

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

October 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*
9-11am on Second Floor of Education Building

Wednesdays: *SAFE House Applied Psychology Class*
1:30pm-2:45pm in Westminster Hall

October 10: *Compassion Peace and Justice*
4pm in Westminster Hall

October 11: *Mission Team*
Noon in Westminster Hall

October 13: *Fall Gathering of PW*
4pm in Westminster Hall

October 13: *Courageous Conversation*
Noon Workshop in Westminster Hall
6:30pm Film in Chapel

October 16: *Veda Gill Presentation and Brunch*
10:30am in Centennial Hall

October 17: *World Mission*
5:30pm in Westminster Hall

October 17: *Environmental Stewardship Committee*
3:30pm in the Parlor

October 25: *Community Mission Deacons*
6:30pm in Westminster Hall

October 27: *Cuba Steering Committee*
5:30pm in the Parlor

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Children's Mission Opportunities

Submitted by: Mindy Watts-Ellis

As part of the new children's education hour opportunities, the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry team is offering the children an option to contribute to the greater mission of the church. Each Sunday from 10-10:30am, children are invited to the cafe within the Education Building to participate in a project to support local and/or national partner organizations.

The first project has been the creation of polar fleece tie baby blankets for donation to Empty Tomb. The children have also contributed to the Salvation Army Canteen Run by making 25 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for delivery. The children are also making cards to send to Sangla Hill Girls' School in Pakistan, to greet children who attend there.

We are looking for more ideas for projects the kids can be involved in. We also need caring adults to be present and help guide the children through making the projects. If you would like to help with this unique mission opportunity, contact Mindy Watts-Ellis, the Director of Children, Family, and Youth Ministry, at mindy.wattsellis@firstchurchchampaign.org.

Bob and Kristi Rice have reported about recent killings in the Congo, even some in the city they serve. Citizens are fighting against the government and against each other, resulting in at least 49 deaths the last week of September alone. During the most recent attack, children at the Ditekemena (HOPE) program, had to scatter to the woods to hide for a couple of days for their own safety. The program's food stores were looted, and the supplies won't get there for a couple of weeks. In addition, protests and killings have occurred in the country's capital, Kinshasa, related to the politics of the area (such as political prisoners).

Please be in prayer for peace in the Congo, for resolution to these conflicts, and for the children suffering because of these conflicts. For more information, and for more ways to pray, read their blog at bobandkristi.blogspot.com.

The Canteen Run serves 100-200 C-U guests in a typical week.

These guests are currently living on the streets.

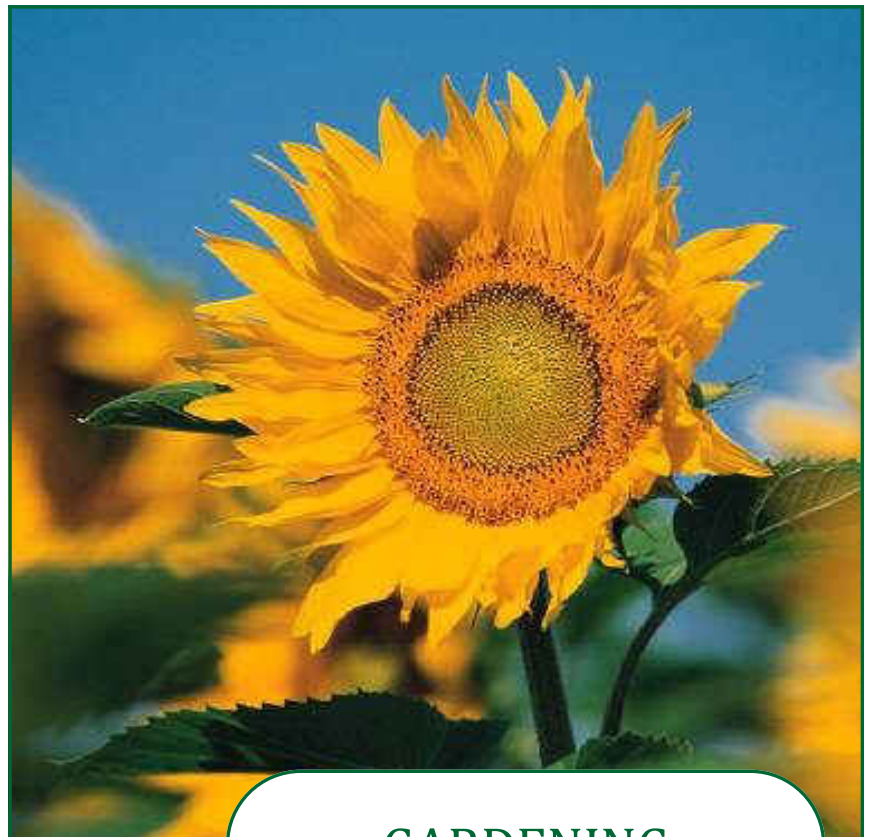
Their current donation needs are medium, large, xl, and 2xl men's underwear, all sizes of women's underwear, deodorant, razors, and socks. They need to stock up for the winter months, and are already accepting long-sleeved shirts, large, xl, 2xl coats, blankets, and long underwear.

