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**Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas**

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## **Matthew 25 Initiative**

It seems to me that the Christian church (all denominations) is struggling with the questions of "how to turn around the decline?" and "how to become more relevant?"

in this complex and changing world in which we live. Our presbytery adopted three priorities to focus on and yet as we move into the implementation of those three priorities, the way forward is not entirely clear and mapped out. As many of our congregations have experienced decline in membership and resources, the only activity for many is to gather for a worship service on Sunday morning. That may have drawn people in 50 years ago but more is needed today to reach people with the good news of Christ. Our denominational leadership is wrestling with these same questions and the Presbyterian Mission Agency has recently announced the "Matthew 25 initiative". I think the intent both of the implementation of our presbytery priorities and the Matthew 25 initiative is to encourage our congregations to become more actively engaged in our communities. That engagement will not necessarily provide the abundance of new members that we all would like to see, but it will perhaps help our congregations become a more vital and relevant presence in the world.



At its meeting on April 27, the Presbytery of Arkansas' Coordinating Team voted to become a "Matthew 25" presbytery. The Presbyterian Mission Agency recently announced a denominational wide vision and invitation to become a "Matthew 25 church". The Matthew 25 account of the Son of Humanity placing sheep on the right and goats on the left "calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities," the initiative states. Our commitment as a Matthew 25 presbytery is to encourage 20% or more of our congregations to become Matthew 25 churches. So, this is your initial encouragement to begin prayerful consideration to become a Matthew 25 church.

### **What is a Matthew 25 church?**

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. Congregations can become a Mathew 25 church by embracing **one or more** of three areas of focus:

--**Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.

--**Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and

oppression of people of color.

**--Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

You can learn more about the Matthew 25 initiative by visiting [pcusa.org/matthew25](http://pcusa.org/matthew25). And if your congregation decides to become a Matthew 25 congregation, please let the presbytery office know so we can report on our progress to meet the goal of 20% of our congregations.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming presbytery meeting on June 8 at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. I continue to be thankful to all of you who are working hard on the challenging issues we face as we work together to share the good news of Jesus Christ in this beautiful part of God's creation.

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## Presbytery Staff News

Michael Vinson resigned his position with the presbytery effective April 1, 2019. Michael is now serving as a stated supply at First Presbyterian Argenta in North Little Rock. We thank Michael for his years of service and will publicly show our gratitude at the presbytery meeting in June.

Kenneth Rich has moved to part time status as of April 15. Kenneth's hours are now 8:30 - 1:30 with an hour for lunch. We ask that you try to reach Kenneth during those hours.

The Presbytery Staff Search Committee is currently accepting applications for three positions.

Links are provided with each open position below and they are listed on the Presbytery's website under "Current Opportunities."

Applications are to be sent to Rev. Steve Hancock, moderator of the Staff Search Committee, at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.

These three positions will be filled first, and two other positions will be posted at a later date.

Members of the Staff Search committee are:

Rev. Steve Hancock, Second Presbyterian Church -- Little Rock  
Rev. Georgia Señor, First Presbyterian Church -- Bentonville  
Rev. Bill Bailey, Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church -- Hot Springs Village  
Richard Freer, First Presbyterian Church -- Jonesboro  
Hannah Hanson, Grace Presbyterian Church -- Little Rock  
Theresa Spragins, First Presbyterian Church -- Conway  
Led Davis, First Presbyterian Church -- Hot Springs

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## Greetings from your Temporary Stated Clerk!

I hope that everyone is looking forward to our June 8, 2019 meeting of the Presbytery at Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. Our hosts are providing a continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 am, which is also when registration begins. The gavel to begin the business of the meeting will be at 9:30 am. The Host Packet is on the Presbytery's website with information on lodging, directions to the church, etc.

As the final preparations for June's meeting are put in place the Presbytery needs congregations to consider helping with the October 4-5, 2019 meeting which will be held at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center again this fall. The joy of gathering in such a beautiful setting surrounded by God's creation was so inspiring last fall that we would like to meet there again. But not having a host church has its challenges. That's where other congregations come in.

This is YOUR presbytery, and rather than relying on only larger congregations who have more resources to host a meeting, when we meet at Ferncliff many congregations can play a hosting role. Last year Kirk in the Pines Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs Village co-hosted the meeting alongside Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. But there are so many aspects to being a host, and so many congregations who don't get the opportunity to share their gifts and talents with the Presbytery, that we hope that other congregations will volunteer to take on a responsibility.

