



PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY

GOD CALLS

October 7, 2009

CREATES, CONNECTS AND
NURTURES CONGREGATIONS TO
FULFILL CHRIST'S MISSION

Links to Special points of
interest:

[Stewardship Kaleidoscope](#)

Presbyterian Stewardship
Conference
March 15-17
Indianapolis

[The Presbyterian Youth Triennium](#)

July 20-24, 2010
Purdue University,
West Lafayette, IN

[Self-Development of Peo- ple announces grant recipients](#)

\$140,000 awarded to fund
seven self-help projects in
the United States

[World Mission Celebration '09](#)

Oct. 22-24
Cincinnati

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

- Tues, October 13

ASSEMBLY

- Tuesday, Nov 17 Pea-
body Retirement
Community



Prayers of the Presbytery

Armed with the truth of your love you send us into the world to radiate the joy of new life. Accept our efforts, and make them productive in fulfilling your will. Enhance our gifts with the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. In all that we do, challenge us to be obedient to the call of Jesus Christ, to walk in faithfulness, and to respond to the tasks you assign us.

O' God we ask your healing for **Jerry Flora**, Ligonier Presbyterian Church & member of the Permanent Judicial Commission for the Presbytery as he recovers from a heart attack. We know you have been with he and Martha to ease their anxiety. We also ask your love and care for **Jim Dougans**, CLP of Faith Presbyterian Church, Kokomo as Jim struggles with a pinched nerve in his shoulder.

We are thankful Lord for **Range Line Community Presbyterian Church, Hebron & First Presbyterian Church, Highland** we pray for their continued ministry.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Serving...A Valuable Experience

by Reverend Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

Just this month I realized that I have been on staff at Sunnyside for 7 years, a member of the Committee on Ministry for 6 years and a parent for 5. Each of these roles and responsibilities has taught me so much about being in ministry and how to be a better pastor. Honestly I could say that 50% of who I am as a pastor comes from how I have been shaped by Sunnyside, 10% from the lessons I have learned as a mother and 40% from the work that I have done on COM.

Though it can be frustrating and time consuming work, it has also been extremely enlightening for me as I continue to grow into my identity as a Presbyterian pastor.

By listening to pastors and congregations that are in conflict, I can learn from their mistakes, without having to

make them on my own. By talking with congregations that are doing good and fruitful



ministry, I have gotten insights and ideas for how I can do my work at Sunnyside even better. By sitting in on countless session meetings and PNC meeting and worship services, I have had exposure to so many more different ways of being Presbyterian that I would have ever been locked up inside my own congregation.

I have also come to greatly value the connections that I have with pastors and elders from across our presbytery. When I can stand at the door of a re-

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ORDINATION RECOGNITION

Best wishes are extended to :

- **Rev. Christina Starce Williams;** Minister Member At Large, Pulpit Supply, October 15, 2000 on her ordination anniversary

Please accept my sincere apology if you have not been acknowledged. Please forward your updated information to [Vicki Dreibelbis](#) or call 574-223-5678.



Your service is appreciated!

Give, Act and Pray

Anytime a disaster hits, whether it leaves a home burned, a community flooded or an entire island flattened, full recovery is a long-term process. We ask you now for church-wide call to prayer for all those affected by disasters, especially for those who - in just the past two weeks - have experienced flooding in the southeastern United States, a typhoon in the Philippines, earthquakes in Indonesia or earthquakes compounded by a tsunami in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga.

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#), using funds from the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) offering, has already begun to respond, either directly to the presbyteries here in the United States or through our mission partners around the world.

This week alone two earthquakes rocked areas of Indonesia. In West Sumatra, more than 10,000 homes and businesses have been

affected and 1,000 lives lost, with this count expected to rise. PDA has been in contact with our PC (USA) mission co-worker in Indonesia, Rebecca Young. Becca works with the Jakarta Theological Seminary and is also a PDA liaison for disaster situations that strike the region. PDA is also working with our partners Yayasan Tanggul Bencana di Indonesia, Yak-kumm Emergency Unit, Church World Service and Action by Churches Together (ACT). Once assessments of the damage are reported, we will have a better understanding of the funding needed for long-term recovery.

Typhoon Ketsana hit the Philippines, Cambodia and Vietnam just days ago, with the Philippines being the worst affected. Mandatory evacuations have been issued, as a second typhoon is expected in a matter of days. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be supporting relief efforts through

our mission partners, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, and through a broader appeal by ACT.

A tsunami triggered by a massive earthquake has devastated Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga. More than 32,000 people are displaced, with the death toll rising daily. PDA has been in communication with CWS, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency as it relates to American Samoa. Once assessments begin to be reported, PDA will be ready to respond with funding.

And let us remember our brothers and sisters here in the Southeast that experienced massive flooding last week. PDA is responding to needs in three presbyteries - Cherokee, Greater Atlanta and Northeast Georgia. Six PDA National Response

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Team members responded, and five are still on the ground assessing the damage and assisting with response coordination. Twelve churches in Greater Atlanta Presbytery have requested assistance. PDA has responded by sending \$40,000: \$10,000 to support the initial response by the presbytery for needs in the community. And \$30,000 as a fund for the presbytery to use in support of the 12 effected churches. In addition, \$10,000 has been sent to Cherokee Presbytery to help with immediate relief and \$10,000 is being sent to Northeast Georgia Presbytery. All of these funds have come from the One Great Hour

of Sharing offering. We take this opportunity to thank you for those gifts. PDA will continue to be in communication with these presbyteries and is prepared to respond to further requests.

