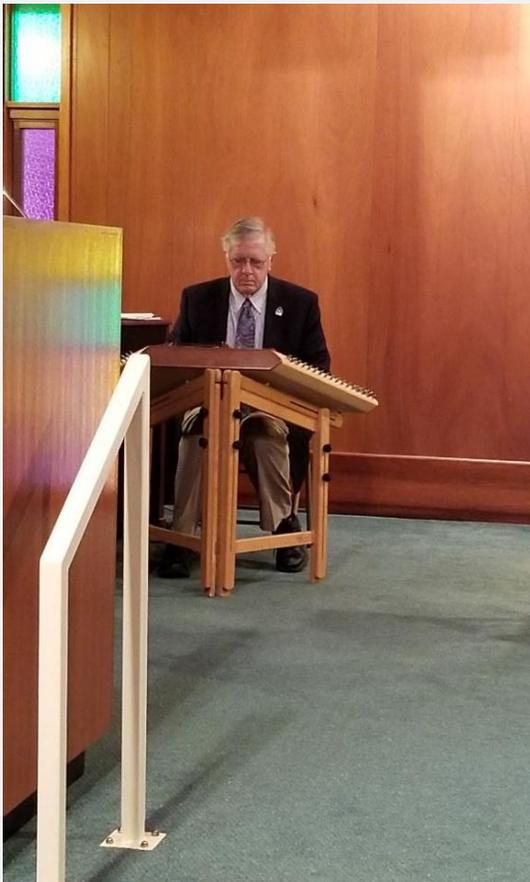




*December 3, 2019*

## Presbytery Assembly at Laurel



Homestead Presbytery held our last Presbytery Assembly of 2019 on November 21st at Laurel Presbyterian Church. We were met with chilly temperatures but the warmest of hospitality from Rev. Kathleen Splitt and the members of the Laurel Congregation that were there to help facilitate the day!



Congratulations on 150 years of Ministry this year to First



Presbyterian Church of Schuyler, First Presbyterian Church of Tekamah, First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice, and First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln! We celebrated and recognized these congregations at the November meeting with a certificate!



## Presbytery News



### Diapers Needed!

The Community diaper closet in Falls City is in desperate need of sizes 4, 5, & 6 diapers. They are going out the door as soon as they're restocked!

Also in need of volunteers! If you

can spare 2 hours on a Monday  
contact Judy Crawford at 402-801-  
2736

## Southern Heights Annual Living Nativity



Mark your calendars for  
Southern Heights Presbyterian  
Church in Lincoln's Annual  
Living Nativity!

**December 12-13**

**6:30-8:30pm**

**Free!**

But monetary donations for the  
Lincoln Food Pantry are  
always welcome!



Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation

### WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?

Would your congregation like to increase their impact in your community but lack the funds to get a big idea started? Do you have a project already in the works but could use additional funding to take it to the next level? Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation could be the answer to help you fund your project or program. We are offering annual grants to PCUSA churches and related organizations in Nebraska for new or ongoing outreach activities which enhance or expand some aspect of your ministry. Grants totaling more than \$164,000 were awarded during our last grant cycle. The Spring Grant Cycle process begins in December with grants awarded in April. Visit our website at [www.nebpresby.org](http://www.nebpresby.org) or call Audrey Richert at 402.420.9877 to learn more about our grant guidelines.

## Miss out on the 2019-2020 Planning Calendar order?

You're in luck if you missed out  
on ordering the 2019-2020  
Planning Calendars. The  
Presbytery has some extra



2019-2020 Presbyterian Planning Calendar



calendars available for purchase!

Contact Jes at  
[hpoffice@homesteadpres.org](mailto:hpoffice@homesteadpres.org)  
to get them before they're gone!!

[REGISTER](#)

## Opportunities to Learn and Grow



The Presbyterian Foundation is seeking qualified candidates for our Ministry Relations Officer position in your area. As such, we solicit your assistance in our search for candidates.