Here is what is needed:

**\* A Church (or campus ministry or churches) to Plan and Lead the evening Worship Service** -- When the Presbytery is hosted by a congregation the host church takes the lead in planning the Friday evening worship service, along with the

assistance of staff of Presbytery and the Coordinating Team. When we meet at Ferncliff we need a congregation to assume this role. It includes working with leadership on the theme for the service; preparing the bulletin; and providing the music; having ushers, money counters, and elders to serve the Lord's Supper; and preparing and bringing the elements for the Lord's Supper. Two or more congregations could work together to plan and lead worship on Friday night. So many congregations have gifted musicians, and volunteers eager to be more involved in the life of our presbytery, so this is your opportunity to lead!

**\* A Church (or campus ministry or churches) to Plan and Lead a morning devotional time** -- It could be that there will be a candidate to be examined, which would change worship plans, but last year we found that having a morning devotional alongside the lake, as well as a short time together once we gathered inside for the meeting, centered us in God's Spirit in preparation for the day's work. We would like to do that again.

**\* A Church (or churches) to Host a Friday evening cookout at Ferncliff** - And prayers that it won't rain this year are also appreciated! Last year we had a hamburger and hotdog cookout -- it was very simple. Those eating paid around \$5 per person to supplement the costs. This year we hope to actually use the outdoor grill beside the lake and eat on picnic benches.

**\* A Church (or campus ministry or churches) to provide babysitting services** - At least two qualified individuals will be needed.

**\* First Presbyterian Church of Springdale** has already volunteered to host the Friday evening reception following worship and the Saturday morning continental breakfast and morning snacks. Many thanks go out to our friends at First, Springdale - the first "multi-church-host"!!!

The Presbytery does not budget costs for a Presbytery meeting. Those attending have paid for their lunch and the host congregation has covered additional food, printing, and childcare costs. It is hoped that by sharing the responsibilities of Presbytery meetings that there will not be undue burden on any individual congregation, and that all congregations will be blessed through greater participation in the work of God's church.

Please contact Temporary Stated Clerk Leslie Belden at 479.466.1061 or [lesliebeld@aol.com](mailto:lesliebeld@aol.com) if you have any questions or would like to take a part in hosting the meeting in October.

Yours in Christ,  
Leslie

Rev. Leslie Belden  
Temporary Stated Clerk

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## **"Radical Hospitality"**

**David Stricklin, Moderator of the Presbytery**

I keep hearing about "radical hospitality." It's not necessarily a new idea, but it's popping up in all kinds of places, in libraries and social-service organizations as well as places of worship. You'd expect to find the absolute acceptance and life-changing welcome embedded in radical hospitality at a church, at least you'd hope to expect that! And I want to encourage you to embody this stance and look for ways to welcome people-absolutely, in life-changing ways-especially pointed toward serving the most vulnerable people in our society today: the impoverished, the homeless, a lot of LGBTQ folks, immigrants in peril, people with dementia problems and their care-givers, and people who are just sick, tired, and discouraged.

One way to do that is to be watching and listening for invitations that will be coming along this year and next from three groups of people in the Presbytery of Arkansas. These are the folks who were asked to lead three areas of priority at the Presbytery meeting last February at the University of the Ozarks. Those three areas focus on building strong congregations, being more intentional about connecting everybody with resources they need and with each other, and developing and supporting ministries with youth, young adults, and college students. You've seen things about these three priorities in the Banner and elsewhere, and I won't go into all the details, but in each of these areas you can find an opportunity to practice radical hospitality.

Building strong congregations can happen when folks increase mission efforts and step up educational opportunities, both of which can focus on the marginalized and forgotten. Making connections can involve sharing something you've done with other churches to give them a little encouragement to get it a try, especially-again-with folks in the greatest need of welcome. Engaging with young people can often lead you into a pathway of finding vulnerability. Not all young folks, by any stretch, are in that category, but the ones who are need a welcoming presence in their lives as completely as anybody I can think of.

Everybody has a lot going on in their congregations. Adding one more thing may take some doing. But I believe that offering a welcoming presence to people who really need it can give you a lift. Everybody needs it, but for some people need it so desperately. Be listening and watching for ways to practice radical hospitality in the context of the three priorities we adopted in February.

