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Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas

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## "No Asterisks"

By Stewart Smith, General Presbyterian

A group of 14 people made the drive to St. Louis, MO last week for the "Big Tent Conference" of the PC(USA). The first "Big Tent" was held in Atlanta in 2009, bringing individual ministry conferences together during non-General Assembly years. In 2015 the format changed to replace the conferences format with a full lineup of workshops, worship services and speakers. This year's Big Tent theme was "Racism, Reconciliation, Reformation." Over 600 Presbyterians from across the country gathered together for the event. The highlight of the conference for me was the Bible Study led by Dr. Eric Barreto, Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. Barreto spoke on the topic of "Difference and Diversity in the Book of Acts."



I have been moved in my own faith journey by the hymn "Let us Build a House" (#301 in Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal). The hymn has a subtitle which is the beginning of the refrain, "All Are Welcome". I love the tune and it crescendos at the end with the words "All are welcome, all are welcome; all are welcome in this place." The words have challenged me personally and my experience in the church. Do I really welcome and embrace everyone? Have the congregations I have served and been a member of truly welcome and accept everyone or do we tend to limit that warm welcome to people that are similar to us? I have found the proverbial saying to be true both inside and outside the church more often than not, "Birds of a feather tend to flock together." Barreto shared that many people have read and preached the Pentecost story as a reversal of the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis. He reminded us that if the Pentecost story reversed the Babel story, the followers would have all spoken the same language. He said that "God does not eradicate our differences at Pentecost, God embraces our differences. The church starts at a place where people of many gifts are together. These stories show that God is still creating the kind of world God wants - not one where like-minded people build towers and huddle behind walls to keep others out, but a place of many languages, a place where towers and walls get torn down."

Barreto said that the church loves to place on its signs and web-pages the words "All are Welcome" - but too often that phrase has had an asterisk and meant "all are welcome as long as you are willing to become just like us." He shared the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8.

When the eunuch asked the question "What prevents me from being baptized?" - Barreto reminded us of the many things that could have prevented that. And yet, God provided water and an answer - "nothing prevents him from being baptized." The eunuch didn't have to change who he was.

A few years ago I was in New York over a weekend in the summer and attended the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. I was amazed by the diversity in the worshipping community that day. People of various skin colors and ethnicities shared communion and I thought to myself - "this is what the kingdom of God looks like." I wish I had glimpses of that more often.

I want to be part of a church that truly welcomes all people with no asterisks. I may never get to experience that in the earthly kingdom but I pray and hope that I experience that in all its richness and fullness in the heavenly kingdom. In the meantime, may we continue to work to make God's heavenly kingdom more of an earthly reality. I continue to be thankful to be partnered with you in the Presbytery of Arkansas for this task and this journey.

*Stewart*

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## Arkansas Presbyterians Attending Big Tent



Left to right: Elizabeth Schierschmidt (First United - Fayetteville), Rev. Jan Butin (First United - Fayetteville); Rev. Dr. Bill Branch (HR); Teila Creekmore (United Campus Ministry - Fayetteville); NiAnn Thompson (Presbytery Staff); Ruth Hamilton (Kirk in the Pines - Hot Springs Village); Rev. Dr. Leslie Belden (Presbytery Staff); Rev. Liz Wagner (Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista); Liz Branch (Westover Hills - Little Rock); Ted Belden (First United Fayetteville); Rev. Dari Rowen (First -Benton); Rev. Stewart Smith (Presbytery Staff). Not pictured--Vicki Davis any Mary Ditto (both from Walnut Ridge PNC).

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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 2018. To download the current form, [click here](#). Also see special opportunity further down in The Banner.

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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>.

**Pastor -- First Presbyterian Church--Newport** -- The First Presbyterian Church of Newport, AR, is searching for an energetic part-time minister to serve a small, loving and active congregation. Newport is a county-seat town in East Arkansas, and the members of the church are active in the life of the community. For more information, contact Marvin Hare, Jr. at [mbhare@hughes.net](mailto:mbhare@hughes.net) or 870-217-3661.