The Canteen Run *always needs volunteers and drivers, and are in serious need for weeknight drivers.* In order to drive, you need to fill out an application at The Salvation Army at 2212 N. Market St. You do NOT need a CDL to drive. If you would like to make a financial contribution, go to www.cucanteen.org and click the donate tab, there is a link to give to Savoy United Methodist Church. Indicate that your donation goes the Canteen Run.

Mission Possible is helping Camp Carew by building some interior walls in an existing cabin built by Mission Possible years ago.

Work includes installing dry walls, taping and mudding the walls, and painting.

The dates planned are October 10-12. If you can assist with this project, please contact Gene Morgan as soon as possible.



GARDENING

Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry in Rantoul needs volunteer Gardeners on Saturday, 10.15.16. Contact Vicki at

vicki@jesusisthewayprisonministries.org



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

ARE PARTNERING WITH THE DREAM HOUSE

Instead of collecting hygiene or school kits this year, the PW, (Presbyterian Women), will again be raising funds for the DREAM House. The DREAM House program helps at-risk boys in our area succeed socially, emotionally, and academically.

All proceeds will be used for this program, located right here in the Champaign-Urbana area.

A behavioral specialist has suggested different items needed to help provide a developmental learning environment. These items are for sensory and visual needs and build on large and fine motor skills. Books, Leap pads, math items, videos, or DVDs are requested. PW is asking the church to help with this project. Our mission will be presented at the PW Fall Gathering, Oct 13. Look for our table and bulletin board in Westminster Hall Oct 13-30. Help improve the DREAM House by donating money toward various items.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

*Peace Jam: Live Music, Resource Fair,
Interactive Art for All Ages*

11am-2pm

Urbana-Champaign

Independent Media Center

202 S. Broadway Avenue, Urbana

MONDAY, OCT. 17

*Screening of Byron Hurt's
"Beyond Beats and Rhymes"*

7pm

Women's Resource Center

703 South Wright St., Champaign

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

*2016 Women's Fitness 5K Walk & Run,
Kids 100 Yard Dash*

11am

Crystal Lake Park, Urbana

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

Keynote Speaker, Byron Hurt

7pm

UIUC Allen Hall

1005 W. Gregory Dr., Urbana

MONDAY-THURSDAY,
OCT. 24-27

Paint the Town Purple

All Day, All Over Town

Wear purple to take a stand
against domestic violence



THURSDAY, OCT. 27

Candlelight Vigil

7pm

Alma Mater

Eat Out & Help Out!

ECIRMAC NIGHT AT MILO'S

10% OF YOUR BILL WILL BENEFIT THE EAST CENTRAL
ILLINOIS REFUGEE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (ECIRMAC)

OCTOBER 11, 2016
5PM-9PM

MILO'S RESTAURANT
2870 S. PHILO RD.
URBANA, IL

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED

Please note that Milo's is cash only.

³³“Do not exploit the foreigners who live in your land. ³⁴They should be treated like everyone else, and you must love them as you love yourself. Remember that you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I, the LORD, am your God.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13, 2016

A DISCUSSION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUILDING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | 302 W. CHURCH | CHAMPAIGN, IL

GIRL RISING

WORKSHOP*: NOON TO 2PM

**[25 PERSON LIMIT; CALL TO RESERVE SEATS AT 217.356.7238
OR patty.farthing@firstchurchchampaign.org] *LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED**

GUEST SPEAKERS

Veeda Gill – Director of Sangla Hill Girls School—Lahore, Pakistan

Angela Smith – Unit 4 Asst Superintendent for Achievement and Equity

Karen Simms – Licensed Mental Health Therapist

MOVIE PRESENTATION AT 6:30PM

FREE POPCORN.

CAN'T GET A SITTER?

CYF WILL BE SHOWING A SEPARATE MOVIE FOR THE KIDS AT THE SAME TIME!

PLEASE CALL BY **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12** TO LET THE CHURCH KNOW IF YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE ATTENDING, SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THEM.

VEDA GILL

Thursday, October 13th
Presbyterian Women Fall
Gathering 4pm in Westminster Hall

Sunday, October 16th
Preaching at 8am and 9am Worship
Sermon: *Courage for the Call*
Scriptures:
Genesis 12:1-5
Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, October 16th
Church-Wide Presentation
10:30am in Centennial Hall
Light Brunch Provided

Veda Gill is the
Executive Director of
Presbyterian Education Board in
Pakistan

Please RSVP to Patty Farthing (356-7238 or
patty.farthing@firstchurchcampaign.org) your
anticipated attendance at the brunch, October 16th.

