

# *The Heart of Missions:*

## *First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's Missions Magazine*

### ***January Missions Events and Meetings***

*Pakistan Study: Tuesdays*

1:30pm in the Parlor

*January 7: African Blues*

11:45am in the cafe

*January 10: Harry Bremer Presentation with Lunch*

Noon in Centennial Hall

*January 12: Mission Possible Meeting*

8:30am in Centennial Hall

*January 12: Mission Team*

Noon in Westminster

*January 18: Environmental Stewardship*

3:30pm in the Parlor

*January 18: World Mission*

5:30pm in Westminster

*January 26: Community Mission Deacons*

6:30pm in Westminster

*January 28: Cuba Partners Steering Committee*

5:30pm in the Parlor

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# Mission Luncheon



**Hear about Harry Bremer's service installing wells  
with Marion Medical Mission in the Fall of 2015**



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January 10th

Noon

Centennial Hall

RSVP to the church office

356-7238 or

email [kristi.corbin@firstchurchchampaign.org](mailto:kristi.corbin@firstchurchchampaign.org)

Share a meal and  
learn how our  
church helped  
change the lives  
of over 1,200  
people in Africa

## Benevolence Fund: An Opportunity to Share



“Caring for those in need through no fault of their own is integral to the Gospel. After the Good Samaritan picks up the wounded man, takes him to an inn, and pays for his expenses, Jesus says, ‘Go and do likewise.’ True Christian behavior is defined by James as, ‘looking out for orphans and widows in their distress.’ Jesus tells us that when we care for a hungry or thirsty person, it is as though we are caring for Him, ‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to drink, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.’ The Benevolence Fund is a modest effort to answer this call for our brothers and sisters as emergency needs arise for them.” (Benevolence Fund Policies and Procedures).

Would you like a way to donate to those in an emergency who are associated in some way with our church? The Benevolence Fund, approved by the Finance Committee and Session in 2014, helps those who have a significant relationship with our local church and are experiencing times of distress. The fund is only for emergency relief to serve a basic need. It is a grant program, not a lending program. A committee of three members, plus a Pastor and the Missions Coordinator, review applications submitted by those requesting assistance. The three voting church members determine the outcome of the application. This fund is not a line item in the regular operating budget, but a restricted fund filled only by special donations. Your donations will keep the fund working.

*If you would like to donate, please write a check to the church with **Benevolence Fund** written in the memo.*

## Knifty Knitters Donate Items

The **Knifty Knitters**, a group of Presbyterian Women who knit items for those in need, donated a large number of hats, gloves, and scarves to Kemmerer Village at the December Gathering. (KV serves children through residential treatment and foster care). Other beautiful knitted items are being distributed in the C-U area this winter, with the first distribution site being our church’s ESL program.



Katharine Jones introduces Mike Havera and Ron Little from KV

## Amateur Preaching: An Opportunity to Serve

**Amateur Preachers** serve by preaching in pulpits in our surrounding area where there is need due to a lack of a pastor for any reason. We would like to increase our number of Amateur Preachers for the coming year. We encourage you to consider joining this mission of our church.

*Please feel free to contact John Muirhead ([j.muirhead@comcast.net](mailto:j.muirhead@comcast.net) or phone 398-1048) to discuss Amateur Preachers.*



# Our Community

Do you have quality furniture (or just larger items) to donate?

If the items you have are not appropriate for the Relocation Ministry at our church, you can call **Salt & Light** to request that **Salt & Light** pick up your donation. Alternatively, you can fill out an online application form request at [saltandlightministry.org](http://saltandlightministry.org)

*Remember to support missions with your participation in Amazon Smile and the Schnuck's Community Card. Proceeds go to emergency food deliveries in C-U.*

There are many ways to serve at **Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry**:

1. Bring prepared food
2. Mentor
3. Plan a small craft or activity

For more information on ways you could connect with **Jesus is the Way**, go to [jesusisthewayprisonministries.org/after-care-facility/opportunities-to-serve/](http://jesusisthewayprisonministries.org/after-care-facility/opportunities-to-serve/)

**Crisis Nursery** is in immediate need of:

Clorox Wipes  
Hand Soap  
Lysol Spray  
Fitted Crib Size Sheets  
Newborn Pacifiers  
Healthy Snacks  
Gift cards to Target, Meijer, Schnucks and County Market

[www.crisisnursery.net](http://www.crisisnursery.net)

## African Blues

Free lunch time mini-concerts. Bring your lunch and a friend. Come as you are, leave when you must.

**Jean René Balekita and the Bomoyi**

► **First Thursdays of each month at 11:45am-12:45pm**

► At First Presbyterian Church of Champaign  
(downtown Champaign at the corner of Church St. and State St.)  
In the Café (second floor) of the Education Building  
302 West Church Street  
Champaign, IL 61820



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