We encourage you to pray for all those suffering from these tremendous natural disasters. We anticipate large appeals for funding. If you are called to give, please do so through [PDA account number DR000148](#).

*Almighty and everlasting God,
You are strength to those who
suffer and comfort to those
who grieve. Let the prayers of
your children who are in trouble*

rise to you.

*We claim your promises of
wholeness as we pray for those
who are ill or are suffering loss
and long for your healing touch.
Make the weak strong, the sick
healthy, the broken whole, and
confirm those who serve them
as agents of your love.*

Yours in Christ,

Linda Valentine, executive director,
General Assembly Mission Council

Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of
the General Assembly

Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator
of the 218th General Assembly

CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONS

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Cultivating a Church with Vibrant Purpose

Graham Standish

Thursday, October 22, 2009, Indianapolis

Friday, October 23, 2009, Fort Wayne

You can discern God's purpose and the path God is calling your congregation to walk. In this workshop, Graham Standish explores the loss of spiritual vibrancy in many congregations and how to restore that vitality and enthusiasm. Based on his book *Becoming a Blessed Church*, Standish discusses ways to lead your congregation to become a blessed church. [Click here for additional details and on-line registration.](#)

Missionary...Reverend Mark Adams to Speak Throughout the Presbytery

Sunday, October 11

- 10 am Central PC, Lafayette
- 6:30 pm - Christ PC, Winfield

Monday, October 12

- 10 am - First PC, Merrillville
- 6:45 pm - First PC, Goshen

Tuesday, October 13

- 11:30 am - Geneva Center
- 7 pm - First PC, Rochester

Wednesday, October 14

- Noon - Hobart PC, Hobart
- 6:30 pm - Range Line Community PC, Hebron



The Alban Weekly

EXPEDITIONS INTO WHAT IS POSSIBLE

by Lawrence Peers

Where Moses stood, "the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed" (Ex. 3:2). In that holy encounter, he was being summoned into an experience of leadership that he would rather not pursue. After all, he was tending his father-in-law's flock of sheep, minding the task at hand, he didn't need anything else to do. But suddenly, out of nowhere, the Holy Presence calls him to move from the placidity of sheep herding to the seemingly unfathomable task of leading a captive people through an exodus and onto a circuitous jour-

ney of liberation. Going from herding sheep to herding people is a tremendous personal shift. Everything in Moses's bones told him he would rather just stay with what he already knew how to do: herding sheep... and hiding out!

As religious leaders--clergy and lay alike--we often find ourselves in circumstances not too different from Moses. How often do we prefer the familiar and the safe? How much do we prefer to remain with what is, with no

inclination to move toward what is possible? How often as leaders of faith communities do we stay on the edge of our own Red Sea waiting for some miracle to occur before we even budge?

Like Moses, only when we take the plunge of leading do we discover new capacities of self and of faith that were otherwise dormant or underutilized.

Continue Reading ["Expeditions into What is Possible"](#)

Serving...

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cord review and know Clerks of Session by name, I remember the value of not just being a connectional system, but the

value of being engaged in that connectional system.

With this my last year serving on the Committee on Ministry I am looking forward to having only

one congregation to worry about, even though it has been a valuable experience for me.

I thank you all for allowing me to serve in this way.



CONGREGATIONS INVITATION TO A JOURNEY

A missional transformation process for congregations of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley

HOW YOUR CHURCH WILL BENEFIT

- *Renewed spiritual life by discovering and experiencing anew what it means to be the church.*

[Click here to find out how your congregation can participate.](#)



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CREATING, CONNECTING, NURTURING

Where is your Interim General Presbyter fulfilling our mission? Rev. Fancher's congregational schedule: (Eastern Time Zone unless otherwise noted*)

October 11	10:00 a.m.*	Immanuel Presbyterian Church Schererville
October 15	7:00 p.m.*	Hobart Presbyterian Church Consecration Orientation
October 18	10:30 a.m.*	First Presbyterian Church Highland
November 1	12:00 noon*	Hobart Presbyterian Church Consecration Leadership Meal
November 15	11:00 a.m.*	Hobart Presbyterian Church Consecration Sunday

*Central Time Zone

PWV Meetings & Events

Thursday, October 8

- 10 am - Administrative Ministry Team

Monday, October 12

- 1 pm - Next Steps

Tuesday, October 13

- 10 am - 2 pm - Council
- 2:30 pm - Leadership Development, Officers & Moderators Orientation

Wednesday, October 14

- Noon (CT)- Northwest Quadrant Church Professionals Lunch [Hobart Presbyterian Church](#)
- Missional Transformation Coordinating Team Conference Call Mtg.

Thursday, October 15

- 10 am - Committee on Ministry Executive Committee Mtg

Saturday, October 17

- 10 am - Geneva Center MT

Tuesday, October 20

- 10 am Standing Rules Task Force,

[Pam Camren's House](#)

- 6 pm COM Recruiting Event

Thursday, October 22

- 10 am - Church Development MT

Saturday, October 24

- 10 am - 3 pm - Leadership Development, Officers, Moderators & Members Orientation

Monday, October 26

- 4:30 pm - Missional Transformation Coordinating Team [First PC. Valparaiso](#)
- 6:30 - 8:45 pm (CT) - Come and See [First PC. Valparaiso](#)

Tuesday, October 27

- 10 am - 2 pm - Committee on Preparation for Ministry

For more scheduling & calendar information go to <http://www.ourpresbytery.org>
All meetings are held at PWV Office, times are Eastern Time (ET) unless noted otherwise.