



As you will notice, we are combining our two separate Presbytery newsletters in to one to be known as **The Homesteader**. Since most of our members are already receiving both and it seems to make the most sense to have one publication for the Presbytery.



This will be published weekly, on Tuesdays. If you have anything you wish to be shared to the presbytery (i.e. articles from your church newsletters, conferences, training and other events) please e-mail them to Jes at the Presbytery Office by Friday.

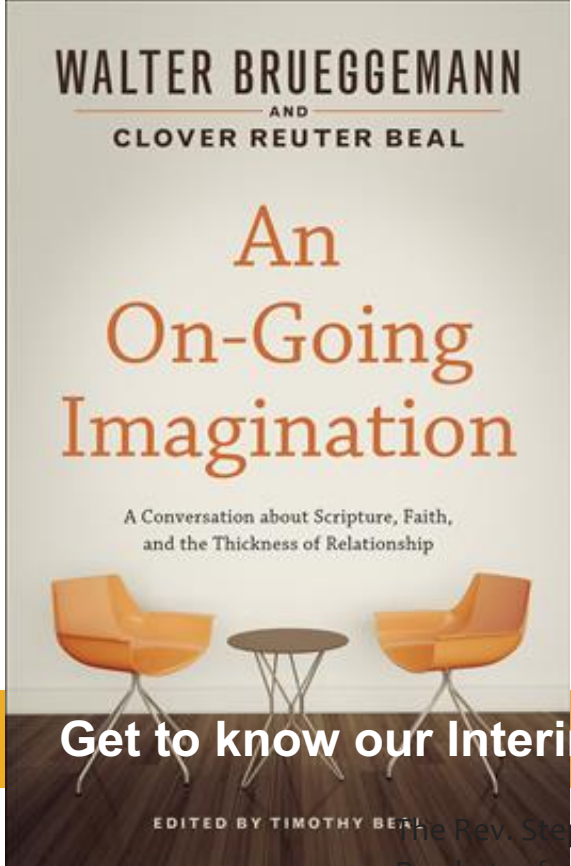
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July 16, 2019

Get Lost in a Book

Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann has always excelled at making the Bible approachable and engaging. Drawn from a series of public conversations with Brueggemann and his former student and longtime friend Clover Reuter Beal, *An On-Going Imagination* explores Brueggemann's most influential biblical-theological concepts and methods: Why should we still bother with the Bible today? What is the purpose of prayer, and what can it do for our lives? How is keeping the Sabbath countercultural? What does it mean to say that the God in the Bible is "a God in recovery"?

Intimate, provocative, and



challenging, *An On-Going Imagination* offers an enlightening introduction to Brueggemann’s work for readers who want to learn more and a way back into the Bible for people who feel alienated from it by those on the right and the left who claim to have it all figured out. Brueggemann and Beal reawaken us to the fascinating strangeness of biblical tradition and its incredible power to help us imagine new ways of seeing and being in the world.

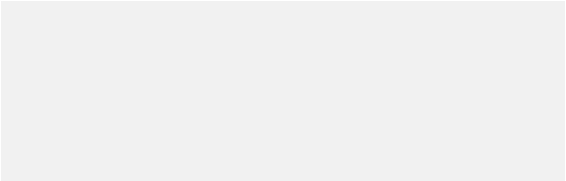
Get to know our Interim Executive Presbyter



The Rev. Stephen G. Earl is the Interim Executive Presbyter for Homestead Presbytery. He has served in ministry in the PCUSA for almost 40 years as: a missionary in Brazil; a pastor in small and large congregations in Washington State, Virginia, and South Carolina; 12 years as the Coordinator for International Volunteers and Mission Personnel for the General Assembly; and six years as the Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry in the Presbytery of the Peaks (Central & Southwest Virginia). His passions in ministry include mentoring, coaching, and supporting pastors; working with congregations in transition; and cross-cultural service. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, and did his doctoral work at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Steve was born and raised in Port Townsend, WA, about two hours from the Pacific Ocean and the northwesternmost point of the contiguous United States. He is a lover of theater, good books, all kinds of music, movies, and the arts. Hiking, cycling, walking, and traveling are some of his favorite things to do in his free time.

Pertinent Presbytery News



**Hosts for 2020
Presbytery
Assembly's Needed
for the following
dates:**

**May 21st
November 19th**

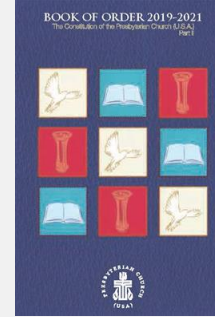
Contact Stated Clerk Ray at
raymondm@homesteadpres.org
if you'd be willing to host!



