



April 1, 2021

Presbytery News

**Homestead Presbytery has a
NEW PHONE NUMBER!!**

402-413-2143

Make sure to write down the new number for
Homestead Presbytery!



IMPORTANT PRESBYTERY NOTICES



**The Presbytery
Office will be
CLOSED on Monday,
April 5th For Easter
Monday.**

A Note from the Homestead Strategy Team



One question we asked of the congregations was what they thought the role of Homestead Presbytery should be in the life of the congregation. Seems like most were saying the same thing.

Guide and Advise, provide resources, help congregation connect with each other, provide assistance with pastoral searches, support for the pastors and to just be a 'Presence' in the individual churches. We will take these and make them work into our core values and priorities.

If we fail to adapt, we fail to move forward . By John Wooden

FEMA to Help Pay Funeral Costs for COVID-19-Related Deaths



FEMA

WASHINGTON -- In early April, FEMA will begin providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic. The policy was finalized today, and FEMA is now moving rapidly to implement this funeral assistance program nationwide.

"At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters," said Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton. "The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense grief for so many people. Although we cannot change what has happened, we affirm our commitment to help with funeral and burial expenses that many families did not anticipate."

To be eligible for COVID-19 funeral assistance, [the policy states](#):

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020 for a death attributed to COVID-19.
- If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply

under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. FEMA will also consider documentation from other individuals not listed as the applicant and co-applicant who may have incurred funeral expenses as part of the registration for the deceased individual.

- An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.
- The COVID-19-related death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.
- This assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.
- Funeral assistance is intended to assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation.

In the coming weeks, a dedicated 800 number will be established to help individuals who apply. In the meantime, potential applicants are encouraged to start gathering the following documentation:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely the result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attribution.
- Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that include the applicant’s name, the deceased individual’s name, the amount of funeral expenses and dates the funeral expenses were incurred.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government programs or agencies, or other sources.

For more information about this assistance, visit [COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/covid-19-funeral-assistance).



Pilgrimage An Immersive Leadership Experience

PILGRIMAGE



A Pilgrimage to Remember and Reflect

Social Action to Connect Head, Heart and Mind

Pilgrimage Walk date and details to be announced

Minneapolis–St. Paul, Minnesota with preparation beginning in January 2021.



PREPARATION
WORKSHOPS &
RETREAT



THE WALK
SOCIAL ACTION
JOURNEY



RETURNING HOME
RE-ENTRY &
WISDOM CIRCLES

This coming Sunday at noon EST, Deborah Rundlett, DMin, MDiv, MS-OD, is leading a virtual pilgrimage to Iceland. This online journey is an invitation to reclaim the heart of what it means to be, belong and become as together we honor people and planet. I hope you'll join me and others from across the globe as we journey to the center of our beings. There is no charge. Just bring yourself (and a friend, if you like). Here is the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82548237772?pwd=TWZDOFlyY3htNXBVT2VhQnBtM2JTdz09>

MORE INFO HERE!



Adult Mental Health First Aid Training May 1, 2021

This 8-hour training course is designed to give you key skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or is experiencing a mental health crisis. Just as CPR training helps a layperson without medical training assist an individual following a heart attack, Mental Health First Aid training helps a layperson to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health illnesses and addictions.

The MHFA Blended Course is comprised of two parts:

- MHFA Self-Paced Introduction: The first portion of the course is to be completed through the self-paced online portion (accessible through the MHFA Learning Management System) - 2 hours
- MHFA Skills Application: The second portion of the course will be taught in-person at Eastridge Presbyterian Church by a certified MHFA Instructor and focuses on how to apply the MHFA skills. - 6 hours

You must complete the MHFA Self-Paced Introduction (approximately 2 hours) before you will be able to attend the MHFA Skills Application (approximately 6 hours) portion of the course on May 1, 2021.

Mental Health First Aid is listed in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices. Studies show that individuals trained in the program increase their knowledge of signs, symptoms, and risk factors of mental illnesses and addictions; can identify multiple types of professional and self-help resources for individuals with a mental illness or addition; increase their confidence in and likelihood to help an individual in distress; and show reduced social distance to individuals with mental illnesses.

4 Reasons to become a Mental Health First Aider

- To be prepared: just as you learn CPR, learn how to help in a mental health crisis.
- Mental illnesses are common: 1 in 5 adults in any given year.
- You care: be there for a friend, family member, or colleague.
- You can help: people with mental illnesses often suffer alone.

Learning Objectives

Participants will:

- Recognize the potential risk factors and warning signs for a range of mental health concerns.
- Obtain information on: depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis and psychotic disorders, substance use disorders, and self-injury.
- Use a 5-step action plan to help an individual in crisis connect with appropriate professional help.
- Interpret the prevalence of various mental health disorders in the U.S. and the

- need for reduced negative attitudes in their communities.
- Apply knowledge of the evidence-based professional, peer, social, and self-help resources available to help someone with a mental health problem treat and manage the problem and achieve recovery.

This training is free, but you must register to attend.

Seating is limited to the first 30 to respond, so please register early.

COVID PRECAUTIONS

We expect that many of us will be vaccinated by then. We will limit the number of attendees to 30 in an area that's Covid-Safe for 50. We will also follow Eastridge Presbyterian requirements for safety. These include:

1. Masks that cover the mouth and nose are mandatory and should always be worn.
2. Physical distancing of 6 feet or more should be maintained indoors.
3. No food or beverages are permitted at this time.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please register as soon as possible since we have a limited number of spaces for this workshop. You will receive information on how to complete the pre-work requirements at least one week prior to the in-person portion of the training. Your instructor, Teri Effle, will be in contact with you throughout this training process.

[Click Here to Read Article](#)



Lisa Allgood, EP of Cincinnati Presbytery speaking to Indian Nations Presbytery about Covid-19. She is a trained expert in diseases and she addresses the current situation of the virus and why we should NOT be singing unmasked during worship, among other important details.

PC(USA) Job Opportunities

[Job Opportunities - English](#)

Job Opportunities - Spanish

Job Opportunities - Korean



**Click image to see calendar in separate window

GIFT CARD SCAM E-MAILS

There has been another uptick in scam e-mails being sent to Homestead members asking for gift cards to be bought and then they promise that they will reimburse for the cost. A Homestead Presbytery Pastor or Church will NEVER ask you to purchase gift cards by e-mail in this manner. If you have received an e-mail please disregard it!

Weekly Prayer Requests

Primrose

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

worship.

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