Thank you. And may God bless you and your good work on behalf of the Risen Christ.

David Stricklin, Moderator

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## **Presbytery of Arkansas Youth News**

### **Summer Trips**

All youth traveling on one of the three summer trips are asked to send the balance of what is owed on the trip. For a reminder of what you still owe, please contact Stewart Smith ([stewart@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:stewart@presbyteryofarkansas.org)).

There are slots still available for the Montreat Youth Conference. The trip will leave Little Rock on Saturday, July 20 and will return on Saturday, July 27. Cost of the trip is \$825.00. Remember, if cost is preventing someone from attending, scholarships are available--please contact Stewart Smith for more information or to register.

### **Youth Advisory Team**

The Youth Advisory Team is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 year.

The Youth Advisory Team is a team of youth, college students, and adults that gather to grow in our faith and our leadership abilities & to help the Presbytery make disciples of Jesus Christ through events, conferences, and mission opportunities!

The Youth Advisory Team (A-Team) plans events and trips open to all youth in the presbytery.

The A-Team is a sub-committee of the Presbytery's Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adult Ministry Area.

There are three types of delegates for Youth Advisory Team

- Youth delegate - 10th-12th grade for 2018-2019 school year.
- College delegate - high school graduate through age 22.
- Adult delegate - 23 or older.

For an application form for the Youth Advisory Team, [click here](#)

## Junior High Youthquake

Save the date for the fall!!! Junior High Youthquake will be held September 27-29 at Ferncliff. More information will be available later in the summer.

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

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on Facebook,

or go to

[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 Ministries with Youth, Young Adults, and Campus Ministry.)

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## Opportunities for Our Presbytery

**The Presbytery of Arkansas** is accepting applications for three part-time positions, all of which are approximately twenty hours per week. All applications should include a cover letter, resume (or PIF), and three references:

--**Stated Clerk** -- [click here](#) for the full position description. The compensation package is \$30,000-\$35,000, depending on experience. The compensation package is inclusive of all benefits and professional expenses.

**--Presbytery Administrator** -- [click here](#) for the full description. The compensation package is \$28,000-\$32,000, depending on experience. The compensation package is inclusive of all benefits and professional expenses.

**--Developer of Ministries to, for and with Young People** -- [click here](#) for the full description. The compensation package is \$30,000-\$35,000, depending on experience. The compensation package is inclusive of all benefits and professional expenses.

Applications should be mailed to:

Steve Hancock, Search Committee Chair  
Second Presbyterian Church  
600 Pleasant Valley Dr.  
Little Rock, AR 72227  
[stevehancock@secondpreslr.org](mailto:stevehancock@secondpreslr.org)

Applications are being accepted at **Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock** for a **Director of Families with Young Children**, a 10-hour per week position. This new team member will work with the Associate Pastor for Youth, Young Adults, and Families with Young Children and other part-time teammates that work with youth and young adults. We hope to find a faithful person with the 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!

**First Presbyterian Church Dardanelle Searching for New Pastor:** Long-time pastor, Kelly Pearson retired from First Presbyterian Church in Dardanelle at the end of September. The Session is searching for a new pastor. The position will be part-time with details to be determined in discussions with interested individuals. For more information, contact Donna Partain, Clerk of Session ([dcpartain@msn.com](mailto:dcpartain@msn.com)) or Cathy Baker, Ruling Elder ([cathybaker54@yahoo.com](mailto:cathybaker54@yahoo.com)).

**Mountainburg Presbyterian Church Seeks Pastor:** Mountainburg Presbyterian Church seeks a solo pastor who is enthusiastic about spreading the Word of God in the pulpit as well as the community by words and example, helping Mountainburg Presbyterian Church to reach its vision and mission goals. The pastor would help to build the congregation and lead the church's programs that are currently in place. This minister would bring continuity to the outreach programs that the church participates in and would bring healing comfort to the sick and shut-ins by visitation. For more information, visit the church's listing on the Church Leadership Connection website: [click here](#).

