working at Ferncliff under the leadership of Teaching Elder Marie Mainard-O'Connell.

The Order of the Day was a report from the Polity Committee which was comprised of the commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly. The commissioners gave a report of their experience and the business that was transacted at the meeting. They then helped lead a discussion of the amendments sent for presbytery approval that would make changes to the Book of Order. The Presbytery approved all of the proposed amendments (see the list in the presbytery packet in section M) except the two that will be voted on at the February meeting in 2017.



Polity Committee members (left to right): TE Leslie Roper, TE Elizabeth Gabbard, RE Gail Murdoch

Britton Varn, staff support for youth ministry, and ruling elder and Youth A-team co-moderator Hartley Allen gave a report of the Youth Triennium conference held in July at Purdue University. They shared photos of their week and reported that 34 youth, adults and young adults participated in the trip and thanked the presbytery for their support.

With no further business, Moderator Lacy Sellars gave the closing prayers with joys and concerns and the meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm on a beautiful autumn afternoon to drive through the Ozarks to return home.

The presbytery is grateful to the staff, session and members of First Presbyterian Church in Harrison for their efforts in hosting a wonderful meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

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## Church Employment Opportunities in our Presbytery

**Pastor -- Huntsville First Presbyterian Church** --First Presbyterian Church (Huntsville) seeks a half-time pastor to help lead their congregation. Full details are available through the CLC portal through [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). Inquiries can be directed



via email to Jason Holt at [jholtmd@gmail.com](mailto:jholtmd@gmail.com). The website for the church is: <http://fphar.church>.

**Transitional Associate Pastor -- Second Presbyterian Church (Little Rock) --**

Little Rock's Second Presbyterian Church is seeking a Transitional Associate Pastor for Congregational Nurture. Primary responsibilities are to provide leadership and support for the church's programs of pastoral care and counseling, hospital visitation, and congregational fellowship. A full position description can be found on the church website at [www.secondpreslr.org](http://www.secondpreslr.org). If interested send your Personal Information Form to Tracy May at [tracymay@secondpreslr.org](mailto:tracymay@secondpreslr.org).

**All Souls' Church -- Scott, AR --** Two positions are open at All Souls' Church in Scott, Arkansas. A job description for the **Minister to Youth** can be found [here](#). The job description for **Minister to Preschool and Children** can be found [here](#). The contact person for these jobs is Rev. Ward Rudolph (PCUSA) solo pastor (email: [wardly62@gmail.com](mailto:wardly62@gmail.com), phone: 479-466-9975).

**Office Manager -- First United Presbyterian Church (Fayetteville)**

-- First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville is seeking an Office Manager. Duties are as follows: Welcome and graciously assist all who contact or visit the office; coordinate and ensure the accurate production, editing, and updating of the church's website, printed materials, and publications; provide needed office support and reception for the pastors and staff; effectively communicate church schedules, events, meetings, and calendar to members, leaders, and volunteers; ensure appropriate use and timely maintenance of church computers, software, network, and office machines, and handle details related to worship. Applicants may send resumes with a cover letter to [officemanager@fupcfay.org](mailto:officemanager@fupcfay.org) or by mail to 695 E. Calvin St., Fayetteville, AR 72703. For a document with more information, [click here](#).

**Part-time Director of Music -- First Presbyterian (Conway) --** First Presbyterian Church of Conway, AR, is seeking a part-time Director of Music. Responsibilities include directing an adult church choir, supervising the church organist and pianist, and coordinating and supervising hand bell, youth and children's choirs and various other activities of the church's music ministry. Qualifications include experience in choral direction and proficiency in at least one musical instrument. Director of Music serves under the supervision of the church pastor. Send resume by Saturday, Nov. 5, to First Presbyterian Church, 2400 Prince Street, Conway, AR, 72034, Attention: Dr. Sally Roden, Chair - Search Committee. For more information about FPC Conway, go to or [www.facebook.com/fpccconway](http://www.facebook.com/fpccconway). First Presbyterian Church of Conway is an EEO.

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## People and Church News

### News of Our People

--**Adam Savacool**, organist at Second Presbyterian, Little Rock, has begun part-time duties as the Administrative Associate-Communications there. He has served as organist since 2008.

--Congratulations to **Rev. Michael Vinson and wife Dr. Karen Young-Vinson** on the birth of a granddaughter, Charlotte Katherine Vinson, on Oct. 17 in Conway. Proud parents are Thomas and Katie Vinson. Michael is presbytery staff resource for vital congregations and on the staff at First, Conway and Karen is one of the presbytery's Readers of Theological Exams.

--Christian sympathy to the family of Ruling Elder **LaNoir Dawkins-Leeper** of Arkadelphia who died on Sept. 30. Active at West End Presbyterian, Arkadelphia LaNoir served on numerous presbytery and synod committees and for many was the face of the AR Black Presbyterian Caucus. Her memorial service was held at First, Arkadelphia on Oct. 8.

### News of Our Congregations and Ministries

--**First, Mountain Home** offers six to eight weekly classes on "Being a Presbyterian" this fall.

--**First, Batesville's** group knits or crochets hats for AR Children's Hospital.