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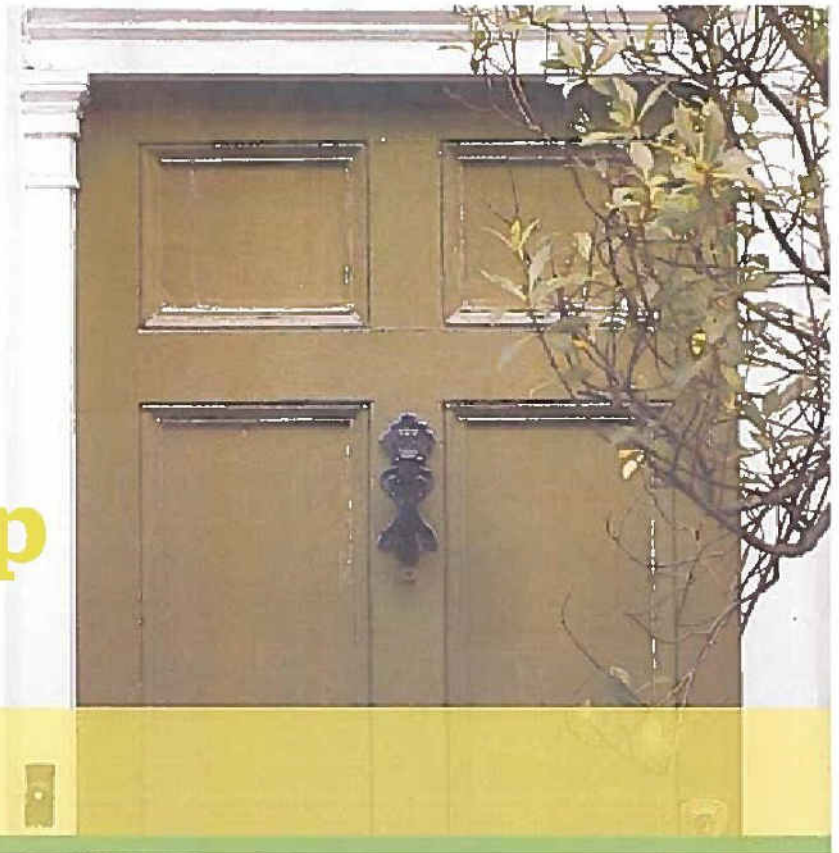
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put into our Deacon's Food Pantry
account. Our church uses it to provide
emergency food delivery to
those in need.*

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You're Invited

A Better Way Workshop



"Mercy ministry alone is insufficient." - Robert Lupton

When:

October 20th at Connexion Church in Danville -OR-

October 21st at First Presbyterian Church in Champaign

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Treat Poverty, Restore Dignity

Experts Nathan Montgomery, Matt Burgess, and Nathan Lenstra will guide spiritual and community leaders through a better way to do ministry. These key principles will be discussed:

- + Give hand ups, not hand outs
- + Restoring dignity to families and individuals
- + Development vs. treatment
- + Earning through volunteerism
- + Toxic charity
- + Community health
- + Seeing potential in every individual

Registration is \$15 and includes a copy of the book "Toxic Charity" by Robert Lupton as well as lunch and snacks throughout the day.



Get in touch.

To register call the Faith in Action office at 337-2022 or email chl@presencehealth.org.

A Better Way Workshop Leaders



Matt Burgess, MA, LCPC is the Chief Operating Officer of Home Sweet Home Ministries in Bloomington, IL. HSHM is an independent Christian ministry serving people who are experiencing homelessness and/or living in poverty. They have served the Central Illinois community for almost 100 years and currently operate a shelter for homeless individuals and families, a low income food co-op, a mobile health project, and several other services to people dealing with homelessness and poverty. In addition to managing the programs and services at Home Sweet Home Ministries, Matt is a tireless advocate of building systems of support that foster dignity and worth and provides consulting services to other non-profits and communities who are interested in improving their models of assistance.



Nathan Montgomery is cofounder and Executive Director of Salt & Light in Champaign, IL. Since opening in 2004, he has led Salt & Light into a community leader in poverty alleviation efforts. Through Nathan's visionary leadership, Salt & Light has developed an innovative and unique approach that is radically transforming how communities address poverty.

Nathan's passion for people and the community he calls home have driven him to serve on local Financial Stability and Food Insecurity task forces, as well as the Champaign County Rural Transit System. Most recently, he was named to the Christian Community Development Association's National Leadership Cohort. A sought after speaker on poverty related issues, Nathan actively challenges the existing systems designed to address them.



Nathan Lenstra is married to his lovely wife, Lauren, and they have a beautiful daughter, Hannah. Nathan has been involved in ministry with impoverished communities since 2004, since 2007 in Danville, IL through his church, Connexion. He loves to work with children and youth, especially helping young African-American men transition to adulthood and become mature in Christ and in life so that they avoid the traps of poverty, drugs, gangs, unemployment, etc. Nathan has a B.S. in chemistry education from the University of Illinois and a M.Div. from Urbana Theological Seminary. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and gardening and is hoping for a long-awaited World Series championship from the Cubs this year!

Cuba Partners Forum

Learn more about
Cuba and our
relationship

Review
recommendations
from US/Cuba
Church
Consultation

Enjoy Cuban
Music and
Fellowship

Saturday,
October 22,
2016

Centennial
Hall