### **Music Director at Park Hill Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock for 2019**

Our church is looking for the right (part or half time) musician to lead us into God's future! The successful candidate will: have 3-5 years' experience leading church music with a BA in music or equivalent, rehearse and lead choir, play the piano and/or organ with performance-level proficiency, support contemporary and traditional music in worship, be excited about starting intergenerational and children's choir opportunities, possess good interpersonal and communication skills and be interested in growth.

A great candidate may also: accompany choir during rehearsals and Sunday worship, rehearse and lead hand bell choir, interest in intergenerational chime choir, maintain instruments and music library, have interest in professional development and staff leadership. Salary range \$11,000-21,000 as experience/duties and negotiation allows; all applications reviewed, can be combined with other positions as appropriate, interviews begin in November.

Send resumes and for questions please contact [parkhillpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:parkhillpres@sbcglobal.net) or call 501-753-9533.

**Organist at Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church (Forrest City):** Graham Memorial is a small congregation located in Forrest City, AR (about an hour from Downtown/Midtown Memphis, off I-40;) with a small but devoted choir and a talented and dedicated Choir Director.

This position is responsible for providing organ music for one regular morning worship service each Sunday (11:00 AM), and choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Past organists share that the GMPC organ is a joy to play. Organ specs include: Allen Renaissance Quantum 2 manual, 20 stop Swell, 18 stop Great (including chimes), and 14 stop Pedal, 8 stop General, and 16 pistons. The Quad Suite comprises voicings for American Classic, English Cathedral, French Romantic, and Neo-Baroque; Midi Assistant with remote control, and Console Controller has programmable interfaces for both organ and MIDI functions and contains a hymn archive.

For more information, contact Carol Danehower, Personnel Committee at [vdanehwr@memphis.edu](mailto:vdanehwr@memphis.edu), or Ron Cockman, Treasurer at [rcockman@woodruffelectric.com](mailto:rcockman@woodruffelectric.com). For more information, including a full job description, [click here](#).

**Organ for sale** -- Marilyn Steele of First Presbyterian, Mountain Home has an organ for sale. The organ is a D. H. Baldwin model D-912. It is approximately 23 years old, and has been regularly maintained and serviced over the years. For more information, contact Marilyn at 870-425-1292.

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## Upcoming Presbytery Meeting

The **141st Stated Meeting** of the Presbytery of Arkansas will be held on **Saturday, June 8** at **Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock**. The host packet and preliminary docket are posted on the website ([click here](#)). If you are wanting to come to Little Rock on Friday evening and need a hotel, you may make reservations at Ferncliff or please visit the travel website of your choice to find a suitable hotel. Registration will begin at 8:30 am and the meeting will begin at 9:30.

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## News from Your Resource Center

by Julie Price

I love free things. And when those free things are actually useful and come with instructions and good advice, well, it just doesn't get much better than that. So, when I discovered our Presbytery's Resource Center years ago it was like God had gifted me with something that suddenly made my job so much easier. Here was a place filled with free resources I could borrow and people who could make recommendations and give me great new ideas.

But wait, it gets better. I heard about this curriculum that sounded perfect for one of my Sunday school classes, but the Resource Center didn't have it and it was a little too pricey for my budget. That's when I learned about a program where I could request that the Center pay half the cost of the curriculum and, when we were finished using it, we would donate it to the Center for others to then use. You know, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that our Resource Center is a Win-Win for everyone. So, don't wait, check out their facebook page today at Resource ARK or just give them a call and then, you too, will also get the best free things ever.

Be sure to visit our catalog of free things on the Presbytery website (click on

Resources and find the catalog to your left). We hope to see you at our display at the Presbytery meeting so we can share a resource recipe for some summer relaxation and lots of new resources for your use in the summer months.

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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. To download the current form, [click here](#).

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## **Vera Lloyd Donor Appreciation Event**

**Donor Appreciation:** Vera Lloyd could not serve children and families in need without the generous help of our churches, donors and volunteers. The Campus Carnival will be held **June 1st** on the Monticello campus. Come tour the houses and meet the Vera Lloyd youth!

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## **Travel Opportunity with Kirk in the Pines (HSV) -- trip to Portugal and Spain in November**

Pastor Bill Bailey of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines in Hot Springs Village will be hosting a tour Nov. 4-15 to Lisbon, Portugal and to Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Madrid, Avila, Zaragoza, and Barcelona in Spain. Members of sister churches, family and friends are welcome to accompany Kirk members. Brochures with details and

the full itinerary are available by emailing [kirktour@gmail.com](mailto:kirktour@gmail.com). Reservations are on a first-come basis.

