



PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNOUNCEMENTS October 26, 2013

“Rolls, Registers & Stats . . . Oh My!” Presented by Kris Valerius, OGA Records Coordinator and Assistant Stated Clerk.

Kris will talk about the reporting process to General Assembly, review the information requested on the annual statistical reports and discuss the importance of that information. She'll cover the joys of managing church rolls, and help you to understand who should be listed on what roll, and

why! There will also be a time for Q & A following her session. **Wireless internet will be available, so bring a laptop or smart phone, along with your username and password for entering the annual report, and come get informed!**

Join us for one of three gatherings:

**Monday, October 28th ~ 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., West Avenue in Gastonia
(1015 West Franklin Boulevard, Gastonia, NC 28052)**

**Monday, October 28th ~ 2:00—4:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Marion
(79 Academy Street, Marion, NC 28752)**

**Tuesday, October 29th ~ 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at Crossnore Presbyterian
Church in Crossnore (200 Chapel Drive, Crossnore, NC 28616)**

Come to the location most convenient for you, but don't forget to RSVP to Tonya Williams at the Presbytery office (828/438-4217 or twilliams@presbyterywnc.org) by **October 21st** so that arrangements can be made for materials and refreshments.

Please pray for – Randall Boggs, Barbara Hosbein, Judy Nebrig, Carole Ball, Doug and Mimi Michael, Will Garris, Debbie Hagna, Martha Garris, Buzz Durham, Bill Glover, Jenny Vial, Patricia Clark, Margarette Kennerly, Sue Unnasch, Anita Bernhardt, Ellen Dozier – the delegation from the Guatemala Partnership traveling in Guatemala October 29 – November 6. And pray for Guatemalan sisters and brothers who will receive and meet with them.

Youth Middle School Retreat – November 8-10, 2013 – (*Ready or Not*)

A three day retreat for middle school youth groups will be held at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. Keynoters for this retreat will be Chandler Guess and Rosy Robinson. Churches from all over the Presbytery will gather at Camp Grier for a weekend of learning, fun, faith, and fellowship. Visit the Presbytery website (www.presbyterywnc.org) for registration forms. The cost will be \$65 per person.

Small Church Financial Forums

Fourth and Final Forums – Last One This Year

Tuesday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m. at New Vision in Conover

Or 12:30 p.m. at West Avenue in Gastonia

Thursday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Spruce Pine, First Presbyterian

Or 12:30 p.m. at Westminster in Asheville

Elder Training – Don't Miss This Opportunity

The First Presbyterian Church in Franklin has graciously agreed to host an Elder Training Workshop on Sunday, November 24th, beginning at 12:15 p.m. The training program will be for new or continuing Elders, and includes lunch. Please bring a copy of the *Book of Order*, plus a *Bible* and a *Book of Confessions*, if you have one. There is no cost for lunch, however you do have to **RSVP** to Tonya Williams

at the Presbytery office (twilliams@presbyterywnc.org or 828/438-4217) **by Friday, November 8th**. The training will run from 12:15 p.m. until about 6 PM.

Additionally, elder training will be offered again in the following location:
January 14, 2014 – Crossnore Presbyterian Church

Middle School Youth Event – “We Didn’t Start The Fire”

Sexuality Retreat for Middle School Youth, Parents of Middle School Youth, and Youth Leaders, Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat. During this time, we will be helping youth and parents connect their faith with sexuality while promoting healthy conversations between parents and youth. Facilitators for this one-day event are Joanne Tate, Heather Wood-Davis and Michael Bailey. For more information and registration form, visit the Presbytery website: (www.presbyterywnc.org).

High School Mission Retreat – Join High School Youth and Youth Leaders for a mission oriented, overnight retreat at Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Adults the weekend of March 14-15, 2014. The cost per person will be \$25.

SAVE THE DATE -- *The Christian Education Committee* is pleased to offer the following dates for their annual spiritual retreat next year at Montreat: Friday, February 28 & Saturday, March 1, 2014. “*Finding Your Voice: How To Speak Your Heart’s True Faith,*” by Retreat Leader, Jim Dant. The retreat will be a three session study based on the book by the same title. Register early, space is limited. Registration deadline: February 15, 2014. Visit the Presbytery website (www.presbyterywnc.org) for information and registration forms.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering for 2014 are as follows:

Eastern area: Saturday, April 5, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church, Cherryville, NC.

Middle School Rally – Join youth from across the Presbytery for a one-day gathering of learning, fun, faith, and fellowship on April 6, 2014 in Montreat. There is no registration required and the event is free of charge!

Guatemala Partnership

For current information about the Guatemala Partnership, go to the Face Book group page, “Guatemala Partnership of WNC Presbytery” -<https://www.facebook.com/groups/319288741505187/>
Partner churches in WNC are welcome to add notices to this page.

EDUCATION STUDY TRIP – Read a complete report of the trip which took place August 3 – 11, as well as documents, “Questions and Answers,” “Processing New Learnings, Dreams, and Action Steps” on the Guatemala Partnership section of the Presbytery web page. If you have questions or concerns about the reports, be in touch with Carole Ball, caroleball@gmail.com.

2014 Presbytery Meeting Dates

January 25, 2014 – Hosted by Columbus Presbyterian Church, Columbus

April 29, 2014 – Montreat Conference Center, Montreat

July 29, 2014 – Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa

October 25, 2014 – Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver