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# Idylwood



# PANORAMA

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## THE 221<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
June 14 – 21, Detroit, Michigan  
A Brief Summary**

*Idylwood Presbyterian Church is a welcoming Christian congregation. Thankful for God's grace and enlivened by the Holy Spirit, we aspire to demonstrate the inclusive and expansive love of Jesus Christ to neighbors near and far.*



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**Election of the Moderator:** Ruling Elder Heath Rada from North Carolina was elected the Moderator of the General Assembly on the first ballot with 52% of the votes from a field of three candidates. He has served as President of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond and the CEO of the Greater Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross. As his Vice-Moderator he selected the Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia, pastor of Church of Forest Hills, a multicultural, multiethnic congregation in Queens, New York.

**Mid Councils Commission 2** – Synod and Presbytery action: The 219th General Assembly established a Special Commission to study the structure of the denomination and make recommendations. The Commission's report to the last Assembly was sent back for further work by a somewhat restructured Commission. This year the Commission brought a recommendation to reorganize the current 16 synods into eight in a collaborative process based on “an emerging sense of purpose, partnership, context, and call.” The Assembly increased the number to 10-12 new synods and the Sinodo Presbiteriano Boriquen en Puerto Rico (Synod of Puerto Rico) successfully overtured to remain as is based on its cultural and geographic setting.

**Divestment: Middle East and Fossil Fuels:** Once again, the Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee (MRTI) brought a recommendation to divest from three companies whose business dealings with Israel help support the Palestinian occupation: Motorola Solutions, Caterpillar and Hewlett-Packard. After intense advocacy by outside groups before and during the Assembly, and impassioned testimony and debate in committee and on the floor the Assembly voted 310 to 303 to support divestment

The other matter was an overture to divest from companies that appear on the Carbon Tracker fossil fuel company list. The Assembly chose instead to refer the matter to MRTI for their study and recommendation. It is worth noting that one of the financial officers of the Board of Pensions explained to the Assembly that most of their assets are placed with private investment advisers and when they receive the divestment instructions they do not have to divest but can keep any current holdings but will not acquire any more listed stocks.

**Other actions:** The new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism was affirmed and the Belhar Confession will again be sent to the presbyteries for a 2/3 approval to be added to the Book of Confessions. Modifications were made to the Peacemaking Offering and it will be renamed the Peace and Global Witness Offering. A statement was issued about the need for due process regarding weaponized drones. The 248 New Worshiping Communities were celebrated. Mandatory background checks are urged when hiring pastors but it was decided not to add it as a requirement of the call process in the Book of Order. Per capita rate was set at \$7.07 for 2015 and \$7.12 for 2016.

Cecilia Brammer: hospitalized  
Florence Wester: recent fall  
Willa and Kate Untiedt: death of beloved cat Zing  
David Hamilton: passed away, wife Patti –  
                                friends of Nancy Budny  
Matt Evans's father Dave -- passed away  
Doug Roark's friend Ken: stage 4 liver cancer  
All those looking for work  
Amy Moore's friend Tina: cancer  
Cecilia Brammer, Linda Tang: grief  
George Petras's aunt and uncle: assisted living  
Carol Shuh: pulmonary illness  
Doug Roark's former wife Diane: breast cancer  
Alison French: chronic illness  
Linda Dono's brother;  
Steve Allen's son -- healing and wholeness for all.