**First Presbyterian Church, Searcy, AR**, is seeking a **part-time Pianist/Accompanist**. Responsibilities would include accompanying one weekday rehearsal with the adult and children's choirs and accompanying choral and congregational music for Sunday morning worship. This individual would serve under the supervision of the church pastor and session. Please send resumes and any additional documentation to [fpcsearcy@gmail.com](mailto:fpcsearcy@gmail.com) or mail to First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Pianist/Accompanist Search Committee Chair, 400 West Arch Street, Searcy, AR, 72143. For more information about FPC Searcy, visit us online at <http://fpcsearcy.com> or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpcsearcy](http://www.facebook.com/fpcsearcy).

**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).

**Central Presbyterian Church (Fort Smith, AR)** is searching for a full-time pastor. The church is between 251-400 members, with average worship attendance of 86 members. Desired experience is Solo Pastor/Head of Staff with 5-10 years of experience. Central Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith that seeks to serve Jesus Christ through sharing our collective talents, proclaiming the Gospel, feeding the hungry, healing the brokenhearted, supporting local and worldwide missions, and enjoying the journey with the Triune God. For more information, visit the church's website at [www.centralfortsmith.org](http://www.centralfortsmith.org), email at [info@centralfortsmith.org](mailto:info@centralfortsmith.org) or call 479-783-8966.

**Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock** seeks *Director of Youth, Young Adult and Young Family Ministries*. The person in this full-time position will provide vision, leadership and support for the church's ministry with youth, young adults, and families with young children. We are open to an ordained or non-ordained person for this position. Job Description can be found at <http://www.secondpreslr.org/ministry-search/>. Resumes and cover letters may be sent to Britton Varn at [brittonvarn@secondpreslr.org](mailto:brittonvarn@secondpreslr.org).

**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).

**First Presbyterian of Jacksonville** would like to donate 50 blue Presbyterian Hymnals and 25 gold, machine-washable robes with burgundy stoles to any congregation that needs them. Please call Paula at 501-773-1738 for more information.

First Presbyterian Church  
1208 West Main Street  
Jacksonville, AR 72076

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**People and Church News**



## News of Our People

--Christian sympathy is extended to **Rev. Laura Fleetwood** and family on the recent death of her sister Louise Geller. Laura is an honorably retired minister member of Presbytery living in Bentonville.

--Christian sympathy is extended to **Joy and Rev. Bill Henning** of Marshall on the death of her father. Joy has been active on Committee on Ministry, and Bill is honorable retired Executive Presbyterian, now serving on Committee on Leadership Development.

--**Rev. Marion Humphrey**, pastor of Allison Memorial Presbyterian, Little Rock, was interviewed by a local TV station on June 11 regarding the church's "Stop the Violence" campaign in Little Rock.

--**David Muffett** has completed his service as Director of Student Ministries at Trinity Presbyterian, Little Rock.

**Jared Brown** is the interim director of youth.

--**Christina (Chris) Taylor-Wilmoth** is the new church secretary at Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village.

--**Sandy Andrews** is retiring as Chancel Choir accompanist at Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

--Honorary Life Memberships in Presbyterian Women were recently awarded to

**Rev. Leslie Smith Belden**, Temporary Stated Clerk, by First United Presbyterian, Fayetteville and to

**Elder Nancy Irving Smith**, retired Certified Christian Educator and former presbytery associate for Christian Education, by Second Presbyterian, Little Rock.

--**Rev. Heinrich and Jean Eiler** will be honored with a "going-away" reception on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 11 until noon in the Fellowship Hall at Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village. Eiler, an honorably retired minister member of the presbytery, will be moving on Aug. 28 to Wisconsin to be near family. He was the dean of the last few lay academies held in the presbytery and is mentor to several Commissioned Ruling Elders.

