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**Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas**

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## **Lyon College, Batesville Hosts Presbytery Meeting**

By Recording Clerk NiAnn Thompson

The 137th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas was hosted Friday and Saturday, February 9-10, 2018 by Lyon College, Batesville. The Friday evening

portion was preceded by the third workshop attended by 35 in a series on "Thriving in Change" led by Presbytery staff member, Rev. Michael Vinson on "Shifting Behaviors Successfully."

A total of 161 people signed in for the mid-winter meeting where Ruling Elder Ruth Hamilton moderated Friday night in the newly renovated Brown Chapel on campus. Under the consent agenda, Presbytery permitted First, Malvern to sell two houses behind the church. After the encouraging and grateful report of Treasurer Bob Boehmler, Administration Ministry Area moved the terms of call for General Presbyter Stewart Smith for 2018 and the overall budget for 2018 reduced by \$23,801 from 2017, which were both approved. Commissioners heard the annual report of the State of the Presbytery from the GP including introduction of Hannah Lahodny, interim staff resource for Youth and Young Adults; an update on the status of the lawsuit by Woodlands Presbyterian, Hot Springs Village; the challenge of 2018 when over ½ of the congregations in the Presbytery are not able to call a full-time pastor; and the opportunity of 2018 to reach out in welcome to those beyond the PC(USA) fold who need the message. Temporary Stated Clerk Rev. Leslie Belden reported on ministers dismissed to other presbyteries, the status of all Administrative Commissions working with churches, the statistical and other reports needed from congregations and necrology of Rev. Guy Delaney, HR. Under her report, commissioners voted to confirm the new members of Ferncliff Board which board had elected, and at the request of the Administrative Commission at 101 they voted to dissolve One-O-One Presbyterian, Gamaliel who will repay the Presbytery a modest sum, be granted its possessions and turn in their minutes before the AC there is dissolved. Commissioners next heard a progress report from the Task Force on Staff Design which invited feedback by May 1 to members MWSs Leslie Roper and David Dyer, HR, REs Kelly Pearson and Julie Adkisson (contact info on handout at meeting or available from Presbytery office). Under the Coordinating Team report, it was voted to approve 12 nominees to fill immediate vacancies on ministry areas and committees, and commissioners learned of the approval of the Wellspring Renewal Center covenant with the Presbytery's church professionals for 2018.

Evening worship began at 8 with outgoing moderator Hamilton giving the sermon. Rev. Leslie Bethell Roper, pastor at First, Batesville, was installed as moderator for this year with charges delivered by Rev. Susan Rose and Rev. Walter Swetnam, HR. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated by intinction with GP Smith and Lyon Chaplain "Maggie" Alsup officiating. Liturgists were Lyon students from churches across the Presbytery, and music was by organist Russell Stinson, Lyon College Concert Chorale and Pipe Band. Worship offering of \$1,523 benefitted the Presbytery of Arkansas Scholarship at Lyon. A reception in Bevens Music Room hosted by Lyon's new president Dr. W. Joseph King completed the evening.



Outgoing Moderator RE Ruth Hamilton (left) presents Moderator's cross to new Moderator MWS Leslie Bethell Roper



New Moderator MWS Leslie Bethell Roper addresses Presbytery

On Saturday morning two candidates for ordination preached to separate groups of commissioners as part of their examinations in Edwards Commons on campus. Ruling Elder David Stricklin was installed as Presbytery's vice moderator. Under the

Committee on Ministry report, Krista Denné and Cameron Highsmith were examined for ordination, those exams were sustained, they were enrolled as members and their ordination services set. Rev. Jen Evans was approved and enrolled as associate pastor at Second Presbyterian, Little Rock and her installation set. Rev. Marie Mainard-O'Connell was approved as pastor of Park Hill, North Little Rock and her installation set. Youth Advisory Delegates brought greetings before the 10:30 a.m. Order of the Day Theological Discussion around tables, led by Ruling Elder Peg Falls-Corbitt, a member of Coordinating Team, on civil discourse on divisive issues in and beyond the church.



