

# Monday Morning in the Presbytery

A weekly news update from the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley in Iowa and Nebraska

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## **Alegent Health Spirituality & Mental Health Conference happening tomorrow -**

Healing and Wholeness: Every Encounter a Healing Opportunity - Tuesday, October 27, 9:00 AM to 2:15 PM at West Hills Church in Omaha.

**Our PC(USA) Evangelism & Church Growth is expanding** its offering of free webinars. Register for the next congregational transformation webinar to be held Tuesday, November 3, at 1:00 PM. Go to

[http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102769906369&s=4692&e=001E1IEjxNdE4GYUtvmo7lv-pMmJ3T1fatUKFM72V5oIqUZsduP\\_UalZjMKtnLna7jswzxQ91MGrklM2rEtokvqtVArNwx4a3Hzt9V\\_Oumeje0y5Sb3aoeplGwGcniMXF59mx7T9lohS5i40CfalC7sOw==](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102769906369&s=4692&e=001E1IEjxNdE4GYUtvmo7lv-pMmJ3T1fatUKFM72V5oIqUZsduP_UalZjMKtnLna7jswzxQ91MGrklM2rEtokvqtVArNwx4a3Hzt9V_Oumeje0y5Sb3aoeplGwGcniMXF59mx7T9lohS5i40CfalC7sOw==)

## **Check out the website for Crossroads Connection.**

[www.crossroadsconnectionomaha.org](http://www.crossroadsconnectionomaha.org). Crossroads Connection is an important Presbyterian ministry in Omaha. It is a direct response to Christ's bid to "visit me when I was in prison." (Matthew 25:36)

**Nuts and dried fruit have been sold** in our Presbytery for many years. It has been an effort of men who were in the former Presbyterian Men's group. Finally, it came to be that Skip Galvin of New Life Presbyterian Church in Omaha was the only one of those men left to work on that project. Many Presbyterians in our Presbytery have found the nuts and dried fruits to be of excellent quality, sold at very reasonable prices. (The money was distributed each year to various charitable causes.) Now, however, even Skip needs to bow out. He suggests, however, that churches individually take up the sale of the nuts and fruits and forward the profits to whatever causes they choose. He will gladly order the products for interested churches, and let the churches have them at wholesale. Anyone interested should call Skip (402-571-1812).

**Fort Calhoun Presbyterians were featured** yesterday (Sunday) on CNN's *State of the Union* program with anchor John King. King spent three days last week in Nebraska investigating why it was that Nebraska has only half the national rate of unemployment. For part of his program he interviewed Neale and Jeff Shaner of our Fort Calhoun congregation. Jeff is Neale's son. Neale's wife Laura is a member of the Committee on Ministry of our Presbytery.



**Okay, here's the deal.** I (JKCook) had planned to end my term of editorialship of this communication piece, *Monday Morning in the Presbytery*, this month. I was awaiting Presbytery appointment of a successor. Rev Jodi Filipi (right) has been appointed as the new editor, but she has asked me to continue to the end of this year; she will take over January 1st. I've agreed to that transition time. I will continue to write and produce *The Presbyterian*. JKC








**Ahhh, the joys of the aging mind!** This is a fun video. Sent to us by Rev Gil Hill.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=7ISliucgygc](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=7ISliucgygc).

# Keeping Calendar

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct	<p>25 – Pray for the mission &amp; ministry of Presbyterian Church of the Cross in Omaha. Rev Kirk Ryckman is the pastor.</p>  	<p>26 – Pray for Steffen Foster, member of the Youth Ministry Committee, and member of Presbyterian Church of the Master in Omaha.</p>	<p>27 - <b>Comm on Ministry meets, 4:30 PM at New Horizon PC</b> - Pray for Brent Jansen, member of the Youth Ministry Committee, and member of Avery Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, NE.</p>	<p>28 – Pray for Ms Kris Adler, chairperson of the Youth Ministry Committee, and member of Presbyterian Church of the Cross in Omaha.</p> 	<p>29 – Pray for Rev Tom Albaum, a member-at-large of our presbytery.</p> 	<p>30 – Pray for Rev Becky Balestri, pastor of Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church in Omaha.</p> 	<p>31 – <b>All Saints Eve.</b> – Pray for Rev Kathryn Bates, member-at-large of our presbytery.</p> 
Nov	<p>1 – <b>All Saints Day.</b> – Pray for the mission &amp; ministry of Presbyterian Church of the Master in Omaha. The pastors are Revs John Hansen and Sara Tonje.</p>   	<p>2 – Pray for Rev Stuart Baxter. He lives in retirement in Omaha.</p> 	<p>3 – <b>Council Bluffs area clergy lunch, 11:30 AM at Golden Corral</b> – <b>Committee for Congregations mtg, 4:00 PM at Presby Ch of the Cross, Omaha.</b> - <b>Latino/Hispanic Commiss'n meets.</b> – Pray for Rev Bill Beatty. He lives in retirement in Omaha.</p> 	<p>4 – Pray for Rev John Besancon. He is Chaplain at the Veterans Hospital in Omaha.</p> 	<p>5 – Pray for Rev Deborah Boucher-Payne. She is Chaplain at Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.</p> 	<p>6 – Pray for Rev Bill Bowers. He's living in Omaha, here between interim pastorates.</p> 	<p>7 – Pray for Rev Bart Brenner. He lives in retirement in Omaha.</p> 

<p>8 – Pray for the mission and ministry of First Pres Church in Omaha. Today at 4:00 PM its new associate pastor, Rev David Paul will be installed. The pastor is Rev Jon Sloan.</p>   <p>Sloan above</p>  <p>Paul above</p>	<p>9 – Pray for Rev Charles Bulger. He is retired and lives in Omaha.</p> 	<p>10 – 1:00 PM Committee on Preparation for Ministry at Shennandoah, Iowa. – 5:00 to 8:30 PM Presbytery meets at First Presby Church, Shenandoah, Iowa. - Pray for Rev Ken Bunnell who lives in retirement in Omaha.</p> 	<p>11 – Pray for Rev Maryann Calt. She has a counseling practice in Omaha, and is providing pastoral leadership at Benson Pres Church in Omaha.</p> 	<p>12 – Committee on Preparation for Ministry, 1:00 PM at Central Pres Church, Omaha. - Pray for Rev Deena Candler, associate pastor at West Hills Church in Omaha.</p> 	<p>13 - Kid's Night, 6:30-8:00 at Castelar Presbyteria n Church. - Mission Committee meets. - Pray for Rev Greg Carlson, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs.</p> 	<p>14 – 10:00 AM Calvin Crest Board meets at Calvin Crest. - Pray for Rev Sally Carlson, Chaplain at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha.</p> 
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**Always read the fine print!** Please get other dates, times, locations of events to [jkeithcook@cox.net](mailto:jkeithcook@cox.net). But to plan and schedule events be sure to talk with Joan Royer in the Presbytery Office; she manages the Presbytery calendar; we only report it. If you'd rather not receive these e-mailings drop an e-note to [jkeithcook@cox.net](mailto:jkeithcook@cox.net) saying so.

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