## News of Our Congregations

--**First, Arkadelphia** will have Vacation Bible School on creation and the environment outdoors near a pond all day on July 15.

--**First, Van Buren** has fellowship time, coffee and donuts between their Sunday School at 9:15 and worship at 10:30. Farmer Food Pantry in the church served 297 hot meals one Wednesday and distributes food boxes Monday through Thursday.

--**Holiday Island Presbyterian's** newsletter includes a monthly treasurer's report of the mortgage balance, monthly offerings, cash assets in checking, money market and annuity for a complete financial picture, and the congregation is assembling health kits.

--**Vaughn Presbyterian, Bentonville** congregation brings peanut butter for a nearby church food pantry every communion Sunday.

--**Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs** started a study of Acts of the Apostles during evening Vacation Bible School which continues on Wednesday mornings in the summer.

--**First, Fort Smith** hosts five Sunday "concerts in the park" with goodies served in their renovated parlor and summer music played by church members.

--**First, Batesville** invited attendees with hearing problems to attend a demonstration of the loop hearing assistance system on June 6.

- First, Hot Springs** observes June and July as casual dress Sundays and invites email requests of favorite hymns during the choir's summer break in July.
- First, Harrison** unified Sunday School on June 25 to create plant baskets for homebound church members.
- First, McGehee** assembled flood buckets in response to recent widespread flooding.
- First, Rogers** has expanded their Wifi coverage to cover the entire building.
- First, Dardanelle** takes plates of food from their potluck meals to shut-in church members.

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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.

--Two copies of the new 2017-2018 Presbyterian Planning Calendars were not sold at registration at the June 3rd presbytery meeting and are available for \$14 each. Please contact [niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org)

I have just returned from the PC(USA) Big Tent event July 5-8 in St. Louis, MO. This event is held in odd-numbered years when the denomination's General Assembly does not meet and includes worship, Bible study, plenary, workshops and networking, but no decision-making. The overall theme was "Race, Reconciliation and Reformation" so the resources recommended this month flow from that training.

### **"Sex + Faith: Talking with Your Child from Birth to Adolescence"**

by Kate Ott is a book for parents, church educators, youth workers and children's teachers which combines faith values with age-appropriate sexual information. Author connects relevant biblical and faith stories with education issues to answer a child's questions and discuss sexuality at each stage of childhood.

With election of elders and deacons approaching in many churches this fall, the newly released "**Book of Confessions**" with 12 confessions, including the Belhar Confession, is available for training for local leaders after their election. This book is Part I of the PC(USA) constitution and

includes an index and the report of the Confessional Nature of the Church.

Another seasonal task is the local church stewardship campaign. Two **"Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation"** magazines present annual stewardship emphases: Live Generously and Fearless Generosity. These magazines feature articles on annual investing, mission support, estate planning, capital campaigns, generous children, theological understanding of giving, global generosity, stewardship in the small church, millennial generosity, Generation Z Givers and more.

The popular classic

**"50 Ways To Help Save the Earth"** has been revised to instruct "how you and your church can make a difference" by Rebecca J. Barnes. Topics include food and agriculture, wilderness and land with action items from individual efforts to congregational and community approaches.

Popular author/scholar Donald K. McKim wrote

**"Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers: 95 Key Events, People & Issues"** as "a welcome overview of the people, events, and ideas that changed the face of Europe and the Christian Church" plus major legacies of the historical movement. Easy-to-use Q&A styled book was released in time for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this October.

For children

**"Who Counts? 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons"** by Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and beautifully illustrated "is a creative retelling of three of Jesus' most popular parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son." The colorful book teaches that "every one of us counts and that everyone should feel counted" and includes a note to parents and teachers.