Moderator Rev. Leslie Bethell Roper (left) presents new Vice Moderator RE David Stricklin to Presbytery



Candidate Krista Denné (at podium) answers questions from the Presbytery as MWS Phil Butin observes



Candidate Cameron Highsmith (at podium) listens for questions from the Presbytery as RE Cyril Hollingsworth observes

After lunch Committee on Ministry report resumed with the introduction of Rev. Evans

and approval of her terms of call and the enrollment and introduction of Rev. Valerie Hobby Bell whose terms and installation as pastor of First, Rogers were set. In their written report COM shared that Rev. Cinthia Saul was serving as temporary supply at First, Newport; changes were made in the pastoral call and AC to ordain/install forms online; on referral from Presbytery a change was made in the Resident Intern job description at First, Clarksville and First, Fort Smith; approval was given to RE Doug Miller's covenant in temporary pastoral relationship at Holiday Island Presbyterian; RE/Candidate Stephen Moody's covenant in temporary pastoral relationship at First, Little Rock; Rev. Randy Hyde's covenant as Transitional Associate Pastor for Congregational Nurture at Second, Little Rock and to contact Rev. DC Adams for training for Ruling Elders to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Committee on Leadership Development had shared details of the alternative means for exams they had extended to Candidate Denné before the vote on her ordination and later reported on all under care. Presbytery voted to move Inquirer Jordan Akin to candidacy and to enroll Julianna Whitson as an inquirer. Future of the Church Ministry Area invited grant applications from congregations through April 15 for "development of a program, opportunity, institutional structure, or possibly facility improvements that revitalize or extend your ministry to new populations or communities."



Rev. Jen Evans



Rev. Valerie Bell



Candidate Jordan Akin





Rev. Kade Curry (left) presents new Inquirer Julianna Whitson

Continuing into the afternoon two nominees were elected to immediate service, and Committee on Nominations invited volunteers or referrals of interested persons for ministry areas, committees or tasks by March 8. Polity Committee recounted their meeting with the Session of Barr Memorial, Norman as requested by Presbytery regarding the latter's proposed overture to General Assembly, and Presbytery declined to concur with a similar overture to G.A. from Western North Carolina Presbytery on endorsement or opposition to individual political candidates. Ferncliff's annual report by Joel Gill was appreciated. Young Adult Advisory Delegates brought greetings and along with Youth Advisory Delegates cast advisory votes on numerous motions.

All proposed amendments to the Presbytery's Ministry Manual were approved: In Organization and Structure-Lowering the quorum for Presbytery meetings, changing the name of Committee on Leadership Development back to Committee on Preparation for Ministry, deleting time limits for subcommittees or task forces, changing the name of Subcommittee on Disaster Preparedness back to ...Preparedness and Response, adding a method on amending the Policies and Procedures section of the Ministry Manual; In Ministry and Committee Duties-including Honduras Ministry Subcommittee, assigning the duty of reviewing covenants with entities, changing requirement so that only moderators of COM and CPM have to coordinate their work, add to COM duties the review of contract with Wellspring Renewal Center; In Standing Rules-adding Presbytery meeting quorum as SR #6, adding appointment of Investigating Committee as SR #7, adding Commissions of Installations and Ordinations with edit of "ordinarily" as SR #8; In Policies and Procedures-edit and add "Electronic Meeting Policy," edit and add "Policy for Schismatic Churches," edit and add "Sabbatical Leave Policy" which is part of the Presbytery's minimum terms of call for new, full-time calls since 2014, edit

and add "Parental Leave Policy" which is also part of the minimum terms for new, full-time calls since 2014, add five policies that were already approved to this section of the Ministry Manual; add new policy of "Investigating Committee Procedures for a Disciplinary Case," new "Policy for Temporary Members," and revised "Policy for Ministers from other Denominations Seeking to Serve PC(USA) Congregations in a Pastoral Role."

Mission of the Church Ministry Area celebrated the grants made last year to attendees of educational events and for mission and evangelism programs in individual churches. Grants are available this year under the Unified Mission Emphasis of helping the "most vulnerable of the very young and old" by emailing [ktpearson@suddenlink.net](mailto:ktpearson@suddenlink.net). Two educational events, known in 2014-2016 as The PLACE, are planned at First United, Fayetteville for April 7 and at Second, Little Rock for August 4; publicity was given out and/or will be mailed to every congregation. Mission was glad to support the renovation of Brown Chapel at Lyon with a gift late last year. Disaster Preparedness and Response Subcommittee encouraged every church to prepare for disasters such as tornadoes, fires, active shooter, or flood and offer coaching or funding. They have responded in Pocahontas and Walnut Ridge to Black River flooding, extended pastoral care to leaders in affected areas and appreciate donations by congregations to storm survivors in Houston, Florida and Puerto Rico. Written report highlighted upcoming Presbyterian Women's events. The single item of new business was endorsement and support for the Arkansas Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Adjournment and closing prayer came at 3:04 p.m.

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## **Nominations Sought for Committee, Ministry Area Service**

Presbytery's Committee on Nominations is seeking names of qualified and willing persons to serve on presbytery ministry areas or committees or subcommittee beginning in 2019. These are encouraged to be submitted by March 8th. To download the current form, [click here](#).

