



*August 12, 2021*

## Presbytery News

### Special Presbytery Notices



Make sure you get registered for the August 21st Presbytery meeting. We will be e-mailing the Zoom link and other necessary information the week of the meeting.

You can download the packet by clicking below.

[Packet](#)

**Wait...did I hear...  
FREE WORKSHOP!?**

Keep reading to learn more!



# LEADERSHIP

## An Introduction to Bridgebuilders

### Date

August 25, 2021  
1:30pm-4:30pm

### Leadership

**Deborah Rundlett** worked with Peter Steinke in the field and as a facilitator and trainer for over 20 years. She is a former Executive Presbyter, LeaderWise consultant and founder of Poets & Prophets, a spiritual community that supports leaders in the workplace. She was privileged to read the first draft of Leadership in Anxious Times, making suggestions for which Pete acknowledges her in the preface.

**Cindy Halvorson**, coach, facilitator, consultant, pastor and author, describes herself as #EverythingChurch! She is passionate about the health and well-being of clergy and congregational leadership toward the flourishing of their congregations. She is a gifted preacher and presenter, speaking at conferences and



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### Is the Bridgebuilder process right for your congregation?

The Bridgebuilder process is a systems-based approach to help congregations build the future, while living it. The process seeks to empower congregations to create health, growth and healing toward a flourishing future.

*Organizations grow under pressure, when a change or a crisis reveals new strength from all quarters.*

- Max Dupress

The Bridgebuilder process has helped congregations learn how to better manage anxiety through identifying strengths and resources, thereby creating the foundation for a healthy future. This workshop will introduce participants to the process, engaging them in both theory and practice.

For lives of service!



## The Why!

The Bridgebuilder process is a way to help congregations:

1. Move beyond anxiety to clarity;
2. Focus on resources rather than deficits;
3. Create a clear and hope-filled future, rather than remaining mired in conflict.

This process was developed by the Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke and incorporates aspects of his earlier model of preventive care, Healthy Congregations.

Often congregations move through the Bridgebuilder process into Healthy Congregations, a series of workshops designed to promote health and vitality.

## The Process

**Bridgebuilder** is a multistep process that typically takes three to six months. The process involves five key steps:

1. **Entry**, an exploratory meeting in which to determine readiness, clarify expectations, outline the process, assign tasks, and form a covenantal understanding of next steps.
2. **Education**, involving a teaching workshop for the whole congregation, as well as an open forum opportunity for people to ask questions and share concerns, in both written and oral form.
3. **Interviews**, the Bridgebuilder consultants conduct fifteen-minute interviews with ten leaders and ten members, as well as staff, in order to collect data.
4. **Action Report**, presented to the whole congregation, provides a synopsis of the major issues, as well as feedback on the top three to five issues.
5. **Action Planning Process**, involves a team from the congregation and leadership to identify action steps in response to the key issues. This feedback is then shared with the congregation through focus groups. A final action report is then presented to the leadership for implementation.

## The Shape of the Workshop

The workshop will engage leaders around:

The Why of Congregational Systems Theory

The Bridgebuilder Process: An Overview of the Process through Three Congregations' Stories

For lives of service!

Homestead Presbytery is offering a half day workshop on the "Bridgebuilder Process" by Zoom on August 25th, 2021. Led by consultants from Leaderwise, the workshop is available to teaching elders, certified pastors, and lay leaders for free.

The Bridgebuilder Workshop is made possible by a grant from the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation to Homestead Presbytery to promote health and vitality among congregations.

Information about the workshop and registration is listed above or you can download the flyer by clicking the button below.

**DOWNLOAD FLYER HERE**

## *Pastor Retreat*

*Oct 27-28, 2021*

*Benedictine Retreat Center, Schuyler NE*

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**



Homestead Presbytery is offering, as a gift to our pastors, a fully funded 2 day spiritual retreat at the Benedictine Retreat Center (Schuyler NE) on **Wed Oct 27 through Thurs Oct 28**. Focus will be on spiritual awareness, self care, and resilience with ample opportunity for personal meditative time. Additional information will be available soon.

You may also contact Jane Holtzclaw at:  
[pastorjane728@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjane728@gmail.com) or the Presbytery office for further information.

***You Are Invited!***

# HAVE S'MORE FUN @ FAMILY FUN DAY

Food, Fun Activities, Pool and More!