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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## Presbytery of Arkansas Youth News

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JR. HIGH YOUTHQUAKE!**

**September 22-24, 2017**

**Ferncliff Camp**



**All 6th-9th graders (and their adult advisors!) invited!**

**PLEASE SHARE! SEEKING YOUTH, COLLEGE, AND ADULT DELEGATES TO SERVE ON THE YOUTH ADVISORY TEAM!**

It's time to recruit a wonderful group of youth (10th-12 graders), college students, and adults to serve as our Presbytery's Youth Advisory Team (YAT) for next year! Please help us get the word out that YAT applications are available and are still being accepted. Thank you for sending this info to youth, college students, or adults who would be great on the Team. We would love to have YOU serve as well!

If you have any questions regarding the Youth A-Team or the application process, please contact outgoing Adult Co-Moderator Geoff Ryken ([geoff@ryken.com](mailto:geoff@ryken.com)) or incoming Adult Co-Moderator Rachel Cowan ([rscowan@yahoo.com](mailto:rscowan@yahoo.com)).

Applications can be found

here: <http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/documents/YouthCouncil/Youth%20Advisory%20Team%20Letter%20and%20Application%20for%202017-2018.pdf>

**Youth Advisory Team of the Presbytery of Arkansas**

We are 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, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Mission Team.

**There are three types of delegates for Youth Advisory Team:**

- Youth delegate - 10th-12th grade for 2017-2018 school year
- College delegate - high school graduate through age 22
- Adult delegate - 23 or older

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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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## **Alternates to General Assembly Commissioners Sought**

Presbytery's Committee on Nominations is receiving referrals and self-referrals from Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders who are interested in serving as back-up alternates for the "regular" commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA) in St. Louis, MO June 16-23, 2018. These alternates would be nominated to become the "regular" commissioners for the 2020 General Assembly gathering. Teaching Elders who have previously attended and Ruling Elders from congregations who have recently provided commissioners to G.A. should not now apply. Referrals for male Ruling Elders are particularly needed.

Under the recently adopted "Process for Nominating GA Commissioners," the role of the commissioner is "serving to discern the direction of the Holy Spirit within the context of the whole church, not chosen to 'represent' the Presbytery of Arkansas or any particular view." Please also note the "Criteria for Choosing GA Commissioners" ([click here](#)). Alternates would be trained for service this winter along with the "regular" commissioners. Referrals should include name, physical address, church of membership or service, phones, email addresses, and gender emailed to [niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org) by July 21. Names will be presented at the Oct. 6-7 presbytery meeting.

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## **Information from Acting Synod Leader Valerie Young**

As we approach what seems to be the "Summer Season of Presbytery meetings", I am attaching an update of the work of the synod. For those Commissioners who are reporting to your presbyteries, I hope you will find this particularly useful. For those not reporting - I still hope that you will find this document particularly useful in your work of interpreting and promoting the work of the synod in your presbytery and church.

Synod Moderator, Bernadette Coffee has written a letter (also attached) about Synod Sunday, August 27, 2017. Resources are already up on the website [www.synodsun.org](http://www.synodsun.org) and available for download. I encourage you to use those in your congregations, not just on the 27th, but the bulletin inserts could be helpful in the weeks leading up to Synod Sunday.

You can download three documents with more information: a letter from Bernadette Coffee (Synod Moderator) can be found [here](#), a flyer with more information about Synod Sunday is [here](#), and the Synod Update is [here](#).

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## **Grants Available For Ministry To 'Most Vulnerable'**

Just a reminder that again this year the approved Unified Mission Emphasis of the Presbytery of Arkansas is aimed at assisting the "most vulnerable populations"--especially the youngest and the oldest. So if your congregation already has a ministry to neighborhood children or collects diapers or formula for unprepared mothers to use or if you assist with meals for homebound seniors or transport retirees to their medical appointments or knit shawls for hospice patients, you are participating in the Unified Mission Emphasis for 2017.

