

You are Cordially Invited to the MRV Presbyterian Women's

## SPRING GATHERING

hosted by:

**Bethany Presbyterian Church**

1900 S 7th St.

Council Bluffs, IA 51501 (712) 323-0901

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010**

Featured Speaker - *Kay Olson* -

*"The Roma People"*

A resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota Kay has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for over twenty seven years. She has served as an Elder, numerous committees, teacher of Sunday School and Bible School, bell ringer, and assisted with the youth program.

Presbyterian Women has been a big part of her church life and she has held an office almost every year since 1983. In addition to her local participation, she has been a PW Enabler on South Dakota Presbytery for nine years, attended three Churchwide Gatherings, three Synod Gatherings and numerous Presbytery Gatherings.



### **IN HER WORDS:**

*What would life be like if I could not freely worship in my church or drive to Nebraska, Iowa, or Minnesota to visit family across the border without long delays? What if the government decided to change my state's border and I was required to learn French or Spanish as the main language?*

*In September 2008, I was given an opportunity to travel to Eastern & Central Europe on behalf of Presbyterian Women. We visited the Czech Republic, Hungary and the Ukraine. I learned about the Reformed Church in these countries. I was made acutely aware of the oppression Nazis and Communist governments have had on these countries since 1918 and the freedom they received when the Berlin Wall came down in 1989.*

*I learned life is the same and yet different between our nations. Every mission program I was privileged to visit, every glorious church I entered and all the faithful believers I had the opportunity to meet, humbled me to know God is ever present during the joys of our lives and the valleys.*

*Let us lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ in Eastern & Central Europe, as they continue to emerge out of a 70 year wilderness experience. -Kay Olson*

### **Agenda for the Day**

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| <b>8:45</b> | Registration, Coffee & Fellowship                  |
| <b>9:15</b> | Gathering Music/Memorial Candle Lighting           |
| <b>9:30</b> | Welcome from Host Church/Introductions - Sue Perry |
|             | Call to Worship – Chaplain Barb Rooker             |
|             | Annual Business Meeting                            |

- 10:30** Stretch Break  
**10:40** Kay Olson - PW Global Exchange, "The Roma People"  
**12:15** Benediction/Grace – Barb Rooker  
Brown Bag Lunch  
**1:15** **SOAR Leadership Workshop - Kay Olson**  
All that are interested are welcome to stay.



## SOAR in Leadership

### **PW Leadership Development Workshop**

Every so often a member of PW needs to be refreshed on their responsibilities, needs to be updated on the current thinking of PW Churchwide, needs to be reminded of the purpose of PW, needs to become aware of what is out there for resources.

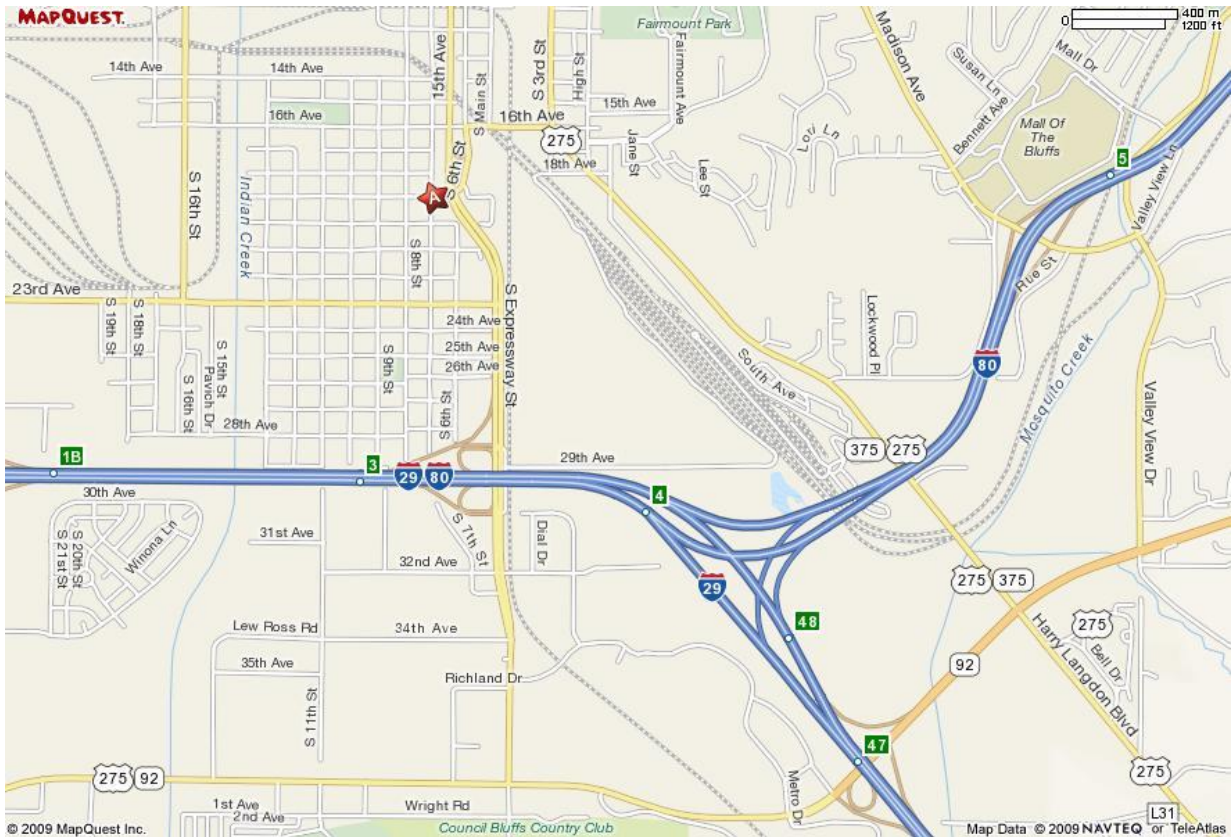
The Leadership Development Workshop is an opportunity for the “leaders” (officers) of PW to refresh themselves. Following the Spring Gathering, all PW officers will have an opportunity to “refresh” themselves and “soar” into leadership.

Plan to attend the SOAR in Leadership Workshop that will immediately follow the conclusion of the Missouri River Valley Spring Gathering. The workshop will be led by Kay Olson, Leadership Development Coordinator for the Synod of Lakes & Prairies.

The workshop will last only one hour. Any woman who attends the Spring Gathering is welcomed to stay (especially if sharing a ride with an officer at the local or Presbytery level.)

It is time to get caught up!

All officers should attend! All PW members are welcome to attend!



**► DIRECTIONS**  
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Directions from I-80

Take the IA-192 N exit, EXIT 3, toward COUNCIL BLUFFS/BUSINESS DISTRICT/LAKE MANAWA. Exit 3.

Turn NORTH onto South EXPRESSWAY ST/IA-192 N.

Turn LEFT onto 19TH AVE

To reserve your Brown Bag Lunch - please fill out and return this form along with your check(s) (\$6.00 per person) and return NO later than April 5, 2010

CHURCH NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

Use reverse side for additional names ►

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Bethany Presbyterian Women Return this portion with your check(s) to:  
 Sue Perry/Spring MRV PW Meeting  
 14 Danbury Court  
 Council Bluffs, IA 51503