

# PSKYC - Sleep "less" in Sterling 2011

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On March 11-13<sup>th</sup>, youth from all over Kansas drove to Sterling College for the PSKYC's annual Sleep "Less" in Sterling! The theme this year was *Transformed: More Than Meets the I*. The keynote speaker, Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Vice Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) came from Liberty, Missouri, and taught us from 1Timothy and 2Timothy. The weekend was divided up into different themes such as "Giants of Faith," "Hurdles," "Showing up," and "Calling All Autobots." Youth council faith journeys were shared by Hannah Whitesell, Craig Lehman, Katie Hart, and Addie Steinbacher. On Saturday, youth and adults had a chance to sign up for various workshops. In the meditation room participants could write on the "transforming wall." At another location they could join in recreation, arts and crafts, or many other different choices.



Sleep "Less" was very moving this year. The theme, *Transformed*, gave

us the chance to share our hurdles with each other and to figure a way to jump over those hurdles, personally, as well as, how we

might go about transforming the church!

Overall, it was an amazing weekend. The Youth Council would like to thank all who supported and helped make Sleep "Less" possible this year. We hope to see even more youth next year!



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The closing of a church is never something that is wanted, but can be a joyous occasion. Such was the case on March 13<sup>th</sup> when the final worship service was held at the Presbyterian Church of Belle Plaine. The afternoon service was a blessing as many stories were told and friendships renewed when people came from many different places to worship one last time in the building. During the service we heard stories of faith, growth, love and Christian fellowship from those who had been changed by the ministry of this congregation that served the community for 135 years. When the service was finished and the final cookie was eaten at the reception, their ministry will continue as they move forward to continue to share what they have gained within this congregation. Many of the items from the sanctuary have been graciously given to other churches in our Presbytery as well as to Westminster Woods. Ministry in the name of Jesus Christ reaches far beyond the walls of a building. Praise God for the people and ministry of the Belle Plaine Presbyterian Church!

Pastor Ben Ray  
Moderator, PSK



*Westminster Woods*  
Women's Retreat  
April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>



[www.westminsterwoodscamp.com](http://www.westminsterwoodscamp.com)

Remember the "Early Rate" for Summer Camp must be post marked by May 1<sup>st</sup> .....Don't Delay!



**Westminster Woods... Summer Camps 2011**

"BELIEVE" John 3:16-18

**Family Camp** – Memorial Day Weekend - May 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp** – May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday to Friday)

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp** – June 6<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup> (Monday to Friday)

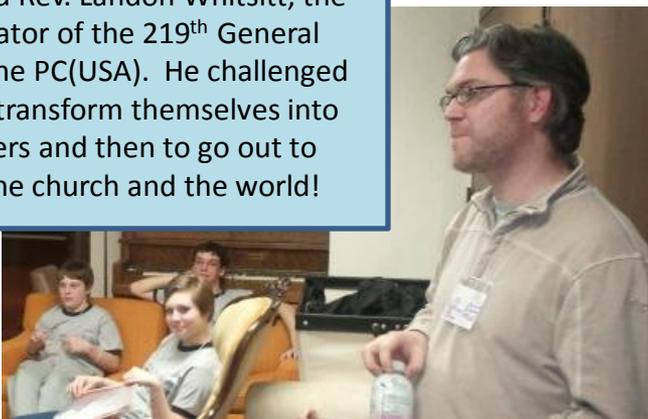
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp** – June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> (Monday to Friday)

**High School Camp** – June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup> (Monday to Sunday)

**High School Retreat** – July 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> (Friday to Sunday)

Each PSK church should have received the Westminster Woods Summer Camp schedule/registration information. Check out the website [www.westminsterwoodscamp.com](http://www.westminsterwoodscamp.com) or call Brian and Diane at the camp office 620-692-3695 with your questions.

At Sleep "Less" in Sterling, the PSK Youth Council hosted Rev. Landon Whitsitt, the Vice Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA). He challenged the youth to transform themselves into better leaders and then to go out to transform the church and the world!



During the season of Lent, the **Synod of Mid-America** and its partner presbyteries are invited to a season of prayer as the Holy Spirit directs the people and processes of the Synod. A prayer service will be held Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Brotherhood Presbyterian Church, 2328 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Wichita. All are welcome to participate.

Read reports as they become available, and find resources on Japan – Earthquake and Tsunami <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/japan/>.

Our PSK Disaster Response Team is advising to give to One Great Hour of Sharing because funds are going to be needed to replace the funds all ready sent to Japan.

We are so grateful to the Presbytery of Southern Kansas for their generous gifts of \$1,805.50 for our pre-school and for the large amount of food and \$182 for our food pantry.

Thank you for the opportunity given us to communicate what our ministries are and what their needs are during the Feb 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of Presbytery. As a result, we have received several additional gifts for the food pantry and pre-school. We also thank Derby Presbyterian for the informational and attractive bulletin board display that showcased our ministries.

Sharon Chester, President of the Board  
Brotherhood Community Ministries, Inc.

**PSK Mexico Partners Mission Trip** to "La Hermosa" Presbyterian Church, Caborca, Mexico. May 27-June 4<sup>th</sup>. \$250 per person. Registration deposit of \$50 is due by Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. Contact Pastor Bill O'Connell 316-321-3790 or [pb.fpced@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pb.fpced@sbcglobal.net)

*PSK Presbytery Women Spring Gathering*

April 12, 2011

United Presbyterian Church, Sterling, KS

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