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## Church Employment (and Other) 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>.

**First Presbyterian Church of Walnut Ridge** is searching for a full-time minister. Full salary and benefits are available. The church is prepared to help that person repay educational debt over a several year period. For more information, please contact Tom Moore, (870) 219-9379, [thomasmoore929@gmail.com](mailto:thomasmoore929@gmail.com).

**Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock** seeks *Associate Pastor for Congregational Nurture*. The person in this full-time ordained position will provide leadership and support for the church's ministries of pastoral care and counseling, hospital visitation, and congregational fellowship. Job Description can be found at <http://www.secondpreslr.org/search-for-associate-pastor/>. Personal Information Forms can be sent to Philip Shell at [pshell88@gmail.com](mailto:pshell88@gmail.com).

**Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock** is searching for a part-time *Director of Young Families* to work with the Associate Pastor for Youth, Young Adult, and Young Family Ministries. Applications are being accepted for this new 10 hour a week position that is full of opportunities of growth and a lot of fun. We hope to find an energetic and creative person with the strong leadership and interpersonal skills necessary to equip and nurture Christ-centered relationships between families with young children and the greater community. The position description can be found at [www.secondpreslr.org](http://www.secondpreslr.org). Please share this information with potential candidates!

**Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church, Forrest City** is searching for a full-time pastor. The church is right at 100 members, with average attendance of 41 members. Desired experience is Solo Pastor/Head of Staff with 5-10 years of experience. Graham Memorial is a welcoming community of faith that seeks to serve Jesus Christ through sharing our collective talents, proclaiming the Gospel, feeding the hungry, and ministering to our community. For more information, visit the church's Facebook page or contact the PNC through Nancy Dunaway via email [jdunaway@arkansas.net](mailto:jdunaway@arkansas.net) or phone 870-261-3330. The MIF can be viewed on the CLC website.

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## **University of the Ozarks Presents Lecture by Little Rock Judge Wendell Griffen**

Arkansas circuit judge and pastor Wendell L. Griffen will present a lecture at University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Rogers Conference Center.

Griffen's talk is titled, "Prophetic Hope, Religious Nationalism, and the Fate of Democracy in the 21st Century," and is made possible by the Cecil and Ruth Boddie Farmer Guest Speaker Endowment. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend.

His lecture will be based in part on his 2017 book, "The Fierce Urgency of Prophetic Hope." He will have books available for sale and to sign following the event.

For more information about this event, [click here](#).

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## **Office Hours for Staff Resource For Youth**

Our new Temporary Staff Resource for Youth, Hannah Lahodny, works at Ferncliff during the day. We want to honor Hannah's commitment to the work and ministry of Ferncliff by not intruding on her work during the day. We ask that you NOT call Ferncliff to visit with Hannah about Presbytery of Arkansas business.

Hannah will be available for questions, conference calls, Zoom meetings, etc. on Tuesdays from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm and at other times as needed. If you need to reach her by phone, those hours would be preferable. Or -- if you need something sooner, you can email or text Hannah and set up a time that will not conflict with her Ferncliff work schedule.

Hannah's email address is: [hlahodny@gmail.com](mailto:hlahodny@gmail.com). Her phone number is 501-680-

9321. We welcome Hannah to the presbytery staff!!!

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## People and Church News

### NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

--Christian sympathy goes to **Rev. Debra Carl Freeman** and family on the death of her father Rev. William J. Carl, Jr. on January 30th, 2018 in Bartlesville, OK. Debra is transitional pastor at First, Jacksonville, a member of presbytery's Committee on Leadership Development and a former moderator of presbytery.

--**Rev. Walter Swetnam, HR** has retired from his service to a Greers Ferry church and moved from Batesville to Russellville.

### NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS

--**First, Rogers and First, Springdale** youth shared a Christmas lock-in on December 22.

--**First United, Fayetteville** is sponsoring the organization of a Boy Scout Troop.

--Students at **United Campus Ministry at UofA, Fayetteville** led worship at First United, Fayetteville on Feb. 4.

--**Mo-Ranch Presbyterian Assembly, Hunt, TX** will host "Comfort and Hope for the Journey of Grief" Feb. 23-25 in cooperation with Faith and Grief Ministries.

--**First, Batesville** created kindness baskets of snacks, games and notes of thanks that were delivered to police and sheriff officers, firefighters, EMS workers and jail attendants.

--**Presbyterian Village, Little Rock** celebrated on Jan. 30 the ribbon cutting and open house of the rehab therapy, gym and chapel.

--**First, Mountain Home** installed new ruling elders and deacons on December 17 and offered blood pressure screening after worship on January 7.

