



Monday Morning in the Presbytery

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Good Morning!

Welcome to the first issue of 2010.

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With this issue:

The prayer and event calendars are now separate calendars and will begin on Monday (since that is the date the newsletter goes out) not Sunday.

Looking forward to my journey editing *Monday Morning in the Presbytery*.

Rev. Jody L. Filipi



Let's give a hearty round of applause for Keith Cook in thanks for all his hard work as editor of *Monday Morning*. Additionally, thanks to Keith for helping me to get started as the next editor of this newsletter. I hope to continue the fine tradition he began three years ago when he became editor of the presbytery's email newsletter.

If you would like to extend thanks to him for his time at the helm of this publication, please send him a note via email to keithcook@cox.net or via the mail to Rev. Keith Cook, 17224 Jackson Plaza, Omaha NE 68118-3109.

Rev Kevin Keaton, our Presbytery Executive, had a high impact bicycle accident just before Christmas. His upper femur was broken and he has undergone surgery to repair the femur. Kevin will not be able to put weight on his leg for at least three months. Please remember Kevin and his family in your prayers.



Send cards and notes to:

Rev. Kevin Keaton, c/o 1518 Nails Creek Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77478-5325
or emails to Kevin at kevin@pmrv.org

Just received this note from Kevin:

Dear Friends,



Thank you for all your e-mails, notes and cards as I recuperate from hip surgery. Even though I am geographically distant, your comments and prayers help me feel very connected to you.

You continued prayers are appreciated since the healing will be slow ... and, as you may know, I am not the "sit still" type!

And, please know, I will continue to pray for all our congregations and the presbytery leadership as we begin a very promising year. I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Kevin

Rev. Roy Fox is in Methodist Hospital, Rm. 705, recovering from pneumonia. Please keep Roy in your prayers as he continues to recover. Cards may be sent to Roy at his home: 1469 North 96 Avenue, Omaha NE 68114.



Everyone is invited (clergy and laity)

To a birthday lunch in honor of Joan Royer,

the always-gracious administrative assistant in the Presbytery Office.

When: Tuesday, January 19 (*her 55th birthday*) 12:00 noon

Where: the Community Room at Pacific Springs Retirement Village.

(805 South 173rd Ct., Omaha.)

Cost: \$6.00 (includes the meal, beverage and dessert. No tipping.) Just bring payment with you.

Important R.S.V.P. to: J. Keith Cook, if you are attending, so he can let the chef know how many to prepare for!

Phone 402-571-1988 or **e-mail** jkeithcook@cox.net .

Directions: *Get to 168th & Pacific Sts; go west ½ mile to 174th St. Turn north; go 1/3 block, then turn right, going through the gates. Then, head north toward the 3-story apartment building. Enter the building through the main doors at the center of the building. Once inside aim north all the way down the hall to the circular stairs. Go down those stairs (or take the elevator just before you get to the stairs).*

Penny Koenig reports that Help Adult Services received many thank you notes for the Christmas Stockings from the inmates. They received one letter that she thought really touched on why this project is carried out each year. The letter has been posted on their website as she wanted to share it with all who helped with the Christmas Stocking Project.



To read the letter, click on this link: http://www.helpadulthoodservices.org/Expression%20Web/Thank_You2.pdf

An invitation to attend: Financial Peace University

Where: First Presbyterian Church, Calvin Hall

When:

- 30-minute preview: Sunday, January 10th @ 12 noon
- Classes begin Sunday, January 17th, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
 - Lunch and Child Care will be provided.
 - Space is limited
 - Cost \$99.00; Scholarships are available

To register: contact FPU Coordinators Aaron or NeEtta Gillespie at 402-554-4774 or Rev. A. David Paul at 402-203-6400.

For more information: <http://www.fpcomaha.org>

Fundraising Dinner For Meme Delgado, a 5 year-old transplant patient

When: Fri . Jan 29, 5-9 PM

Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3416 Woolworth Ave, Omaha, NE 68015

Cost: \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Attached to this email is a poster you can use to help promote this event.

Meme Delgado was born with a chronic intestinal disorder. His mother, Tiffany Westphal, says his intestinal tract has never fully functioned. Meme has received a multiple organ transplant; it not clear if this, his second, transplant will hold. His mother asks us to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

The dinner includes various Mediterranean dishes.

Bittersweet, a local top-forty band, will provide the musical entertainment. All the proceeds go to Meme and his family.

Additionally, a fund is set up at Wells Fargo Bank under the name Meme's Donation Fund. For more information on Meme and his condition, click here. <https://www.carepages.com/carepages/memespage>

Nebraska Social Justice Opportunity: A Call for Compassion: Increase Funding For Crime Victim Families

Wed. January 13, 11 a.m.

Press Conference and Rally for LB 510

Douglass County Courthouse (18th and Harney Omaha NE)

For more information: contact Rev. Howard Dotson (612) 702-3151 or hr_dotson@yahoo.com

Event Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan	4	5 4PM EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP 6PM HISPANIC WORKING GROUP ~ CASTELAR	6	7	8 SR. HIGH WINTER LOCK- OUT / LOCK-IN AT AVERY BEGINS~9PM	9 SR. HIGH WINTER LOCK- OUT / LOCK-IN AT AVERY ENDS~8AM	10
Jan	11	12 6:30PM PMRV - KLOBOUKY TEAM - BOHEMIAN CAFE	13 5PM MISSION (PRESBYTERY OFFICE)	14 1PM PREP. FOR MINISTRY (CENTRAL) 3PM COUNCIL (CENTRAL)	15	16	17

Prayer Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jan	4 Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: Anderson Grove. The Rev. Dick Meyer is serving as pastor of this congregation.  	5 Pray for our Executive Presbyter, Rev. Kevin Keaton Pray for his leadership in our presbytery and for his recovery after the bicycle accident and surgery. 	6 Pray for Joan Royer and her ministry here in the presbytery as our presbytery's administrative assistant 	7 Pray for Rev. Tom Albaum. Tom is living in Omaha and is a member of the Sudanese Fellowship Working Group  Pray for Kris Adler, Chair, the Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee 	8 Pray for Rev. Becky Balestri, pastor of Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church.  Pray for Steffan Foster, member of the Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee 	9 Pray for Rev. Kathryn Bates. Kathryn is living in Walnut IA.  Pray for Brent Janzen, member of the Presbytery's Youth Ministry Committee 	10 - Celebrate the call of Rev. Mel Hurst, pastor of United Trinity, Hamburg. He was ordained in 2004.  Pray for our presbytery's mission and ministry and our presbytery staff, officers and committee chairs. 

- Please send dates, times, locations of events to pmrv.mondaymorning@gmail.com . However, to plan and schedule events talk with Joan Royer (joan@pmrv.org or 402-553-8300 or 800-603-8980) in the Presbytery Office.
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