



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 30, 2019

Get Lost in a Book

How do you minister faithfully to a congregation that is in decline? While many congregations struggle with trying to find the key to regrowth, pastor Anna Olson suggests that the answer may actually be to accept and embrace this moment for what it is. In this beautifully written work, Olson helps pastors recognize that, while the congregation might be going away, the community of which it is a part is still

Claiming Resurrection in the Dying Church

Freedom
beyond Survival

Anna B. Olson

very much alive. Using her own experiences in a dying congregation, Olson encourages pastors to use this opportunity to explore new ways to minister, freely and selflessly, and provides a powerful model of what faithfulness to the gospel looks like. This hopeful book about letting go of false hope gives pastors the guidance they need for ministering effectively during the final stages of a church's life.

Jane Holtzclaw's Ordination as Minister of the Word and Sacrament





Don't miss this opportunity!

You're invited!
*To a **FREE** local gathering for lunch and a presentation*
Wednesday August 28th from 12p-4p
at
Calvin Crest Camp, Fremont, NE



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Your church is an employer

- Is your church the kind of place people would want to work?
- In this time of record low-unemployment, keeping the employees you have is becoming more important than ever!
- The Board of Pensions wants to help you be the best employer you can be.

The Board is a resource

- Did you know the Board of Pensions has changed more in the last 3 years than the previous 30?
 - Our plan has become more flexible...but the price of flexibility is complexity!
- Would you like to get a better handle on some of the options available to you as an employer—some at little or no-cost to you—that can be great benefits to your staff whether that's one part timer or a few people in a couple f/t and p/t roles?

Who would benefit?

The Pastor and any other congregational leaders involved in personnel, compensation, and benefit decisions. This might include:

- Personnel Chair
- Finance Chair
- Financial Secretary
- Business or Office Administrator.

SIGN UP by August 18th at homesteadpres.org

[Click to Download Flyer](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

***While this is a free event, registration is required to attend.
Please click the button above to register.***

Pertinent Presbytery News



Presbytery ASSEMBLY

August 5th is the deadline
to Sign up for August 16-17
Joint Presbytery Assembly with
Missouri River Valley
Presbytery at Calvin Crest
Camp!

NOTE: If you are in need of childcare make sure you sign up ASAP. The Presbytery needs adequate notice to be able to arrange appropriate childcare providers. Also, if you know anyone who would be willing to provide childcare please have them contact Jes at the Presbytery Office 402-474-0612 or hpoffice@homesteadpres.org

REGISTER



Presbytery ASSEMBLY

**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!



**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**

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering



September 13-14th Camp Calvin Crest

We start out on Friday at around 5:00 with a light dinner and conversation with our guest speaker, Jenny Lee, our PW Churchwide Moderator. She is our First Korean Moderator. Saturday is the main day starting around 9 and should be out by 3.

There is no charge for the Friday night dinner and activities. You may stay overnight for a small fee and the Saturday cost is \$15.00. 1 registration form will be sent to each church to make copies, or you can contact Terri Sherman at 402-525-6008.



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

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.



Due August 15, 2019

Please help us remind those in your presbyteries and synods that are considering or planning an event or workshop for 2020.

[Program Guidelines](#)

[Application](#)



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

Wymore United Presbyterian Church

We thank God for summer opportunities to be a visible and tangible part of our community. Our recent founder's day (Sam Wymore Days) booth allowed us to offer treats and games to families in our community. We look forward to a wonderful time sharing God's love with the youth of our neighborhood during our community Vacation Bible School. Given the minimal opportunities in a small town, the congregation's goal is to reach our town's kids with the love of Jesus, preparing them for lives in broader communities. We ask for your prayer support for our small but caring ministry.

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