

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

September Missions Events and Meetings

English as a Second Language Classes

Monday through Thursday from 9-11am

Second Floor of Education Building

September 11: *Compassion Peace and Justice*

5:30 pm in Westminster Hall

September 12: *Mission Team*

Noon in Westminster Hall

September 18: *World Mission*

5:30pm in Mae Chapin Parlor

September 18: *Environmental Stewardship Committee*

3:30pm in Mae Chapin Parlor

September 23-25: Rev. JoElla Holman Visit

September 26: *Community Mission Deacons*

6:30pm in Westminster Hall

September 28: *Cuba Steering Committee*

5:30pm in Mae Chapin Parlor

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A Note from Crisis Nursery, One of Our Partner Agencies

“We are really in need of clothing for the children here - particularly for sizes 2T and upwards (both boys and girls). We can take gently used clothing as long as it's in season...We also take new clothing as well, of course. **Pajamas, shorts, shirts, dresses, etc - we desperately need it all!**

As usual, **we could also use more snacks** for the kids here. Both fresh items (cheese sticks, go-gurt, etc) and shelf stable foods (fruit snacks, crackers, cheez its) are always appreciated.

We're always willing to give tours of the Nursery, so if your membership is interested...please help them connect to me, and I can schedule a time for them to come see our facility. “

Katie Adams, MSW
Strong Families Program Director

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A Note from Salt & Light, One of Our Partner Agencies

The Meijer "Simply Give" campaign will run through September 16, 2017 and Salt & Light is the recipient food co-op!

Simply Give helps ensure local food co-ops have food available year round for families in need.

Salt & Light continues to see new faces, as families work to balance daily expenses. Your continued giving is vital to the continued success of Salt & Light's food co-op.

When shopping at the Champaign 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.

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

Thank you for supporting Salt & Light!





Mission Co-Worker Set to Visit This Month!

This month we have the opportunity to welcome **Rev. Jo Ella Holman, PC(USA)'s regional liaison to the Caribbean**, to our church for a weekend full of learning and fellowship.

Rev. Holman will be joining us for the **sixth annual Cuba Forum, Saturday, September 23rd from 9:30am-12pm**, for an interactive presentation about Cuba to help us learn more about the area. She will also be preaching at the **Saturday evening French service and a unified service on Sunday, September 24th at 9am**. After service, there will be an opportunity to talk with her about her work and the work of PC(USA) throughout the Caribbean. Rev. Holman's ministry focuses on churches throughout Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, Curacao, Grenada and Trinidad & Tobago. She states, "My personal hope is that, in some small way, God will use my gifts to increase and strengthen the ties among us—the PC(USA) and the larger U.S. church and the churches of the Caribbean region. It is so important for our church to know what is going on in the world and these partnerships help us to deepen our understandings, to be in relationship with others, and to reach out to each other in new and faithful ways."

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Holman and hope to see you all throughout the weekend.

This year, **Presbyterian Women (PW)** will support the **DREaAM house** as their **mission**. PW will promote the DREaAM house's STEM project. This will keep the funds with a local mission that educates young boys. **Your donations toward this project will help young minds to create and improve in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).**

You will find PW volunteers in Westminster and Centennial Halls on the **Sundays of September 10 and 17**. If making a donation by check, make the check payable to: Presbyterian Women with STEM project noted in the memo.

We thank you for your support!

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National Guard and State officials from Louisiana and Florida help evacuate a nursing home in Texas.

Photo by Louisiana National Guard. Used with permission.

Sunday, September 10th, you will also have the opportunity to donate to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund (PDA) through the church. Just write "PDA" in the memo field on a check, or write "PDA" on a pew envelope for cash donations. PDA has already been responding to the effects of Hurricane Harvey. PDA provides early response efforts and long term rebuilding, always working with the local churches in the affected areas. PDA has already sent a volunteer team to work with local churches in the affected area. **At least 18 congregations have water damage and 12 pastors have been flooded out of their homes.**

Overhead costs to PDA are low due to high use of volunteers, and they keep their warehouses stocked with supplies to be ready within a day or two of the need. The program will help churches, pastors and members repair flood damage. Donating through our church sends a message that our church is committed to this mission; it is also an efficient way to send funds. **Together, we can make a difference.**

Source: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbyterians-continue-recovery-effort-houston-following-hurricanetropical-storm-harvey/>