

The Heart of Missions: First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's Missions Magazine

June Missions Events and Meetings

Sundays: English as a Second Language Bible Study

10:30am in Room 204

Mondays-Thursdays: English as a Second Language Classes

Beginning June 6:

9-11am on Second Floor of Education Building

June 6: Meal followed by Dr. Musafari Amani's

Presentation: "Stopping the Congo War on Women"

11:45am in Centennial Hall

June 7: World Mission

5:30pm in Westminster Hall

June 13th: Compassion Peace and Justice

4pm in Westminster Hall

June 14th: Mission Team

Noon in Westminster Hall

June 20: Environmental Stewardship Committee

3:30pm in the Parlor

June 23: Cuba Steering Committee

5:30pm in the Parlor

June 28: Community Mission Deacons

6:30pm in Westminster Hall

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Presbyterian World Mission

To the Session of
First Presbyterian Church
302 W. Church St.
Champaign, Illinois 61820

May 13, 2016

Dear Partners in Mission,

I'm writing to express my appreciation to you and your congregation for your gracious and generous support of our Presbyterian Mission Personnel.

As you may recall, last year, we shared with you the difficult financial reality World Mission was facing: we had not received the financial gifts from congregations and individuals we needed to support all of our mission co-workers in 50 countries. Unless you increased your giving, we would have had to recall a large group of mission co-workers before the end of their term.

However, you responded with a deep concern and generosity that humbled us. In 2015, your support provided life-giving ministries to fight poverty, strengthen evangelism, and promote reconciliation around the world. As a result of your commitment, more than 21,000 gifts were made for mission co-worker sending and support. By God's grace, **you exceeded our revenue goal by \$1.6 million!** We thank you for walking with us through a difficult time. We have seen what we can do together, and we're poised to work in increasingly significant ways with our global partners and U.S. Presbyterians in the coming years.

On April 28, the Presbyterian Mission Agency board approved the proposed 2017-2018 budget. I give thanks to God that it will not require us to recall any mission co-workers, if we continue to meet our revenue goals for the next two years. We celebrate this news and your support during such a challenging time.

Nonetheless, it is essential that we maintain our momentum into the future, in order to keep our mission co-workers engaged in the vital work to which they've been called. Because mission co-workers commit to leave friends and family for multiple years, we cannot look at a single year in isolation.

We ask you to continue your legacy of generosity. Would you be willing to support this vital work at the same or an increased level as in 2015 and encourage your congregation and presbytery to do the same?

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Roseland, your regional Lead Mission Engagement Advisor, by email at chris.roseland@pcusa.org or by phone at 502-439-4930. We continue to give thanks for what God is doing among us.

With you in Christ,

Hunter Farrell

Director, Presbyterian World Mission





Our Pentecost Offering raised
\$1,944!

\$194.40 goes to Children, Youth
and Families for Scholarships.

\$583.20 goes to the DREAM
House led by Tracy Dace.

The Pentecost Offering is about helping young people begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in childhood to young adulthood. Your gift to the Pentecost Offering unites young people in Christ and inspires them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Be sure to check out Pat Metcalf's article online at www.justiceunbound.org/author/pat-metcalf entitled *New Hopes and Realities in Cuban-American Relations: A Nuevo Momento*. Her article summarizes Action Item 12-07 for full consideration by the 222nd General Assembly.

The PW gathering is now scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2 in Westminster Hall at the church. Our speaker will be Cindy Bean, Stated Clerk of "our" Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois. Her topic will be "We Have A Story to Tell."

First Presbyterian Church of Champaign,

Our local Habitat affiliate began in late 1991 and since then--- with the help of faith partners, businesses, individuals and local organizations-- Habitat has provided a "hand up" to 87+ families in Champaign County. Habitat is beginning to plan for a build which will celebrate the impact of faith community partnerships with Habitat over the past 25 years. We are reaching out to determine the interest of First Presbyterian Church in learning more about participating alongside local faith groups in an interfaith build celebrating the 100th Habitat home in Champaign County. We expect this build will begin in the spring-summer 2017, and we welcome First Presbyterian to participate alongside Habitat in this exciting project!

Typically faith partnerships include opportunities to provide prayer, volunteers, meals, funds, or any combination of these. We are reaching out to a wide range of faith groups to participate, and hope to assemble an interfaith partnership who will work alongside one another next year at this time---to build a home that will help a family achieve stability and self-reliance.

At this time we are simply assessing interest in some level of participation. If you would like to learn more about this interfaith concept, please email me directly as we will be educating participants and meeting to discuss this exciting project this summer. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Kelly Hill, Development Director

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Champaign County & ReStore

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Since the initial email above, an informational meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th at 9:00am. Sandy Carr will go as a representative of FPCC. However, if you would also like to attend, the meeting will be at the Habitat Restore 119 E University in downtown Champaign in the second floor conference room.



CANAAN
S.A.F.E. HOUSE

Mission Team and then Session voted (at their May meetings) to make the S.A.F.E. House Psychology class a regular offering as part of the Missions Coordinator's regular duties.

S.A.F.E. House was created in partnership between Canaan Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Champaign in the 1990s as a Christ-centered program to help those struggling with addiction to recover. Twenty-five percent of our CMD funds this year go to S.A.F.E. House.

Faith in Action

Submitted by: Linda Tauber-Olson



Faith in Action, sponsored by Presence Covenant Medical Center (*and one of our Community Mission Deacon supported agencies*), strives to help seniors in our community maintain their independence as long as possible. It does this through providing rides to those who do not have transportation and building strong relationships between the volunteer and the person receiving the service.