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## **Volunteers Assist Ferncliff in Responding to Nebraska Floods**

On Monday, March 25, a group of volunteers from the Arkansas Presbytery's Disaster Preparedness and Response Subcommittee (DPRS) and Westover Hills Presbyterian Church met at the Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) to send love and support to the recent victims of the horrific flooding in Nebraska and the surrounding area. Led by Ray Stephens, Moderator of DPRS, and four others, the group prepared one pallet of Hygiene Kits (900 kits) and ten pallets of Clean Up Buckets (350 buckets) to assist in the recovery of homes that were flooded when the levees and river banks gave way to the rising waters of several rivers. The disaster supplies were stacked onto pallets, shrink-wrapped, and staged ready for loading. According to David Gill, Ferncliff Director of Outreach, FedEx picked up the shipment at 12:30 PM on Monday, with the delivery to Lincoln, Nebraska scheduled on Wednesday, March 27.

There will be many more opportunities to support mission activities at Ferncliff. Church World Service will send to Ferncliff, enough supplies to prepare 500 additional Clean Up Buckets in the near future. This and other opportunities will help to answer our Lord's call to love one another and to relieve the suffering of God's children.

If your church would like to help, please contact David Gill at the Ferncliff DAC, 501-416-8946.



Preparing the Shipment



Left to Right: Ray Stephens, Bob Quinn, Ike Brighton, Adrienne Kulousek and Marc Balkman

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## **Presbyterian Village "Friends and Family" Move-In Special**

Presbyterian Village is offering a "Friends and Family" Move-In special for 10 newly renovated resident rooms in our nurturing Residential Care program. Through May, enjoy a \$500 discount off the new resident move-in fee. Please contact Debby Spradlin to schedule lunch and a tour! As our capital renovations near completion this month, we invite all of our friends from the Presbytery to stop in anytime to see the changes first-hand! Read more about our services online at [www.presbyvillage.org](http://www.presbyvillage.org).

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## Texas Presbyterian Foundation Invites You to Their Next Webinar-- May 16th



You're Invited to our latest live event!  
Overcoming the Empty Offering Plate

You can register now for our next live Web event featuring The Rev. Dr. Rick Young and Rev. Andy Odom. We've brought in the experts for this inspiring discussion! Designed to be an informative and interactive webinar, you'll have access to new ideas, the latest trends, and actual tools you can use now.

Please join us on Thursday, May 16th, at 11:00am CDT/12:00pm EDT for "Overcoming the Empty Offering Plate," a live Web event created just for you. After participating in this webinar, you will be able to:

1. Discuss real examples of ways churches can leave their generosity comfort zone to achieve extraordinary results
2. Describe how stewardship is changing for your congregation, as well as others across the nation
3. Review and access key resources designed to nurture stewardship and generosity in your churches

You can register today to attend this exciting event!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR TPF'S FREE WEBINAR](#)

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## **Presbytery's College Chaplains Enjoy a Successful "Chapel Swap"**

Jeremy Wilhelmi serves as the chaplain at University of the Ozarks and Maggie Alsup serves as the chaplain at Lyon College. One night during the Montreat College Conference the two had the idea to do a chapel swap, so this spring semester the two did just that. Jeremy made his way to Batesville and led chapel at Lyon speaking on 1 Corinthians 10:1-14. And a few weeks later Maggie made her way to Clarksville and led chapel at Ozarks speaking on Matthew 18:15-35. During the swaps the two decided that "this was fun!" and have decided to do it again next year.





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**ATTENTION: Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Arkansas**

MARK THE DATES for this upcoming important event!

Questions? Contact Ila Blackketter-Wolfe at [ila.nb.wolfe@gmail.com](mailto:ila.nb.wolfe@gmail.com) or Cathy Rogers at [ccrogers86@gmail.com](mailto:ccrogers86@gmail.com).

**Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Women Gathering  
July 25 - July 27, 2019**

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma  
More information to come!

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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) 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 -- 2019** can be found [here](#).

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We are composed of over 10,000 Presbyterians gathered in 82 active churches, located in various towns and cities in the northern two-thirds of the State of Arkansas.

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