--**First, Hot Springs** ordained and installed elders and deacons on September 25.

--**Central Presbyterian, Pine Bluff** will host Heritage Sunday with **Faith Presbyterian** and **First Presbyterian, Pine Bluff** congregations as guests on Nov. 13.

--**First, Malvern** will offer "Trunk or Treat" decorated cars and treats on October 31.

--**Holiday Island Presbyterian** will have a six-week Sermon Formation Feedback class led by their pastor.

--**First, Fort Smith** had a sermon series on stewardship from September 11 through October 2.

--**Pulaski Heights Presbyterian, Little Rock** is one of the many churches that received the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness offering on World Communion Sunday, October 2. They also required newly elected elders to attend training and invite others on Session and additional interested people to attend.

--**First, Bentonville** Walkers group exercise on Tuesday and Thursday morning and on Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

--**Trinity Presbyterian, Little Rock** offered a Blessing of the Animals service on October 9 and will observe Heritage Sunday on October 30 with Kirk'in o' the Tartans, blessing of family heirlooms, litany of remembrance for the deceased since last year and potluck of family favorite dishes.

--**Central Presbyterian, Russellville** scheduled acolyte training on September 11.

--**Members of First, Huntsville**, Dr. Les and Dr. Cindy Morgan, the only mission co-workers from the PC(USA) in Bangladesh, were supported in a September 4 service and at a September 25 potluck.

--**Graham Memorial Presbyterian, Forrest City's** sermons are broadcast on an AM and a FM radio station on Sunday morning.

--**Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals** had a potluck meal after worship on October 9 and a gathering of Presbyterian Women and Men on October 11.

--**Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay** changes their stewardship bulletin board every week in October and invites members to see how many times their names or photos are shown as part of giving time, talents and resources.

--**Westover Hills, Little Rock** is celebrating 50 years in their sanctuary on November 6th. A full day of worship, lunch, lectures, and music are free and open to the public. For a flyer with more information, [click here](#).

**Presbyterian Village** invites you to a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, November 7 for the Chapel at Presbyterian Village. More event information is available online, and they hope to see you November 7. Here is a link to more information about the event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/preview?eid=28512220820>

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### **Resource Center News**

by [NiAnn Thompson](#), Resourcing Director  
Phone 501.663.2424, ext. 104  
Monday & Wednesday, 7:45 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](http://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryOfArkansas). Rev. Anne Russ at First, North Little Rock (Argenta) at 501.374.7677 or email [revruss@gmail.com](mailto:revruss@gmail.com) will be glad to answer your questions.

### **RAVE REVIEW**

In preparation for All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, many Presbyterian churches offer courses and resources aimed at preparing for the end of earthly life. One particularly helpful piece was created by the Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village and shared in a workshop at The PLACE in August. Entitled "**Life's Final Challenge**," this joint venture of the Congregational Care and Christian Education ministry areas of the Kirk involved a Sunday morning sermon and five Sunday evening presentations followed by participant questions and discussion. Both an electronic and hardcopy version of notebook they created is available from YOUR Resource Center.

### **NEW RESOURCES TO SUPPLEMENT THE NEW 'GLORY TO GOD' (purple) HYMNAL**

"**Glory to God Hymns and Songs for Children and Families: Singing Faith all Day Long**" is a CD of 19 songs from the new hymnal that are "friendly" to children and/or families plus a spoken prayer for morning, mid-day, table blessing and evening.

"**Glory to God: A Companion**" by Carl P. Daw Jr. contains an article giving "An Historical Survey of American Presbyterian Hymnals" and "The Development of Glory to God" and large section of "Hymns and Tunes" including the authors, first publication, scriptural references, features of the text, performance suggestions and liturgical use, glossary, and indexes of authors, translators, composers, arrangers and sources, tunes, first lines and common titles, and a CD of biographies of authors, etc.

### **ANOTHER CHRISTMAS DVD STUDY**

"**Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected**" (Acc. #9879) is an intergenerational Advent study that explores the character of God described in the Old Testament and then revealed through Jesus

Christ. DVD contains four video segments of about 15 minutes each featuring author/pastor. God's characteristics are expectant, dangerous, jealous and faithful. Set includes DVD, leader guide, adult book, and youth study book.

### **NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

Bilingual books from The Berenstain Bears: "**Amigos Fieles: Faithful Friends**" (Acc. #BK9900) teaches that new friends are fun to have and old friends are great to keep and "**Dios tea ama: God Loves You!**" (Acc. #BK9901) teaches the young bears to appreciate the many ways that God loves them, not because they are successful but because God made them. An English-only Berenstain Bears "lift-the-flap book" tells about the worship space and worship service through the familiar rhyme "**Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple**" (Acc. #9902).

The popular "Jesus Calling" books are now available for children. "**Jesus Calling: My First Bible Storybook**" (Acc. #BK9898) is a board book for toddlers and preschoolers of 20 favorite Bible stories. The bilingual version is "**Jesus Calling for Little Ones**" (Acc. #BK9899) and contains a Biblical message and a relevant scripture in English and Spanish with beautiful, colorful illustrations.

