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Dear Kris

Welcome to the The Homesteader!

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Homesteader Online

Women's Studies at the Resource Center for Churches

With Mother's Day just a month away I would like to highlight for the next several weeks the many wonderful video studies we have at the Resource Center that not only celebrate the lives of women from the Bible but also discuss the many issues that impact Christian women of today.



"Uppity Women of the Bible" is a 4 volume study on Ruth, Song of Songs, Esther and Judith from the publisher of Living the Questions. Dr. Lisa Wolfe, a UCC minister and professor of the Hebrew Bible, combines humor and scholarship to give new insights into Hebrew culture and customs and the lives of women in Old Testament times. [To read more about this study, go to:](#)

<http://homesteadpres.org/wordpress292/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/20120417-Resource-Center-for-Churches.pdf>

Reserve one of the volumes of "Uppity Women" today by emailing Diane Dunkerson at atddunkerson@umcneb.org or calling her at 1-800-435-6107. To learn about other video studies at the Resource Center that celebrate the lives of faithful Christian women throughout the ages, visit our on line catalog at www.umcneb.org/ResourceCenter

The 3 R's of Christian Faith...

[Read Full Story at http://homesteadpres.org/wordpress292/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/20120417-3-rs-of-Christian-Faith.pdf](http://homesteadpres.org/wordpress292/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/20120417-3-rs-of-Christian-Faith.pdf)

Advocates for educational reform frequently say schools should go back to "the 3 R's"-reading, writing, and arithmetic. Aside from the modestly amusing fact that the words "writing" and "arithmetic" don't start with the letter "r," those folks are making a helpful point. There are certain things everyone has to know to be a good citizen.

What do Presbyterians have to know and believe? An affirmation of faith will help answer that question. We recite those key beliefs each week. And over time that helps us develop a particular kind of spiritual identity. Who are we? We are Christians. We are from the family of Reformed Christians. Ultimately, we are Presbyterians. And our affirmations of faith contain the essentials, the 3 R's of what we believe.

Message

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Here's the scoop: [Per Capita](#)

Synod School 2012

Register now

"Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land."

Annual midsummer ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, July 22-27

Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

Presbytery Day

Saturday, May 5, 2012

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Our affirmations of faith come after the sermon. Reformed theology says that scripture lessons and sermons are the central way of hearing and understanding what God is saying to His people in worship. Through the action of the Holy Spirit, God is telling us what we should believe about Him and ourselves. God is telling us how we should live. In our affirmations of faith, we respond to God's Word. We respond by affirming that we believe in God. When we leave worship, we respond to God by trying to make our lives match what we say we believe. Presbyterians have a number of affirmations of faith. [More of the Story](#)

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Pastor Steve Frazier, Fairbury & Steele City

Closing Headline

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