

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

May Missions Events and Meetings

Sundays: ESL Bible Study

10:30am in Room 204

Mondays and Wednesdays: Beginning English ESL

9:00am to 11:00am in Room 204

Mondays-Thursdays: ESL

1-3pm on Second Floor of Education Building

Wednesdays in May: Pakistan Study

10:30am in the Parlor

May 9: Compassion Peace and Justice

4pm in Westminster Hall

May 10: Mission Team

Noon in Westminster Hall

May 16: Environmental Stewardship Committee

3:30pm in the Parlor

May 26: Community Mission Deacons

6:30pm in Westminster Hall

May 26: Cuba Steering Committee

5:30pm in the Parlor

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BECAUSE WE CARE SO DEEPLY FOR THEM

We were glad to share not only God's good news with you
but also our very lives **because we cared** for you so much.

—1 THESSALONIANS 2:8



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.



Text YOUNG to 20222 to give \$10

presbyterianmission.org/give/pentecost



SHARE GLADLY & SHAPE OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

Give to the Pentecost Offering, and you help provide opportunities for our young people to forge a deep and lasting faith on which to grow and build their lives.

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40% stays with your congregation » Developing and supporting programs for children at risk, youth, and young adults in your own church and community

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) » Providing opportunities for young adults to serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service

25% goes to Ministries with Youth » Helping to guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word

10% advocates for at-risk children » Supporting vital ministries to improve education and provide a safe haven for children across the globe



TRIENNIUM IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU HELP THEM “GO”

When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you support the Travel Grants program, which helps young people who otherwise couldn't afford to attend Triennium get to the event.



The Presbyterian Youth Triennium brings together high schoolers and young adults from churches around the world to worship, pray, and share their lives with one another.



The Triennium theme is “GO,” and seeks to inspire and prepare youth long after the event itself, and encourage them to go back into the world to live out their faith and calling.



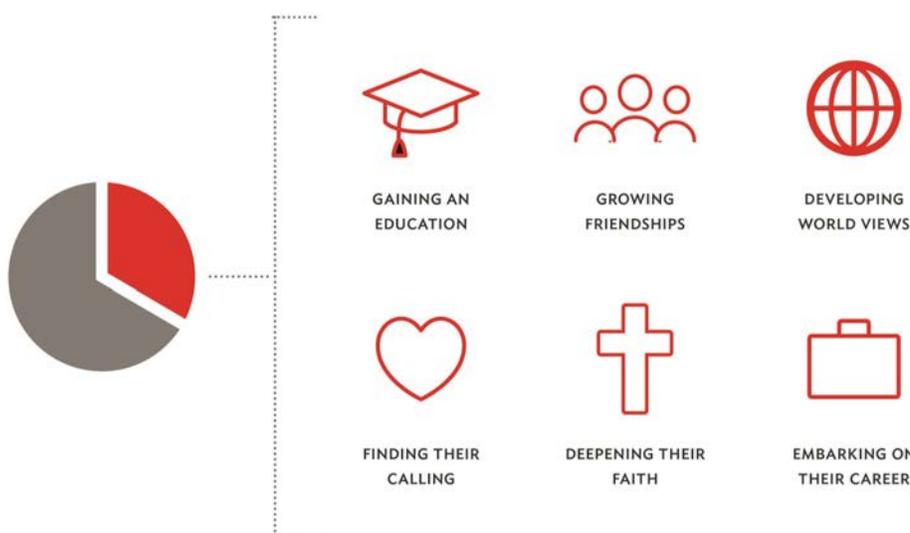
More than 5,000 youth and young adults attend Triennium.

Every young person who wants to “GO” deserves the opportunity to attend this life-changing event.

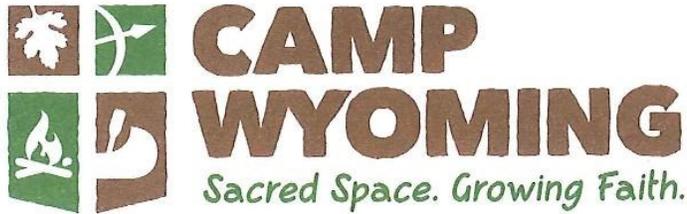
Please share gladly and give generously to the Pentecost Offering.

SHOW HOW DEEPLY YOU CARE FOR THEM WITH YOUR SUPPORT

The Pentecost Offering is devoted to ministries that support our young people during their “first third of life,” the time from childhood through young adulthood.