You are invited to apply for a grant from the presbytery's Mission of the Church ministry area by emailing the area moderator Commissioned Ruling Elder Kelly Pearson at [ktpearson@suddenlink.net](mailto:ktpearson@suddenlink.net), describing your ministry in a short paragraph that explains how the funds would be used, and suggesting an amount that would assist this ministry. Grants are made on a first come, first considered basis so you would be wise to make this request this summer or in early fall.

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## Lee Power Library at First United Presbyterian Church

The Lee Power Library housed at First United Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, consists of over 200 volumes from the late Reverend Power's personal library. The collection offers scholarly resources in the fields of counseling, philosophy, scripture, and theology. In gifting the collection to FUPC, it was Lee's wish that these resources be made available to FUPC members, Presbytery, and those seeking a career in church leadership. A catalog of the collection can be found in the resource section of the church website ([fupcfay.org](http://fupcfay.org)). Items can be checked out by contacting the FUPC office manager [officemanager@fupcfay.org](mailto:officemanager@fupcfay.org) or the church librarian [nwaite@att.net](mailto:nwaite@att.net).

For a list of the available resources, [click here](#).

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## New List of Churches by Region

The 2016 new 4-Region list of churches can be found [here](#).

You can also find this file at the presbytery's website under "Resources | Presbytery Documents."

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## Celebration and Recognition of Anniversaries of Ordination, Certification and Commissioning of Church Professionals in the Presbytery of Arkansas

Continuing a practice begun in 2004, the Committee on Ministry will recognize at the **136th Stated Meeting on October 6-7, 2017** all Teaching Elder members of the presbytery who this year celebrate anniversaries in five-year increments. The Presbytery will also recognize currently serving Commissioned Ruling Elders and active and retired Certified Christian Educators and Certified Associate Christian Educators celebrating anniversaries in five-year increments. The list

below is based on information compiled in the presbytery office. Please check to make sure the information is correct and notify the Presbytery of any changes (501.663.2424 or email: [niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org))

**The following Church Professionals are Receiving Engraved Keyrings as First-time Honorees:**

**Teaching Elder 5 Years**

Rev. DC Adams

**Teaching Elder 10 Years**

Rev. Jeremy Wilhelmi

**Teaching Elder 20 Years**

Rev. Steven Frazier

**Church Professionals who were earlier honored in 2012 in the eighth year of the celebration of five-year increments will this year receive a salute in the CCM report:**

**10 Years**

Rev. Leslie Roper

**15 Years**

Rev. Brian Brock

**20 Years**

Rev. Tim Reeves

Rev. Shauna Silmon

**25 Years**

Rev. Lance Jones, HR

Rev. Rita Wilson, HR

**30 Years**

Rev. Jan Butin

Rev. Phil Butin

**Commissioned Ruling Elder**

K. C. Chanthorn, 20 years

**35 Years**

Rev. Jim Chaffin, HR

Rev. Ed Holt, HR

**45 Years**

Rev. Gordon Garlington, HR

Rev. Richard Miller, HR

**55 Years**

Rev. Walter Swetnam, HR

**60 Years**

Rev. Ben Bateman, HR

Rev. Jerry Rice, HR

Rev. Don Wardlaw, HR

**65 Years**

Rev. John Foss, HR

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**Chapel Progress at Presbyterian Village**



Construction for the Chapel at Presbyterian Village, Little Rock, is now underway. It is the first building addition to the campus in more than 40 years. We expect construction to last approximately six months. For more information about this project or the Chaplaincy program, please contact Melissa Jenkins or Chaplain Stacey Hammons at 225-1615.