Sign up for August 16-17 Joint
Presbytery Assembly with
Missouri River Valley Presbytery
at Calvin Crest Camp!

Rooms are going FAST! If you
are planning on staying at camp
you need to register ASAP!!
Currently we only have 3 triple
occupancy rooms and 1 double
occupancy room left in Proett,
and only 1 triple occupancy
remaining in Eppley.

NOTE: If you are in need of



**Get your
2019-2020
Book of Order**

\$9.00/ Book - Pickup at the
Presbytery Office
\$10.00/ Book -Ships to your
address

You can place your orders by
clicking below or fill out an order
form at August's Presbytery
Assembly.

**The ordering will be open until
Sunday, August 18th.**

ORDER NOW

**Digital Download of 2019-
2020 Book of Order**

**Order your 2019-2020
Presbyterian Planning
Calendars!**

Calendars ship in August this year,
with the calendar starting in
September. As you are filling out your
order form you will see TWO different
price points.

\$9.50/calendar - must pick up orders
in Lincoln at the Presbytery Office.
\$11.00/calendar - orders will be
shipped directly to the address you
provide.

childcare make sure you sign up EARLY. The Presbytery needs adequate notice to be able to arrange appropriate childcare providers.

REGISTER



ORDER CALENDARS

Opportunities to Learn and Grow



September 13-14th
Calvin Crest Camp

Friday:

5:00pm- Light dinner and "Get to know you"

Saturday:

8:30am- Coffee, fruit, and pastries

9:00am-Devotions and Guest Speakers

Guest speakers include the Churchwide Moderator, Jenny Lee and Rev. Danelle McKinney Crawford, who is the Native American Representative to Churchwide.

The cost of rooming at the camp will be paid for by Homestead Presbyterian Women. The only cost is our usual registration of \$10. Roommates will be assigned and the rooms sleep 3. Both Jenny Lee and Danelle will be with us on Friday night.

**More information will be coming mid-July.



INITIAL TRAUMA HEALING EQUIPPING SESSION

Bible-based Trauma Healing

August 1-3

(must be present at ALL sessions)

Eastridge Presbyterian Church, Lincoln

The proven model of the Trauma Healing Institute uses applied Scripture and mental health principles to address spiritual and emotional wounds caused by trauma of war, violence, natural disasters, and abuse. The book [*Healing the Wounds of Trauma: How the Church Can Help*](#) has been translated and taught in over 100 countries with more than 194 language groups in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Americas.

This session is open to laypeople and clergy, including mental health professionals, social justice advocates, NGO workers, and others. Necessary qualifications:

- Able to communicate in English.
- Have sufficient status to teach others in a community.
- Able to attend the entire session.
- At least 18 years old.
- Committed to help trauma survivors.

- Able to give at least 2 weeks per year to trauma healing.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

New Synod Event: 'Art of Transitional Leadership'

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is planning a new event this fall -- "The Art of Transitional Leadership" -- that will provide ministry skills training for today and tomorrow's church pastors, staff, committees on ministry and congregational leaders. It is set to take place Monday through Friday, September 16-20 at Christ the Kind Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota.



**Synod of Lakes and Prairies
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**



**Applications now
being accepted!**
LifeLong Learning Grants

Through the years, the Foundation has provided over a million dollars to support many educational events, workshops and/or seminars which cover a wide range of topics and serve anywhere from 10 to more than 200 people. Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) and Lay Leaders all greatly benefit from LifeLong Learning events that are located within their Presbytery or state.

[Program Guidelines](#)

[Application](#)



UNIVERSITY of DUBUQUE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

CLP/CRE Program

The overall goal of the Christian Leadership Program of UDTs is to strengthen the church through quality theological education for lay persons. While the courses offered are particularly designed for lay pastor candidates, they will serve the needs of all lay persons who are contributing their gifts to the ministry of their local church. Church officers, Christian education leaders and teachers, and persons who wish to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith will discover a rich opportunity through this program.

[More Info / Apply Now](#)

Weekly Prayer Requests

Walthill Faith United Presbyterian Church

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wakefield congregations. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing

community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.



Please keep the Homestead Triennium Youth and Adult leaders in your prayers. They left last night for 5 days at Purdue for 2019 Triennium! You can click the links below to see the lists of those who are on the trip.

[Youth Participants](#)

[Adult Leaders](#)

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