Volunteer Woody Chenault and service recipient Willie Williams have a very special relationship, one that has even continued after Willie moved to Chicago. “I learned a lot from him,” Woody said, “Not only that he holds world records and how many young men he has helped as a coach, but how his faith gives him strength to get through this time in his life, as he is experiencing significant cognitive difficulties. I’ve learned how he lives a simple lifestyle and adapts to the changes in his life and finds peace. I guess he is teaching me about growing older. By volunteering, I meet people from our own community that I never knew were there. I learn from all of them. We become friends and I look forward to visiting them. I have always felt the best way to lift our own spirits is to do something for someone else.”

Woody’s visits have made a significant impact on Willie as well. His daughter Margot says, “In a word, Woody is a ‘Godsend, he IS Faith in Action!’ from periodic in-home visits with Dad to simply being friendly company to an occasional podiatry appointment, Woody has demonstrated the mission of Faith in Action honorably.”

Faith in Action has many volunteer opportunities, from providing transportation to medical appointments to friendly visits and phone calls to yard work, office support or even as a member of the advisory board. **Tuesday, June 7 at both 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Faith in Action is hosting Volunteer Orientation Sessions. For more information or to RSVP for one of the sessions, call (217) 337-2778.**

Restoration Urban Ministry
Work Week

**Volunteers Needed
For Work Week
July 5th-July 8th
Remodeling
Building B – 32 rooms**

**Starting time 9:00 to ?
Something for everyone**

1213 Parkland Court
Champaign, IL 61821
217-355-2662



**Starting time
9:00 to ?
Something for everyone to
do! Everyone can help!**

Join us for lunch on Sunday,
June 5, at 11:45 AM in
Centennial Hall. **Dr. Musafiri
Amani** will share his experience
from his recent attendance at
the Presbyterian World
Mission's conference
“Heartbreak and Hope” in East
Congo. His talk will be:
“Stopping the Congo War on
Women: Justice and
Reconciliation.”

Lunch will be provided with a
free-will offering taken. **Please
note the topic of the
presentation is not suitable for
children.**

Kemmerer Village has notified us that all **Campbell's soup labels** to be redeemed
by that company must be received by them before **June 30** as they are
discontinuing that program and will no longer honor them after that
date. Therefore, we must get any labels we have accumulated to Kemmerer well
in advance so they will have time to process and send them.
Kemmerer Village is grateful for our church's faithful participation.



Three Spinners Inc

We have a solution and we have a responsibility to each other to act in the face of discrimination.



Three Spinners Inc.

Three Spinners, Inc. is creating a network of resources within our community from which we will draw to provide shelter, clothing, food, language training, and job preparation for incoming Syrian refugees. We have a wealth of space and resources at our disposal here in central Illinois. Members of the Champaign-Urbana community are generously volunteering their homes to host an individual or a family. Each incoming family or individual will be matched with a volunteer host in the area and will receive weekly deliveries of food and necessary personal items provided by Three Spinners Inc.

We work with local businesses, restaurants, individual donors, academic institutions, and other non-profit organizations to cover all living expenses. In the coming months, Three Spinners Inc. will execute a series of food/clothing/item drives and fundraisers to cover the cost of daily living expenses. These items will be collected at designated drop-off centers in Champaign-Urbana and delivered weekly to the refugees' host homes by one of our board members or volunteers. Many hands share in these responsibilities, and we welcome and encourage anyone who would like to contribute on any level.

Find ways to get involved at:

www.threespinners.org



Simply Give

The Meijer "Simply Give" campaign will run through June 19, 2016 and Salt & Light is the recipient food co-op!

Simply Give helps neighborhood food pantries stock their shelves to feed local families who are in need. Salt & Light continues to see new faces, as families work to balance daily expenses. Your continued giving is vital to the success of Salt & Light's food co-op and emergency pantry in this time of need.

When shopping at Meijer you can donate \$10 in honor of Salt & Light. That \$10 donation will be turned into a \$20 Meijer (food-only) gift card and given to Salt & Light. Throughout the campaign, there will also be double match days -- which will take your \$10 to \$30 for Salt & Light! **Double match will take place June 3 and 4!**

Purchase your \$10 donation card from one of the Simply Give displays near the checkout lines at Meijer in Champaign.

Thank you for partnering with us and supporting Salt & Light!

Driving Dreams Car Raffle

You could win a Ford Escape, and help support those in need right here in Champaign County! Salt & Light is teaming up with Bill Smith Auto, Service King, Women's Business Council, and Don's Towing for the 2016 Driving Dreams Car Raffle! Purchase your tickets today for a chance to win a 2009 Ford Escape!

Tickets are \$25 each, or you can purchase three for \$60! Only 1,100 tickets will be sold!

Tickets can be purchased online or during normal office hours at Salt & Light's building. 100% of the proceeds from tickets sold by Salt & Light will directly benefit the organization.

The drawing for the car will be held on July 16, 2016 at the Women's Business Council "Juice the Joint" event (Jupiter's at the Crossing). You do not need to be present to win. Must be 18 or older to enter. Winner will be responsible for proof of insurance, license, taxes, and fees to claim prize. License number BL-6577.

Salt & Light is one of the area agencies with whom we partner to help lift people out of poverty, while showing Christ's love. Salt & Light continues to implement policies that are in keeping with our church's desire to avoid Toxic Charity.