This position calls for a commitment to Jesus Christ through the church, an evident love for all people of varying views and personalities, a commitment to the governance of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a responsible affirmation of personal stewardship, and a concern for the financial support of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in all its worship, mission, and witness. The position provides leadership to the Foundation for the stewardship of accumulated resources.

[More Info on the Position](#)

## Women of Faith Awards

The Women of Faith Awards, sponsored by Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries in the Presbyterian Mission Agency, will offer an awards breakfast at the 224th General Assembly (2020).

The 2020 theme is Women who Disrupt Systemic Poverty. Nominations are being sought for women who challenge systems of poverty and join in action and solidarity with low-income communities and individuals.

[WoF Nomination Form](#)



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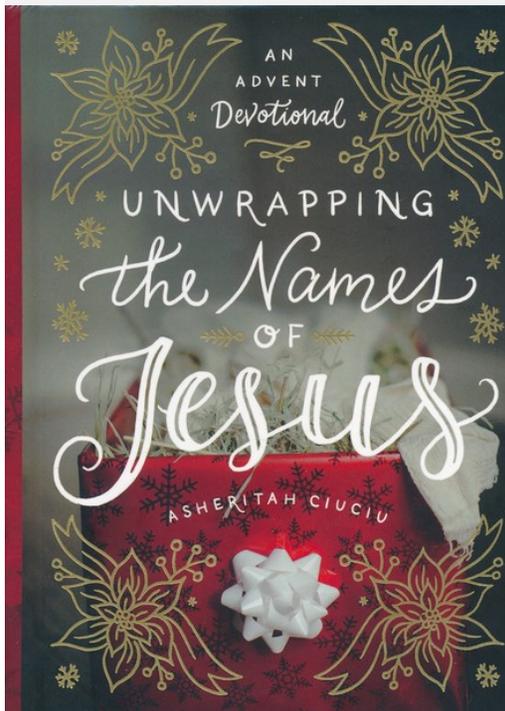
Congregations seeking renewal for their pastor are invited to apply for the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana.

According to a news release from the program, congregations may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to underwrite a renewal program for their pastor and for the pastor's family. Up to \$15,000 of the funds are available to the congregation to help cover costs for ministerial supply while the pastor is away.

Through its religion grantmaking, Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, seeks to deepen and enrich the lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.

[More Info  
Here](#)

## Get Lost in a Book



[Click Image to Order!](#)

Most Christians agree that Christmas is all about Jesus, yet most of us spend little time preparing our hearts to celebrate Him. Why is this? Partly because we don't know how.

In *Unwrapping the Names of Jesus*, Asheritah Ciuciu leads readers through the four weeks of Advent (Hope, Preparation, Joy, and Love). Each week:

- Begins with an interactive family devotional that equips readers to celebrate Advent together
- Offers five daily reflections that focus on that week's name of Jesus
- Includes suggestions for fun-filled family activities or service projects

This devotional can be used by readers in their own personal worship times or as a tool to engage in family worship during the busy holiday season. Either way, participants will gain a greater sense of awe and wonder at who Jesus is.

By focusing on the person and character of Jesus throughout the Advent season, readers will prepare their hearts so that when they admire the live nativity, sit in the candlelight service, or wake up on Christian morning, they can join the faithful who sing from the bottom of their

hearts, "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

## *Weekly Prayer Requests*

### *Hebron*

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Hebron congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

### *Hickman*

Please pray for Hickman Presbyterian Church as we are working to expand our outreach to the community. We continue to celebrate the opportunity to provide hygiene kits to various organizations in Lincoln. We are also celebrating the fact that several new families have been worshipping with us lately, and their children have swelled the ranks of our Sunday School and Wednesday evening Youth Club. We are also launching a volunteer-led program for our Middle School and High School Youth in January, and we ask for prayers as we seek to meet the needs of our youth group.

Thank you for your prayers!

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