**July 28** Cheval & Dana Opp. In celebration of the July 28 birthday of Cheval's mother, Troy L. Force.

On the Upton room bulletin board you will find a flower sign up sheet for all of 2014. Some Sundays have been signed up for but many remain unclaimed. Won't you volunteer to provide flowers for one or two Sundays or perhaps more?? I think you would agree the Falls Church Florist provides us wonderful beautiful flowers for the Chancel each Sunday and a very reasonable price of \$30 which includes delivery. Please sign up today and indicate to what honor that you dedicate the flowers too. Every Sunday that is not sponsored comes out of the Larrick fund and is indicated "To the Glory of God". We are also still looking for someone to manage the flower effort if you are at all interested please contact Dana Opp [rdopp3@gmail.com](mailto:rdopp3@gmail.com)



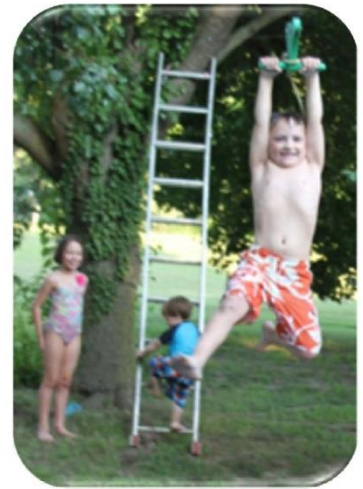
Do You Enjoy...



swimming?



paddling?



zippering?



relaxing with good friends?



fishing?

Then Don't Miss **IPC's Retreat to the Lake**

July 19-20

8002 Detour Road  
Denton, Maryland

Please come and join your friends from IPC for our annual **Summer Lake Retreat** at our home on Williston Lake in Denton, Maryland. Carpooling can be arranged for anyone who does not wish to drive.

We will get the weekend started on Saturday and enjoy a day of **swimming, boating, fishing, games, crafts, good food** and **even better company**. And if we're not too tired from all the fun, we might even end the day with a lakeside movie.

You are invited to come for the day or stay the night and enjoy breakfast and a **Sunday morning service by the lake**. And, of course, Sunday afternoon brings with it more fun.

In an effort to plan for food, drinks and sleeping arrangements please RSVP to Bob and/or Leslie Osman in person, at [losman@wthf.com](mailto:losman@wthf.com) or by phone at 703-288-3077. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! Bob, Leslie, and Rachel**

## Lemon Road School Girls make Power Packs with IPC's David Morgan

MaryAnn asked me if I would put something together for the newsletter about having the **Girls on the Run** at Lemon Road School make the Power Packs for a community project.

I was asked by Leslie Osman if I would take the items to the school for the girls to put the Power Packs together. I met with Carla Maughlin and Shannon Duncan at the School and we set up the items on the table in the order the items should fit in the gallon zip lock bags. I asked Rachel Osman if she would make the first pack so the other girls could see how the packs were made.

The two ladies kept the girls in order and everything went will. I think the girls were excited to know they were helping other children to have food for the weekend that may not have food for the weekend.

Thanks, David Morgan

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## Margaret's solo anthem



Would you like to share a piece of music on Sunday morning this summer? Talk to Amy Williams, organist and choir director. Our choir will resume in the fall.



### Rides

If you need a ride to church please call **Don Palmer** before 6pm on Friday  
Cell: 571-232-0335.

Patti	Dickey	1-Jul
Lorraine	Watt	3-Jul
Christa	Gallooulos	6-Jul
Sarah	Rindone	7-Jul
Allison	French	8-Jul
John	Hanna	8-Jul
Joyce	Dorris	11-Jul
Nathan	Budny	12-Jul
Steve	Allen	13-Jul
Cheval	Opp	14-Jul
Sara	Hanna	15-Jul
Christina	French	16-Jul
Frank	Rindone	31-Jul

## Birthdays This Month





## The Upper Room gets a mural!

Each week, following the children's time, the children of the congregation are dismissed to the Upper Room, our sanctuary balcony. From there the children are able to hear the service, but also take part in hands-on crafts, read books, and generally move around a little more than they can in the pews.

Nancy Cline led a special project to put some mural images on the walls of the Upper Room--the session joyfully approved this project. Nancy has been communicating with an artist, Kate Cosgrove, who has graciously given us permission to reproduce her work free of charge.



Children (of all ages) were invited over several weeks to fill in the color.

