

The First Presbyterian Church of Smithville Flats

We are the only church in our town and we are aware of that responsibility. Though we are few in number we strive to continue our ministry to the community. Our Thrift Shop, housed in our former manse, helps to support our Emergency Food Pantry.

Our most recent activity was our annual Daily Vacation Bible School. Twenty kids participated in the 5 days. They were taught about parables from Matthew plus doing crafts, games, songs, stories and, of course, snacks. On Friday we held a picnic for all and their families.

We serve a community luncheon on the third Thursday of every other month. These are for everyone who wishes to attend, about 30 people come each time, it's a great opportunity for eating and visiting.

Our church school continues to flourish. This year we presented 4 Bibles to students who completed third grade. This school will begin again at Rally Day in September.

For many, many years we have participated in the 4 special offerings of the Presbyterian Church and this year we were among the first to pay all of our per capita!

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**A Calendar of Prayer for our Presbytery
August**

- 6 Theological Seminaries
- 13 Smithville Flats 1st
- 20 Lordville
- 27 Delhi 1st

Prayers:

Please contact Committee on Ministry co-chairs, Marsha Muller and Janet Adair Hansen if you have a pastoral care concern or need.

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Other News



PRESBYTERY
PASTORAL CARE
NETWORK

Taking Care of All of Our Pastors on a Regular Basis

The Creation and Journey of a Pastoral Care Team

In 2011 the Committee on Ministry of Indian Nations Presbytery approved the creation of a Pastoral Care Team, which existed under the auspices of the Committee on Ministry. Since then the presbytery itself has approved the creation of a standing committee called the Pastoral Care Committee. Therefore, this presbytery has taken steps beginning in 2011 to offer support and care to the ministers within the presbytery in a more extensive way than ever before.

Several years before these steps were taken I had noticed that in the older Book of Order's Form of Government (before the 2011 revision) there was a list of 10 ways in which the Committee on Ministry "shall serve the presbytery." The first item on the list was that the committee "shall visit regularly and consult with each minister of the presbytery." I reflected that in over 30 years of ministry I had not been visited "regularly" by the Committee on Ministry. Since I had somehow avoided being in trouble with the presbytery, I and the church I was serving had been left alone. No calls asking, "How are you doing?" or "What are you doing?," except when a team from COM made the famous triennial visitation, which actually occurred only once about every five or 6 years.

And then a wonderful thing happened in October 2010. I attended the annual Presbytery Pastoral Care Network Conference held that year at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Among many things that occurred [read more](#)

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[Read the August Board Connections!](#)

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Director of Music Ministry - Union Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

Job Title and Position Summary:

Director of Music Ministry, a part-time position, beginning in the fall of 2017. This person will coordinate the music ministry of Union Presbyterian Church and lead the Chancel Choir in providing choral music during services of worship.

Union Presbyterian Church (<http://upcendicott.org/>) is a congregation of 157 active members, an inclusive, welcoming community of Christian faith. We are an open-minded congregation in the Reformed tradition. Our goal is to love and serve God by loving and serving God's people. You will see us at worship... the centerpiece of our week, our joyful gathering to give thanks and praise to God each Sunday. You will see us

at play...enthusiastic, sometimes hilarious fellowship activities that remind us to be grateful for one another's presence. You will see us at service... as God has so generously given to us, so we give back to our church, to the community, and to the whole world. You will see that we are many ages, many backgrounds, and a diverse patchwork quilt of a congregation!

For more information please click here: [Director of Music Ministry](#)

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The NAFTA Renegotiations

What You Can Do to Advocate for a Fair Trade Agreement

August 15, 2017 - 2 pm – 3:30pm (EDT)

Click [here](#) to register.

Join us for a briefing with members of the faith community and experts on NAFTA to discuss what the NAFTA renegotiations will mean for citizens of the United States as well as our partners abroad. Learn why understanding the impact of these trade deals is so important and what you can do to help make the renegotiated agreement one that puts people before profits.

Speakers: - *Manuel Perez Rocha*, **Institute for Policy Studies**

Melinda St. Louis, **Public Citizen**

Chloe Schwabe, **Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns**

Moderator: *Catherine Gordon*, **PCUSA Office of Public Witness**

Click [here](#) to register!

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Come Celebrate the “Household of Faith”

Special Keynote Speakers - The Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia, past-Moderator, General Assembly, PC (USA)

“There’s Always Room for One More”

Carol Winkler, PW Churchwide Moderator

“What a Difference PW Makes in the Household of Faith”

Where: Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast’s 2017 Triennial Gathering,
“Household of Faith”

Place: Desmond Hotel and Conference Center

Albany, New York

When: Friday, August 18-Saturday 19, 2017

Time: 12 p.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday

See pwsne.org for registration booklet & scholarship information - Sign Up Today!

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