Of the 40% which will remain within our congregation, 1/4 of that amount will go to scholarships for Children Youth and Families Programs and 3/4 will go to the DREAM House, a program aimed at helping at-risk boys succeed. DREAM is run by Tracy Dace, a member and very active leader in our congregation.



An Outdoor Ministry of the
Presbytery of East Iowa

MISSION POSSIBLE
WORK GROUP
PROJECT LIST

(Sewing Group)

1. Make outfits for our Christ Walk Service and Romans & Christians program.
2. Clean windows in lodges, cabins, Owl's Nest, and Dining Hall.
3. Weed labyrinth.

(Construction Group)

1. Replace 24 windows in 3 cabins in Bird Unit.
 2. Build wall divider in all 8 cabins.
 3. Build firewood shelters for 6 cookout circles and 4 campfire circles.
 4. Replace benches at campfire circles, cookout circles, and chapels.
 5. Build shelving in each cabin.
 6. Fix closet in Roger's Lodge.
- *** We will have one of our maintenance staff members perform the work with this group. ***

(General Labor Group)

1. Paint cabins in Bird Unit.
2. Split and stack firewood.
3. Clear trails.
4. Clean windows in lodges, cabins, Owl's Nest, and Dining Hall.
5. Weed labyrinth.

The Mission Possible 25th Anniversary Trip is almost here! You can see what jobs the group will be doing above. If you plan on going on the trip and haven't turned in your medical forms, please do so ASAP.

Forms are available in Westminster Hall.

Please get completed forms to Harry Bremer.



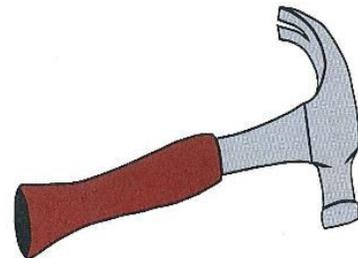
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Restoration Urban Ministry Work Week

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!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: BIBLE STUDY, TEA AND COOKIES, RIGHT?



Yes, Presbyterian Women's groups often study the Bible together.

They also live their faith through ministries by working on establishing relationships with others such as Luyano Presbyterian Church. The banner (left) was made by the women in Knifty Knitters, First Presbyterian Church, Champaign for the members of the Luyano Presbyterian church in Cuba to show them our caring. Presbyterian women work creativity, joyfully, prayerfully - and sometimes with homemade baked cookies.



Mother's Day PROJECT

Healthy Women Healthy Families is a year-round, support ministry of the Global Poverty Program of Presbyterian World Mission in collaboration with Presbyterian Women. The fund enables global partners to implement programs that directly impact the lives of the most vulnerable community members. These programs promote health, education and self-development to help alleviate poverty and suffering of women and children. Program include primary and pre-primary education, prenatal and essential obstetric services, trauma healing and psychosocial support, early childhood health and nutrition programs, health and hygiene education, food security and fistula repair surgery.

Mother's Day Cards

Once again Presbyterian Women are offering Mother's Day cards. The funds support Healthy Women Healthy Families (see above).

The cards are available in Westminster Hall on Sunday, May 8, with a suggested donation of \$10.00.

Thank you for your support of this program!



And the award goes to . . . John Muirhead!

John received a **Hearts of Gold** award from the **Community Foundation of East Central Illinois** this past month.

Hearts of Gold awards “acknowledge everyday heroes who step up and do what needs to be done— with no expectation of anything in return.

Through their generosity of time, talent or treasure, they add immeasurable value to the organizations they support and to the residents of their communities.”

John quietly volunteers in many aspects in our church including, but not limited to: the Transportation Ministry, Amateur Preachers, and Session. He is the current Chairman of the Board of ECIRMAC and has a long career in adult education.

His life shows Christ’s love in action indeed!

The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program offers an opportunity for 19- to 30-year-olds to experience a year of service (August to July) for a lifetime of change. The final application deadline for national placement is June 1. Student loan repayment assistance is available during the service year.

For more information, go to <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/>



The S.A.F.E. House class is coming to a close this week. After four weeks of our pilot class, we have talked about what Positive Psychology is and is not, neuroplasticity, building resilience in adults and children, character strengths, and various positive psychology interventions shown to help people thrive. This week will include a time of evaluation of the class, gathering feedback from students and SAFE House leadership. We will also discuss possible topics of interest for any future classes. I will present a report to Mission Team in May describing the pilot class, and seeking the Team's guidance on next steps.

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.