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## **Presbyterian Women's Fall Gatherings Announced**

Co-Moderators of Presbytery of Arkansas PW Coordinating Team, Ila Blackketter-Wolfe and Cathy Rogers have released the schedule and contacts for cluster fall gatherings as follows:

*Thursday, August 17th:* Cluster 3 - Barr Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norman  
Contact: Mary Beth Lysobey 870-223-2724 [lysobey@windstream.net](mailto:lysobey@windstream.net)

*Friday, August 18th:* Cluster 1 - First United Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville  
Contact: Katie Jackson 479-879-1749 [wwscribner@yahoo.com](mailto:wwscribner@yahoo.com)

*Saturday, September 9th:* Cluster 5 - 2nd Presbyterian Church Little Rock  
Contact: Emily Hall 501-228-2023

*Saturday, September 16th:* Cluster 2 - First Presbyterian Church, Morrilton  
Contact: Judy Calhoun 501-354-4735

*Saturday, October 14th:* Cluster 4 - Faith Presbyterian Church, Horseshoe Bend  
Contact: Patti Minga 870-530-4576 [22003parrot@gmail.com](mailto:22003parrot@gmail.com)

Note: geographical bounds for PW clusters are different from presbytery's geographic bounds for regions

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## **Help Prepare Boys and Girls at Vera Lloyd for the School Year**

Your help is needed to make sure boys and girls at Vera Lloyd's children's home are ready for the first day of school! You, your church or community organization are invited to host a school

supply drive to benefit youth at Vera Lloyd. We are in need of school supplies for the first day of school and all year long.

We will pick up school supplies by Monday, August 7, in time for the first day of school on August 14. Call Melissa Hendricks, 501-666-8195 or email [info@veralloyd.org](mailto:info@veralloyd.org) if you can help.

#### School Supply Wish List

- 3-ring binders - ½ inch and 1 inch
- Art supplies, including colored pencils, crayons, markers, glitter, paint, stickers, cardstock colored paper and construction paper
- Composition notebooks, no wire-bound spiral notebooks
- Fabric backpacks, unisex, no rollers
- Facial tissues
- Folders with brads and pockets
- Hand-held or electric pencil sharpeners
- Highlighters
- Pens and #2 pencils
- Poster board
- Small pencil/supply boxes or zippered pouch type that fits in binders
- Staples and staplers
- Walmart gift cards for school clothes and shoes

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### **Mark Your Calendar:**

#### *Pilgrimage Coming: October*

This fall, the foliage will make your Pilgrimage experience even more memorable. The fall Pilgrimage is October 19-22. Mark your calendars now, and make your reservation (below).

When you attend your Pilgrimage, you experience the love of Jesus Christ as lived out in practical ways. You learn practical tools for walking the Christian path day-by-day. You sing with joy, taste good food, and you laugh out loud. AND, you have a chance to experience all of this away from the day-to-day cares of the world.

*"It felt like a preview of Heaven,"* a participant said about their Weekend.

Each Pilgrim comes for his or her own reason. Some come for a "retreat" from the world's cares; others participate to reconnect with Jesus. Some come just because they've heard it was fun. Whatever the reason, almost everyone who has attended their Pilgrimage has reported they

were so glad they came.

All costs except room and board are donated by volunteers. Room and meals cost \$200 for the three-day Pilgrimage, but scholarships are available upon request. (Arkansas Presbytery helps support these scholarships.)

To register online, or to learn more, just go to the Pilgrimage website, at [www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org](http://www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org).

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### **Centsability Recipients for 2017 Named**

Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team has named the following international, national and local agencies as the recipients (1/3 to each) of donations to Centsability (formerly known as 2 cents a meal):

#### **International**

--Feed the Children Mission, established in 1979 and headquartered in Oklahoma City, is a non-profit relief organization serving 11 countries around the world with food and essentials. It is accredited by guide star exchange, BBB Wise Giving Alliance and rated by Charity Navigator.

#### **National**

--Feeding America Network, based in Chicago, is a non-profit nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs including recipient food banks in Fort Smith, Jonesboro and Little Rock.

#### **Local**

--Helping Hands in Bentonville, AR is a non-profit organization formed by local churches and volunteers, receiving no government funding, and which last year helped 11,707 families.

Centsability donations (ideally 2 cents for every individual's meal or 42 cents a week) may be sent to the Presbytery office, 9221 North Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, AR. 72227.

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

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