Reminder: I am in the Resource Center on Monday and Wednesday and available by phone (cell 501.337.2360) or email other days.

(Your Resource Center receives funding from the presbytery's Mission of the Church ministry area.)

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## **BULLETIN FROM THE CHURCH & ITS MISSION EVANGELISM GRANTS AVAILABLE**

There are available five grants up to \$500 each for congregations desiring to improve upon or create avenues to evangelize. These can be for signage, advertising, or a website, etc. You have good news to share in your communities and with the help of a grant from the presbytery you can.

To apply, contact the moderator of The Church & Its Mission by email:

[ktpearson@suddenlink.net](mailto:ktpearson@suddenlink.net). Include a brief description of the project, how much (up to \$500) is being requested, and how it specifically will be utilized. Incidentally, requests should be Session-authorized. If you have questions, you may call 479.229.3394. The deadline to receive requests is December 5th.

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## **Presbytery of Arkansas Youth News**

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

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[www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofArkansasYouthMinistry](http://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 new Ministries with Youth, Campus, and Young Adults.)

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**Announcement from Church and Its Mission Ministry Area  
Regarding Cents-Ability Donations**

In 2016 Arkansas Presbytery will give the Cents-Ability Offering as follows:

1/3 to Barr Memorial Presbyterian church in Norman to help with their Saturday morning breakfast and food program. This is one of the most depressed areas of our state. Each Saturday they feed up to 100 people a full hot breakfast plus give out bags of groceries to as many as 250 families.

1/3 to STOP HUNGER NOW for the national food program

1/3 to STOP HUNGER NOW for the international food program

For more information on the Cents-Ability donations (including information on how to make suggestions for next year's donations), [click here](#).

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**Caregiver's Expo Offered at Second Presbyterian Church (Little Rock)**

Speakers and vendors will present education and resources for caregivers who are caring for loved ones. Highlights of this conference will be Keynote Speaker Donna Terrell (Fox 16 News Anchor), a panel of professionals to respond to audience questions, and 30+ vendors with products and services available for caregivers. The event will be Thursday, Nov. 10th from 9:30am-1:00pm. There is no cost for participants to attend this event. For a brochure with more details, [click here](#).

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### **Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering Report**

The Presbytery of Arkansas Presbyterian Women (PWP) celebrate God's peace and joy in their lives each year through participation in a Fall Gathering. This year, 251 women attended gatherings at Bella Vista PC, Jonesboro FPC, Kirk in the Pines, HSV, and Allison PC, Little Rock. Worship leaders were Rev. Patty Schaller (Jonesboro), Rev. Debra Freeman (LR), Rev. Georgia Senor, Rev. Susan Gray, Rev. Jan Butin (BV) and Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard (HSV). Mission speakers were Joel Gill, Ferncliff; Melissa Hendricks, Vera Lloyd; Catherine Luck, Oasis of NW Arkansas; Kathy Ratcliff, Westover Hills PC, LR; and Judy Peters, Park Hill PC, NLR. An overview of the 2016/2017 Horizons Bible Study, Who Is Jesus?, by Dr. Judy Yates Siker, was led by Rev. Liz Wagner (BV), Jeannie Ford Andrews (LR), and Kathy White (HSV).

The 2017 Spring Gathering for **ALL** Presbyterian Women of Arkansas Presbytery will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs on April 22. This gathering is open to all ladies and their guests, and the PWP is looking forward to celebrating God's love with all of our sisters in Christ on this date. This Spring Gathering would be such a wonderful opportunity to have at least one lady from every Presbyterian Church in the Arkansas Presbytery in attendance, and would keep the reputation alive that we "church ladies" are continuing to maintain an active presence in the life of all our churches, large and small. Look for additional information on the Gathering in the February Banner.

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### **Run or Walk in the Vera Lloyd "Turkey Trot" -- Saturday, November 9th at 9:00 AM**

Run or walk in the Turkey Trot 5K. You can register through <https://runsignup.com/Race/AR/Monticello/veralloydturkeytrot> or <http://www.veralloyd.org/events/turkey-trot-5k>. Registration for the 3.1 mile run or walk is \$25 and includes the event T-shirt. The one mile fun run for kids is \$10 and includes a T-shirt. Kids who run,

but are not registered will receive a medal.

Register as a virtual participant or create a virtual team. You can register for \$25 and receive an event T-shirt and NOT travel to Monticello for the Turkey Trot 5K. You will have the satisfaction of helping children in need!

Be part of the Little Rock Turkey Trot celebration. Westover Hills Presbyterian Church in Little Rock will host the 2nd annual Turkey Trot celebration in Little Rock on Wednesday, November 2, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The celebration includes dinner, a presentation from Vera Lloyd and a fun walk around the gym. Everyone will receive an event T-shirt and have the opportunity to give an additional gift to help children.

Your gift will help care for 200 boys and girls each year who live at Vera Lloyd's children's home in Monticello.

For a colorful brochure with more information (and a wonderful story of a young woman whose life has been transformed by Vera Lloyd Family Services), [click here](#).

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**Prayer List for Congregations -- 2017** can be found [here](#).

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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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