--**Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs** chancel choir has two choral scholars, a baritone and a bass singer, who are music students at UofA, Monticello and OBU, Arkadelphia, respectively.

--**Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals'** calendar of worship and activities includes first Sunday communion, second Sunday mid-day potluck, third Sunday blessing of the food pantry and fourth Sunday Minute for Mission.

--**First, Morrilton** has launched an organ repair campaign and their nighttime women's Bible study is collecting clothing for the Conway County Foster Care Coalition.

--**First, Arkadelphia** plans a Lenten book study on the beatitudes on Wednesdays from Feb. 21 through March 21.

--**Synod of the Sun**, the PC(USA) region that includes the Presbytery of Arkansas and 10 other presbyteries in AR, LA, TX and OK, moved to a virtual office on January 1, ending their rental at Presbyterian Mission Center, Irving, TX. The mailing address is 445 E. FM, 1382 Ste 3-778, Cedar Hill, TX. 75104, email [valerie.young@synodsun.org](mailto:valerie.young@synodsun.org)

## Resource Center News

by [NiAnn Thompson](#), Resourcing Director  
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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.

--Thinking about those six Sundays in Lent? This book is for you. **"Feasting on the Word: A Thematic Resource for Preaching and Worship Lenten Companion"** edited by David L. Bartlett, Barbara Brown Taylor and Kimberly Bracken Long. Contents includes overview of Lent, complete services for the six Sundays and Easter Sunday, introduction and seven Midweek Services, introduction and services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday with sermon helps.

--With Lent underway, the focus will soon shift to preparation for celebration of the Resurrection and the time between Easter on April 1 and Pentecost on May 20. This window of opportunity could invite a variety of learning opportunities.

FOR CHILDREN: **"The Legend of the Three Trees"** (Acc. DVD9779) is a timeless retelling of the classic folktale of three distinct trees, each with its own hopes, dreams and aspirations, which teaches us the significance of our role in God's plan. Book for ages 4 to 7 **"The Easter Cave"** (Acc. #BK7487) tells the Easter story using repetitive, child-friendly words and illustrations. For older children is the book **"The Legend of the Sand Dollar: An Inspirational Story of Hope"** (Acc.#BK8878), which tells of resurrection and new life as seen through the eyes of children.

FOR YOUTH: **"Mission: Easter - Youth Programs & Ideas for Lent"** (Acc.#BK8759) contains programming ideas and devotional programs for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, seasonal dramas, worship and retreat ideas.

Craft ideas are presented for youth and children in "**Before and After Easter: Lent to Pentecost**" (Acc.#BK7185) which celebrates the season with service projects, family worship and reflection ideas with full-color illustrations.

FOR ADULTS: In most of our congregations we have members or regulars who are new to Bible study. These books can help! Esteemed Christian Educator Donald L. Griggs has teamed with Biblical scholar Eugene March on "**Genesis from Scratch: The Old Testament for Beginners**" (Acc.#BK9484) with leader's guide and participant section and "**Exodus from Scratch: The Old Testament for Beginners.**" Griggs authored alone "**The Bible from Scratch: The Old Testament for Beginners**"(Acc.#BK7812) "for adults who have-or fear they have-little or no Bible knowledge" and offers basic tools and skills for Bible study, complete with a study group guide.

--GROWING OUT of the excellent Theological Discussion on The Church in Civil Discourse at the Feb. 9-10 presbytery meeting at Lyon College Ruling Elder Dr. Peg Falls-Corbitt of Conway has made available a list of "**Sample Polarities for Discussion**" and relevant Bible texts. A member of presbytery's Future of the Church ministry area and Coordinating Team, Falls-Corbitt explains that "polarities are values that seem contradictory or at least in tension with one another and yet in reality form complementary commitments in a community seeking faithfully to follow Christ's call." For example, one set of polarities would be the statements "Christ calls us to liberate people from social oppression" and "Christ calls us to liberate people from spiritual sin." This positive discussion and the exercises that accompany it could inspire a Sunday School class, small group or individual reflection. I have copies in the Resource Center. Watch our website for video of her presentation and the resulting discussion.

Also available to be given in small batches to Sessions or Diaconates from the Resource Center are the wallet-size folders from PC(USA) Peacemaking Program that were given out at this Theological Discussion. The folder offers steps on behavior "**In times of disagreement, we will:**" Those steps include commitments to act, respect, learn, respond, indicate, share, speak, refrain, focus on ideas, maintain community and pray, with details explained after each action.

