



September 10, 2019

Pertinent Presbytery News

THE ROBERT L. GILES OUTSTANDING HOMESTEADER AWARD



It's that time of year again to start sending in nominations for the Outstanding Homesteader! You have **until October 1st** to nominate so don't delay!

The Outstanding Homesteader Award was created in memory of the Rev. Robert Giles, a former Stated Clerk of Homestead Presbytery. This award honors clergy and laity in the Presbytery who have made outstanding contributions to church and community life. One person is awarded every year with a certificate, the awardee's name added to an on-going plaque and \$100 donated in the winner's name to a special mission or ministry of their choice.

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[Past Recipients](#)

In case you missed it...

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 16-17, 2019 MEETING OF

HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY

At Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center

Presbytery met at Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center on Friday evening and Saturday, August 16-17, 2019, as a joint meeting with the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley. Cindy Kohlman, co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly was the guest speaker. She shared some of the initiatives of the General Assembly, including Hands and Feet, Matthew 25, and Vision 2020. The co-moderators chose the book *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission* for the One Book One Church book study for Presbyterian churches. Kohlmann said the book focuses on the initiatives that both the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly have lifted up as essential to Presbyterians.

Presbytery will create a new standing committee to respond to issues of disasters and related concerns, including the development of preparedness plans for the Presbytery and congregations. Sue Babovec and Gary Haller, who have been leading our efforts for disaster assistance following last spring's floods, have been hard at work, will lead this effort.

The work of the Day of Discernment has been completed. The information gathered will be handed to the Council, as they work on a strategy for the future of the presbytery. The council will also be working to establish a "centralized" Presbytery office at First Presbyterian Church Lincoln, to serve the needs of the Presbytery and the congregations. This will be brought to the November 2019 presbytery meeting for action.

The New Worshiping Community (NWC), U-Kirk, Lincoln is now on "pause" due to leadership transition. It was reported that the NWC, Contemplate, did receive a 1001 New Worshiping Communities seed grant from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

One of Homestead's candidates, Christy Dempsey, under the care of Homestead Presbytery, accepted a call to the Church of the Cross, Omaha, and was ordained on August 25, 2019.

The 2020 budget and per capita were approved. The per capita for 2020 will be \$45.10. This is a ten cent increase over 2019 as the synod increased their per capita by a dime. Presbytery and GA per capita remain the same.

The next meeting of Homestead Presbytery will be November 21, 2019 at the United Presbyterian Church, Laurel.

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Opportunities to Learn and Grow

Racial Ethnic Preparation for Leadership Scholarship Fund

The Student Scholarship is an educational assistance program designed to encourage indigenous and students of color in their preparation for academic success in higher education. Students must have a permanent residence within the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and be active members in a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation.

The synod is committed to partner with students and schools for leadership development and quality instruction of clergy and lay persons for lifelong service. Application awards are based on personal achievement, financial need and recommendation from a teacher and pastor.

Apply by October 7, 2019

[Download Application Here](#)



The Art of Preaching with Tom Long
October 5-6 at Lakeshore Center.

This event is specifically for Commissioned Pastors who would love (or need) the opportunity to refresh their perspective on preaching. The group is small and there are just 5 openings left. It is an incredible opportunity for a hands on



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

mentorship with an amazing teacher. It is a rare opportunity for such an intimate learning lab and we would really like to fill the group by opening it to the rest of the Synod's Commissioned Pastors.

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E4- Empowering, Education, Engaging, Energizing
an APCE Mid-Central Region Continuing Education Event

“Being a Community of Welcome”

Nov. 3-5, 2019

registration begins in August

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We hope that you will join us for this year's E4 Faith Formation Conference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Heartland Presbytery at 816.924.1730.

Registration Includes:

- 2 nights hotel stay at the Embassy Suites
- All meals: Sunday dinner through Tuesday breakfast
- Happy hour on Sunday and Monday
- All program fees

**Happenings at one of our
New Worshiping
Communities...**

Contemplate Lincoln



Noonhour Silent Prayer Sit

Pause, restore, and renew on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Silent prayer period will begin with a brief reading. We start at 12:15 and end at 12:45. Great way to invite God into your day. Prayer cards with simple instructions are available. Beginners are welcome. Leaders available at 12:00 for guidance, questions, or instruction.

Monthly Sacred Saturdays

A half day contemplative retreat of silence, formation, and creativity.

DARKNESS & TRANSFORMATION using the tools of centering prayer, bio-spiritual spirituality, and writing.

RSVP or send questions to patty@contemplatelincoln.org or adam@contemplatelincoln.org



October 13-15, 2019 Platte River State Park

Elders for the Earth is a retreat dealing with Climate Change. It's a multi-day gathering including fellowship, lectures, music, the arts, being in nature and even some fun in the midst of the climate crisis.

This event is geared towards those 50 and over, but all are welcomed (faith-based and secular)

Single day or full registration is available.

E-mail: Elders4theEarth@gmail.com
More Info at Elders4theEarth.com
Phone: 402-431-2338

Get Lost in a Book

As we make our way into the twenty-first century, many Christians are looking for an expression of discipleship that speaks meaningfully to our time, a faith yearning that is at once personally intimate and relevant and that grows out of and nurtures authentic Christian community.

The Pilgrim's Compass shepherds

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the PILGRIM'S COMPASS

Finding and Following
the God We Seek



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readers through a metaphorical pilgrimage to consider one's life a journey for faith formation. Using this book as a guide to help Christians consider their journey as they walk through the four stages of intentional faithfulness, disciples will encounter God, wrestle with God, be wounded as will God, and be reborn as a new person with a new name. The Pilgrim's Compass encourages individuals to embrace the ancient practice of pilgrimage both as metaphor for the daily walk of discipleship and as an intentional journey of faith, which uses prayerful travel to assist an inner transformation.

Weekly Prayer Requests

Beatrice

At First Presbyterian Church, Beatrice, we are busy faithfully reflecting on the past, celebrating the present, and moving into the future. We are having events throughout the year as we "Reflect and Rejoice" together for our 150th anniversary which was March 17th of this year. We are preparing to welcome past and present members to our "Homecoming Event" on October 6. Currently, we are preparing to return to our "normal" schedule of Sunday school, youth and adult activities, and other school year ministries; which this year includes a Confirmation class of around 10 youth. Finally, we are busy wrestling with God as we discern God's plan for our future. So far, this has included transforming our understanding of what it means to be the body of Christ that trustingly and courageously follows Jesus, making some changes and deliberating on other ones, and the development of new ministries such as an once-a-week, after school middle school ministry for which we are in the midst of creating a new part-time coordinator position. Please pray for us as we aim to live in the present while following Jesus into a future that will grow upon our past.

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