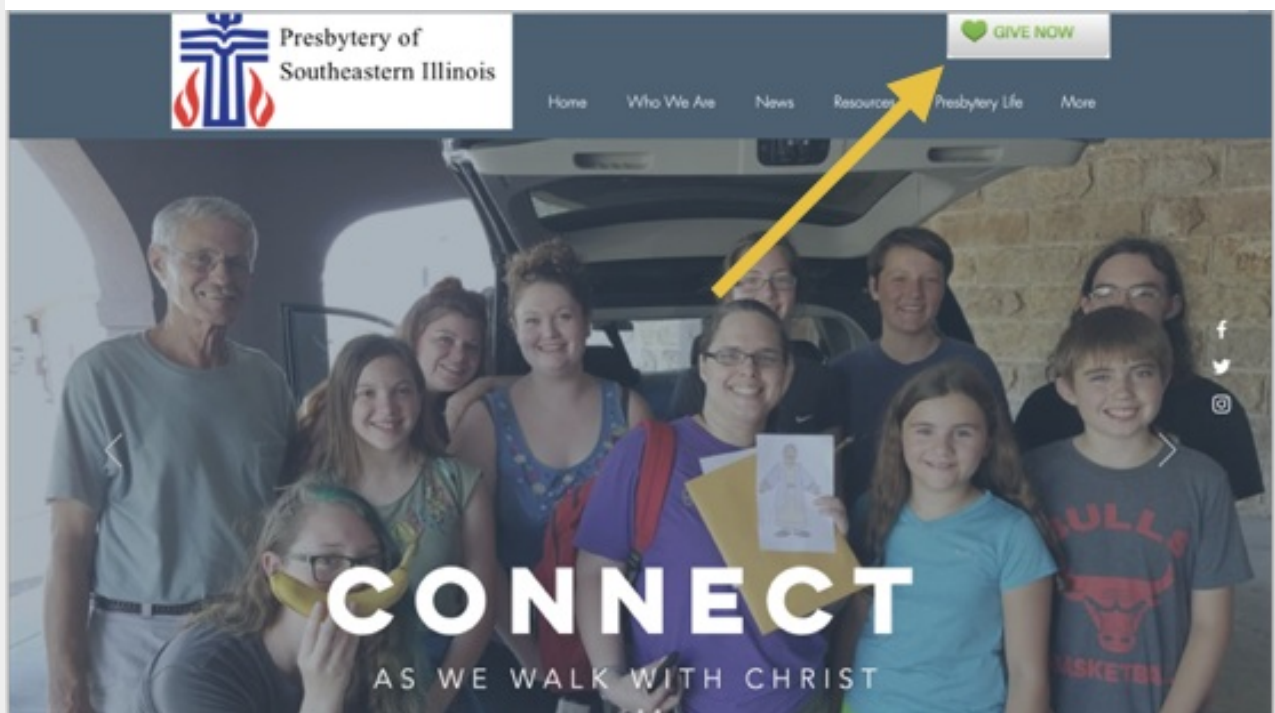




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Online Giving Now Available on the Presbytery Website



Submitted by Wade Meranda, Presbytery Treasurer

Online Giving is now available on the Presbytery website. The “Give Now” tab is located at the top of the home page (and every page of the site) and will accommodate those who prefer the convenience of electronic banking. Our online giving service is a relatively new ministry provided by the Presbyterian Foundation and is available for use by all congregations. Contact the Foundation if your church might like to use its service.

Individuals can give online using the usual online payment options: bank account withdrawal, credit card, or debit card. One-time gifts and recurring gifts can be set up. All gifts go directly to our Presbytery’s bank account and the Treasurer is notified right

away.

By selecting the “Give Now” tab, you will see that we have set up several funds to give to, including a fund for the offering received during worship at all four Presbytery meetings. Offerings will continue to be received in the pews of course, or you can give online before or after worship.

Another fund is available to receive support from individuals for our Presbytery’s Operating Fund. If you want to support the overall ministry of the presbytery, give to the Presbytery Operating Fund. And for those who wish to give a gift at an Ordination and Installation Service, a fund is available for that as well. The Ordination Service Offering supports the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) as it nurtures and prepares candidates for ordained offices.



February Bible Study

*For use at Presbytery gatherings/meetings.
Authored by Rev. Bill McLean, Presbyter for
Congregational Care.*

Luke 3:15-22 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

- What does it mean to live as one who is baptized?
- What aspect of your faith are you willing to go to prison for?
- How might the Presbytery/GC/congregations be guided by this Scripture?





Webinar Series: Money Conversations in the Church

January 7, 2019 by Susan Herman The Presbyterian Foundation is offering a series of five webinars in 2019 on engaging church givers in stewardship and money-related conversations. Pastors, business administrators, stewardship chairs, treasurers,...

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We See You!



(From Facebook Group by Bill McLean) Had a wonderful time this afternoon exploring, discussing, and learning about shared ministry possibilities in the southern part of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.



Clerk of Session training classes offered

Ideal for brand new Clerks of Session. Experienced Clerks and Moderators of Session are also welcomed.

All training events will be held on Sundays from 3:00pm-5:00pm. (Click on church name for church website; click on address for Google map).

February 17 - **First United PC/Pinckneyville**
3811 State Rt 13/127, Pinckneyville, IL 62274

February 24 at **FPC/Effingham**
600 W. Temple, Effingham, IL 62401

March 3 at **Mt. Zion PC/Mt. Zion**
345 W. Main St., Mt. Zion, IL 62549

A Registration link will be available on the Presbytery's website shortly.



2019 Stated Meetings

(Click on church name for church website; click on address for Google map)

Saturday, February 23rd - [First Presbyterian Church, Greenville](#)
[501 N. Idler Lane, Greenville, IL](#)

Thursday, June 6th - First Presbyterian Church, Golconda, IL
[118 W. Main St., Golconda, IL](#)

Thursday, August 29 - [First Presbyterian Church, Taylorville,](#)
[116 E. Franklin St., Taylorville, IL](#)

Thursday, November 21 - [First Presbyterian Church, Effingham](#)
[600 W. Temple St., Effingham, IL](#)



Small Membership Churches' Forum provided by the Presbyterian Foundation



This Forum will provide a structure within which leaders from small (typically defined as 50 or fewer members) congregations may

meet, learn from one another, and identify and model "best practice" approaches to the ministry of their churches. The Forum will gather for lunch on a quarterly basis. The Foundation will provide a "topic expert" for a brief presentation on a subject relevant to small congregations, but the primary focus of the meetings will be to stimulate discussion around how various churches are addressing the challenges they face.

Through interaction and conversation, church leaders, both clergy and laity, with similar roles and responsibilities will become acquainted with one another, develop a network of local expertise to consult when facing a new challenge, and can receive information from the Presbytery and the Foundation that may be of interest. The Forum will serve as yet another element of the connectional nature of the Church. Representatives from the Foundation will be present, and presbytery leaders will attend as their schedules allow. Individual congregations will have access to information about the successes and lessons learned from other congregations facing similar opportunities and challenges.

Small-Membership Churches, please plan to join us at these forums. The program, materials and lunch are FREE for all participants. Registration will be open shortly - watch the newsletter for registration details soon. The schedule follows, with all forums taking place from noon to 2pm. (Click on church name for church website; click on address for Google map)

Tuesdays

[Philo Presbyterian Church - 105 E. Jefferson, Philo, IL](#)

March 26

May 14

September 10

November 5

Wednesdays

First Presbyterian Church - 1200 S. Carbon, Marion, IL

March 27

May 15

September 11

November 6