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

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## Presbytery of Arkansas Youth News

### Upcoming Youth Events and Trips

**sponsored by the Youth Advisory Team**

**Sr. High Youthquake (Ferncliff) - April 13-15, 2018**

**Trip to PC(U.S.A.) General Assembly (St. Louis) - June 15-21, 2018**

**Jr. High Jubilee (Mo Ranch, TX) - June 30-July 5, 2018**

**Montreat Youth Conference (Montreat, NC) - July 21-28, 2018**

**(These dates are also posted at [www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org) under "Ministries," then "Youth Council.")**

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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, Young Adults, and Campus Ministry.)

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE P.L.A.C.E. 2018**



# *THE CHANGING FACE OF THE CHURCH*

*Offered by*  
The Mission of the Church Ministry Area  
of the Presbytery of Arkansas



## **The P.L.A.C.E.\* 2018**

**\*The Presbytery Leadership Academy for Congregational Enrichment (The P.L.A.C.E.) is providing two unique opportunities for persons seeking to learn and grow to join with others facing the challenges and opportunities of the changing face of the church.**

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The P.L.A.C.E. NW on April 7, 2018,  
9am—1pm, First United Presbyterian  
Church, Fayetteville, AR

The P.L.A.C.E. Central on August 4,  
2018—Second Presbyterian Church,  
Little Rock, AR

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**PILGRIMAGE:  
Consider This Three-Day Renewal of a Lifetime!**

A Presbyterian Pilgrimage Weekend is not just "another retreat". No, it is a part of a personal spiritual journey. At a Pilgrimage, you can experience a deepened relationship with Christ, which can continue growing - and last a lifetime.

At Pilgrimage people often:

- meet Christ "face-to-face";
- better understand Christ's love, grace, forgiveness; and
- become even more alive in their faith;
- gain a renewed sense of hope and purpose.

But there's more: Weekends are a lot of fun, too!

Will you prayerfully consider attending the Presbyterian Pilgrimage this spring, April 19-22 ?

You can find out more, and register in 5 minutes, at [www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org](http://www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org). The cost is \$200 for lodging and meals, but scholarships are available, so don't let cost be a barrier!

For a flyer/application, [click here](#).

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**MISSION GRANTS AVAILABLE TO CONGREGATIONS**

Mission of the Church Ministry Area again encourages congregations to submit grant requests for this last year of three of the Unified Mission Emphasis: helping the "most vulnerable of the very young and old." These might range from a diaper drive to treats for nursing home residents. If you have some project to launch or one to keep afloat, consider applying for a grant of up to \$500 with Mission of the Church. This may be done by emailing: [ktpearson@suddenlink.net](mailto:ktpearson@suddenlink.net). Include in the request: the purpose of the program/project, proof of Session approval, the overall cost of the ministry, the amount desired for the grant, and how the grant money, if received,

would be utilized, as specifically as possible.

### **CENTSABILITY RECIPIENTS NAMED FOR 2018**

If your Presbyterian Women's group or full congregations participate in the gathering of 2 cents a meal during the year for the alleviation of hunger, you are part of the support for the Centsability Offering. The Coordinating Team of the Presbyterian Women of Arkansas has informed Mission of the Church ministry area that the Centsability Offering of 2018 will be divided three ways as follows:

- Local--the Arkansas Community Soup Kitchen in St. Francis County--led by Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church, Forrest City;
- National--Southeast Texas Food Bank--to assist with feeding individuals and families which sprang as a need after Hurricane Harvey;
- International--A Miracle Porridge--to assist with a feeding program in the Congo, Africa of many malnourished children, that also teaches mothers of these children how to make the porridge.

Thank you for your support!

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### **Winter Weather Reminders**

As a reminder, the presbytery office is closed for winter weather if the Little Rock School Districts close for weather. We appreciate your patience.

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### **It's Not Too Late to Pledge for 2018 Benevolence**

It's not too late for congregations to send in pledges for 2018 Benevolence. You may mail it to the Presbytery office at 9221 N. Rodney Parham Rd.; Little Rock, AR 72227. You may also email your pledge to Kenneth Rich at [kenneth@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:kenneth@presbyteryofarkansas.org) or Stewart Smith

at [stewart@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:stewart@presbyteryofarkansas.org)

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## Do You Have News for the Banner?

If you have something you would like us to consider for inclusion in the Banner newsletter, please send it

to: [kenneth@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:kenneth@presbyteryofarkansas.org), [niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org), and [stewart@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:stewart@presbyteryofarkansas.org). We cannot guarantee your submission will be published, but we will do our best to include what we can.

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**Prayer List for Congregations -- 2018** can be found [here](#).

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We are composed of over 12,000 Presbyterians gathered in 83 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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