

FRIDAY NOTES

November 12, 2010

Pastoral Prayers:

- **The Reverend Deb Bergeson-Graham will be installed** as pastor at Franklin, on November 14.
- **Congregations currently engaged in pastoral transition** include: Beloit, First; Clinton, First; Mequon, Crossroads (assoc); Milwaukee, Christ; Milwaukee, Grace; Milwaukee, Trinity; Wales, Jerusalem; Waukesha, First; Waukesha, Southminster

Session Information:

- **Presbytery's Ghana Partnership Team thanks** all those churches which have contributed to the newly established **Vehicle Fund**. We are about 14% of the way toward the \$22,000 quoted to us by our partners in Ghana for a vehicle for the Bana Hill lay pastor training center. The fund remains open for more contributions. The contents of the fund will be forwarded to our partners from time to time. Some of the other churches which Rev. Godfried Ollennu visited might want to consider placing a contribution for this project in their 2011 budget. Checks should be made out and sent to the Presbytery of Milwaukee, marked **Vehicle Fund**.
- **Even Church Secretaries Need a Vacation:** Does your church office need some assistance when the secretary takes a vacation or has (God forbid!) become ill? I can help. I was the office manager at Wauwatosa Presbyterian for eight years and I have a pretty good grasp of how to produce a bulletin, use a copy machine and perform other basic church office procedures. **Please contact Jessie Read at (262) 844-2321 or email: jrrbookkeeping@wi.rr.com for more information because all God's children need a rest now and then – even church secretaries!**
- **A Belhar Confession Workshop** – co sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary and Synod of Lincoln Trails: What: **An Introduction to the Belhar Confession** When: **Saturday December 4 9:30- 3:00 (lunch provided)** Where: Elmhurst PC 367 Spring Rd Elmhurst IL Why: **Engage clergy & lay leaders in discussion of the content** and significance of the Belhar Confession (proposed for the Book of Confessions) Cost: **\$15.00 per participant**. For more information go to: www.mccormick.edu
- **“Welcome to the Presbyterian Church!”** a new resource developed by *Presbyterians Today* is available at the Presbytery office. If you would like to purchase copies for \$1.00 each contact the office 414-475-4211 or office@pbymilwaukee.org and reserve your copies.

Invites:

- **Racine, Covenant invites the Presbytery on November 14 at 7:00 p.m.** to a book signing and for **“The Spirit-Led Life”** written by **Mary Steege**
- **Harvest for the Homeless- a musical benefit to assist and raise awareness of the homeless in Milwaukee, will be held on Friday, November 19, from 7:00-8:00 pm, at Milwaukee, Trinity.** Admission: toiletries (soap, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brush, etc) hats, scarves,

gloves, non-perishable food items or cash donations. Trinity is located at 3302 N Sherman Blvd, find us at trinitypresb-mke.org

- **TAX-TIPS WEBINAR** - In contrast to many previous years, tax law has been under discussion and subject to change late into 2010. In order to provide the most up-to-date information, the Board of Pensions will offer the **Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and Churches on January 5, 2011 from 2 to 3 p.m. CST**. This online education event is **designed to help active and retired ministers and churches** understand what's new for the 2010 tax year. Registration for the Webinar will open Nov. 8. The last date to register is Dec. 17.

- **The Spiritual Growth committee of Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church extends an invitation to Grieving Our Losses and Living in Hope, Part II. Dr. Dudley Riggle, Professor Emeritus at Carthage College, returns to lead Part II on Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 to noon**. Those who attended Part I last year know how valuable and worthwhile Dr. Riggle's presentations are. Please call the Wauwatosa Church office with questions or to register (414-774-5005). Dr. Riggle will be doing the same presentation at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. You are welcome to attend there if that is more convenient.

Looking Ahead:

- **Presbytery meetings for 2011:**
 - February 22 – Delafield, Delafield
 - March 22 – Special Presbytery Meeting for Amendments – location TBA
 - May 24 – Milwaukee, West Granville
 - September 27 – Beloit, Sun Valley
 - November 22 – Carroll University