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A Weekly Publication of Homestead Presbytery

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Dear (Contact First Name),

Welcome to the The Homesteader!

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Please share this with other members of your congregation - You are welcome to use it as a Sunday bulletin insert, forward as an email, print copies OR include all or part of it in your own church newsletter.

2012 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing is usually offered on Palm Sunday or Easter. To see the 2012 promotional video(s) go to <http://gmc.pcusa.org/ministries/specialofferings/one-great-hour-sharing-offering/Churches> that have electronic capabilities during worship maybe want to show the videos directly from the PC(USA)'s channel on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL33F38509B2433D53&feature=plcp>.



Dunbar Congregation says, "Oh, What JOYS!"

Shared by Penny Schulz

"What JOYS we have had here this week! God is so good and has answered a ton of prayers." That's how Penny's email began. The Dunbar congregation needs to put on a new roof. This week, an anonymous donor has offered to pay for the whole thing! That is over \$9,000! As if that wasn't enough, they are also putting in two new kitchen stoves. In the process, they discovered they needed to redo the electrical work. Yet again God provided with another cash donation just for that project. So, it is also paid for in full!

The next project to tackle? The handicap accessible project. Penny states they are still asking for continued prayer for that project. "...but so much praise for what he has done!"

Joy Ball is Retiring!

Joy Ball, who has worked at Calvin Crest since 2005, is retiring. Joy has served faithfully in a number of capacities over the years and is the face and voice of Calvin Crest for many guest groups, camper families and visitors. She has provided great customer service, a pleasant presence and servant leadership during her time and she will be greatly missed.

Joy's last day of work will be Friday, April 13. Calvin Crest will celebrate this occasion with an open house reception on Sunday, April 15 from 2-4 PM in the

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**Decision Making:
Seeking to Know and
Do God's Will"**

Workshop for pastors

Friday, April 13

Workshop 12:30 to 3:00 PM

Lunch @ 11:30 AM

No cost

RSVP your registration
to Kris Peterson
krisp@homesteadpres.org

Presbytery Day

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Early bird Deadline April 15!

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**New Form of
Government**

Diana Barber, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, provided an overview of NFOG and how it affects congregations at the February Stated Meeting. She has made her reference material available.

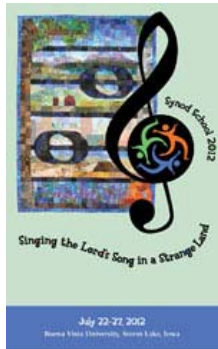
[Sample Bylaws](#)

Confirmation Retreat

April 20-22, 2012

Calvin Crest

Upper Area Lodge. Please spread the word to those who may know Joy. If you are unable to join us, you can send a card or letter of appreciation to Joy at the following address: Calvin Crest, 2870 County Road 13, Fremont, NE 68025.



Synod School

The catalog for [Synod School 2012](#) is online. Register now for the week-long event themed "Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land." The annual midsummer ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies takes place Sunday through Friday, July 22-27, at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Carol Howard Merritt, author of "Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation," and "Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation," is this year's adult convocation speaker. Merritt is associate pastor for Western Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Landon Whitsitt, vice moderator of the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and executive for the Synod of Mid-America, is the youth convocation speaker. Whitsitt is the author of "Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All."

Presbyterians Gather for Holy Days, Confirmation & Fellowship

by The Rev. Duncan Nichol

The First Presbyterian Church of Tekamah will celebrate three holy days during the month of April, welcome the confirmation class into active church membership, and join in fellowship with the Presbyterian Women. They will also conclude 2 Lenten Bible Studies: "The Life You've Always Wanted" by John Ortberg (Sunday mornings); and "Behold: There is a New Creation" (Tuesdays).

Other great events during April:

- hosting the Area 1 (Northeastern Nebraska) Presbyterian Women's "Spring Gathering" on Fri., April 13
- sponsoring the Presbyterian "Spring Luncheon" & a quilt show on Fri., April 20, beginning at 12 noon, hosted by the church's Presbyterian Women's group. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Washington County Bank, First National Bank, and the Chatt Community Center, Prudie Skinner, Marge Sheets at the church office by Tues., April 17th. All are invited to attend
- recognizing, with the Ministry Team, those who have become members of our church in the last five years.

For the complete story, go to <http://homesteadpres.org/wordpress292/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/20120327-Tekamah.pdf>

Closing Headline

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation - Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!

Please submit articles to krisp@homesteadpres.org or mail to 1135 Eastridge Road, Lincoln, NE 68510

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For more information contact Ray McCalla from FPC Wayne: (402) 375-2669 or raydemccalla@gmail.com.
Schedule and [registration information](#)

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