Kristi Corbin, Missions Coordinator

Thank you for your support!

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'My Father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink'" (Matthew 25:34-35).

April 07, 2016

First Presbyterian Church
302 West Church Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for your gift of \$700.00. **Your support makes a difference!** Marion Medical Mission will use 100% of your donation to build shallow wells in Malawi, Tanzania, or Zambia.

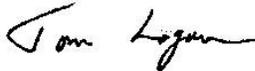
In sub-Saharan Africa, the largest source of disease is unsafe drinking water. According to UNICEF, one in five children die before their fifth birthday because they lack potable water. Providing water that is safe to drink brings life to the villagers. Safe drinking water means healthier people who can work longer in their fields producing more food resulting in less starvation.

From September 1st, 2015 to the end of November, 2,715 Shallow Wells were built, providing an estimated 407,250 of the extreme poor (244,350 children) with a sustainable source of safe drinking water. Only through your donations and God's blessings can this be done.

The Shallow Well is inexpensive to build and can be placed in the most remote areas. A well can be easily maintained by the local village people and is a necessity even the extreme poor can afford to maintain.

Help us tell this extraordinary story. Churches, Sunday School classes, small groups, families and individuals are the strength and heart of Marion Medical Mission. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please pass along their contact information.

Uchindami Kwa Chiuta
'Glory Be to God'



Tom Logan
President



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In compliance with federal tax laws, please retain this letter as your receipt for your charitable contribution to Marion Medical Mission for which you have received no goods or services. For your tax records please note that we are organized by the IRS as a 501 (C) (3) charitable organization. Our tax ID number is 37-1277129.



Malawi

Tanzania

Zambia

Who We Are, What We Do:

Marion Medical Mission is an ecumenical, Christian, front-line, hands-on, non-profit organization.

Our purpose is to share the love of Christ with the extreme poor in Africa. One way we do this is by providing a sustainable source of safe drinking water.

MMM projects directly impact the African people and stress self-help and sustainability.

All U.S. volunteers pay for their living expenses and travel to and from Africa. They work hand-in-hand with those who benefit from our projects.

Our projects stress:

- Cost effectiveness
- Self-help
- Sustainable Development
- Appropriate Technology

100% of all designated donations go to their designated purposes.

100% of all undesignated donations go to the mission field in Africa.

Acts 20:35 -- In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Sometimes I don't have the best judgment in the world. On one Thursday night I got in the middle of a heated argument and I told one person that they were through for the day. After that one of the people who lives on the streets came up to me and gave me a hug (we hug each other every time that we meet). And he whispered in my ear, "Hon, please don't do that again. We care for you."

We served 99 people last week. Our current needs are deodorant, large, XL, and 2XL men's underwear, and even though it is not winter, we need winter gear as well as volunteers and drivers. To drive you will have to fill out an application. To do so go to The Salvation Army and ask for Melanie.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can make a check out to The Salvation Army and indicate that it goes to the Canteen Run. Or you can go to the donate page on our website, www.cucanteenrun.org, and donate directly to the Savoy United Methodist Church and indicate that it's to go to the Canteen Run.

If you would like a presentation from us, contact cucanteenrun@gmail.com. We are on Facebook, please like us. You can also follow us on Twitter, @cucanteenrun. If you would like us to make a presentation, contact us at cucanteenrun@gmail.com.

Servants of Jesus Christ,

Barb Davies on behalf of Partnering Against Homelessness

Would you like to donate to the Canteen Run? There is a new basket in the Missions Closet for you to deposit any of the following:

Trial size shaving cream, razors, toothpaste, lotion. New socks and underwear are also very much needed for men and for women.

HELLO FROM THE HAPPY WORLD OF ESL!



Beginning Monday, June 6, the current afternoon **ESL classes will move to mornings**, combining with the existing morning classes. Classes for all levels of English will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. This change will better accommodate students' and tutors' schedules.

Each day, ESL students enjoy a brief social time in our lovely café on the second floor of the Education Building. (It's a great way to practice conversation skills in English!) We serve tea, coffee, juice, and light snacks such as chips, pretzels, fruit, cheese, crackers, cookies – and anything else that kind people offer us. **If you're ever out shopping and feel the urge to throw a few extra items in your cart to donate to very appreciative ESL students, don't resist the temptation! We will happily accept your donation!** Donations may be placed on the ESL donation table in Westminster.

Interested in visiting or finding out more about volunteering? You won't regret it!

Contact Linda Sims at linda.sims@firstchurchchampaign.org