Everyone did a great job! Go see if you have not already.



# Jacob's Backpack Brigade

Our little church will once again be making a **BIG** difference for deserving Lemon Road students this August when we participate in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jacob's Backpack Brigade.



What's a Backpack Brigade?

It is an opportunity to put smiles on children's faces! We will receive a list from Lemon Road Elementary School giving us the age and gender of new and enrolled students who might have difficulty filling their school supply needs for the coming school year. And with a small contribution from each of us... we can take that bit of stress off the kids and their families as they get ready for the Fall. So, we will be filling new colorful backpacks with all the necessary supplies to get these kids off to a good start.

So, be on the lookout for signup information as we get closer to August. We welcome actual supplies or a monetary contribution which will be used to purchase the needed items. Last year we filled 14 backpacks... let's break that record!!

Stay Tuned... more to come!

Leslie Osman (losman@wthf.com)



**T4: Thursday Theology  
Talk... on Tap**

**July 17, 7:30 p.m.**  
**690 Anderson Road**  
**McLean, VA 22102**  
**703-356-5678**



Our monthly informal series on matters of faith resumes at the Lost Dog Cafe in McLean.

Come for a drink or milkshake, appetizer or dinner, or just good conversation. Topic will be "Presbyterian 101. What do we believe? What makes us different from other Christian denominations?" Whether you're relatively new to our church or just want a refresher, come for conversation and learning!





## Massanetta Springs CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER



### Presbyterian Men's Conference 2014 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Men's Conference, July 18-20, 2014

at

**Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center,  
Harrisonburg, VA.**



Our time will be Christ centered and bible based on the theme "Following Jesus" (Matt 28:18-20), for the renewal of all men to better know Christ, and live as spiritual leaders in church and community. Featuring Neal Presa, Tommy Burleson, Bobbi White, Don McKim, Kevin Long, and Jocelyn Thompson. For more information:  
<http://www.midatlanticmen.org/>



### Idylwood Presbyterian Church 100 Years of

### Family, Friends and Faith

*Join us to celebrate our centennial anniversary!*

**Sunday, October 12**

11 a.m. Worship

featuring music and special guests

followed by

Dinner at Marco Polo at 4:00 PM

**Saturday, November 1**

Community Carnival

We will kick off the next 100 years with an event for the whole neighborhood! Featuring food, activities for children, rummage sale - *back by popular demand*, and more.

### Urla Barrow Executive Director IUL speaks

**July 27<sup>th</sup> about**

### Hyacinth's Place

Hyacinth's Place is an affordable, supportive housing residence for women who are homeless and mentally ill. We are a small organization primarily run by volunteers.

Every person has a purpose. Our desire is to see our clients soar unencumbered by their mental illness, housing crisis, and social stigma. Without these impeding factors, our clients are able to achieve their life purposes. Hyacinth's Place provides a way to eliminate these distracting factors through three means.

First, we provide safe, affordable permanent housing.

Secondly, through our supportive services program.

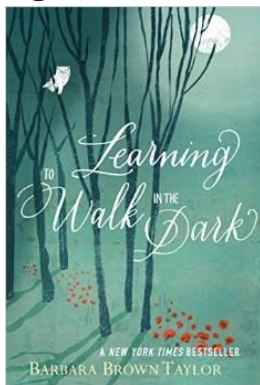
Finally, we offer community outreach and education on topics surrounding mental health, abuse, and homelessness because we want our residents to go out into a world that does not look at them in disdain due to their mental illness.

### Our next book group

**July 27 after church**

We will discuss

**Barbara Brown Taylor's  
*Learning to Walk in the Dark*.**



**Pastor Emeritus Leonard B. Sirbaugh,  
guest minister in June.**



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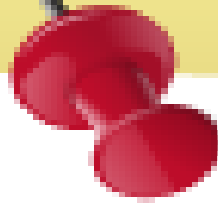


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IPC Calendar is on-line at



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