August 21 • 10am • Calvin Crest  
[WWW.CALVINCREST.ORG/FUNDAY](http://WWW.CALVINCREST.ORG/FUNDAY)



Join us as we celebrate another great year of ministry at Calvin Crest. This annual end-of-summer Family Fun Day is scheduled for August 21, 2021. A full day of activities, food, games and worship will be provided for the whole family throughout the day. For more information including a schedule of events please visit [www.calvincrest.org/funday](http://www.calvincrest.org/funday).



**Ever Dreamed of Being a Church Finance Administrator?  
Here's your chance!**

First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln is seeking a new Finance

Administrator. The Finance Administrator is responsible for the overall financial life of the church and First Presbyterian Church (FPC) Foundation in terms of record-keeping, accounting, payables, payroll, reporting, and working with directly with other staff responsible for receiving and recording deposits. This is a part time job, 20 hours per week, with a flexible schedule.

For more info: <https://fpclincoln.org/job-openings/>

## Fall Conference at Calvin Crest Conference Center, Fremont, NE

### Best Laid Plans

Proverbs 19:21

September 20 –22, 2021

In the summer of 2019 the Great Plains Small Church Connection Planning Team chose the theme of **Best Laid Plans** based on the scripture

**Proverbs 19:21:**

*The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will be established.*



Now 2 years later we invite you to come for 3 days of retreat, rest, and renewal to **Calvin Crest Camp Conference and Retreat Center**. Beautifully situated along the Platte River near Fremont, Nebraska  
**4:00 p.m. Sept. 20 — 1:00 p.m. Sept. 22, 2021**

Plenary speaker: Stephanie Ahlschwede, United Methodist pastor  
Workshops, sharing ideas, prayer, Bible study, encouragement, lovely setting, great food.

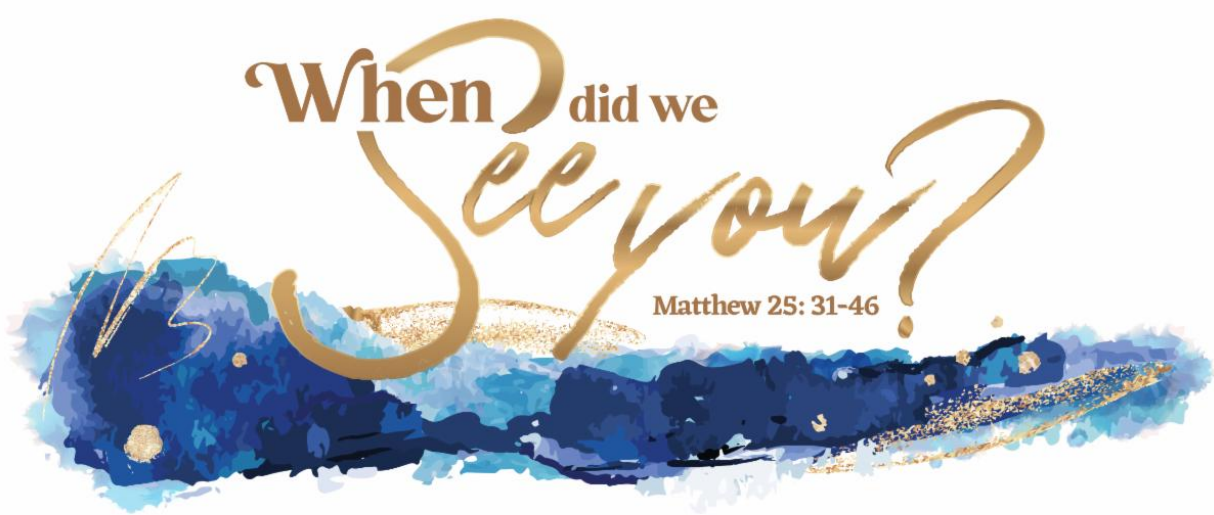
- Single occupancy, per person—\$250 INCLUDES MEALS & LODGING IN PROETT HALL
- Double occupancy, per person—\$200 INCLUDES MEALS & LODGING IN PROETT HALL
- Commuter, per person—\$125 INCLUDES MEALS

More information and Registration at:

[calvincrest.org/gpsmallchurchconnection/](http://calvincrest.org/gpsmallchurchconnection/)

Registrar: Claudia Krogmann 507-665-3198

## Homestead is looking for a Registrar and Leaders for next year's Youth Triennium!



## PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2022

July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

Homestead Presbytery is looking for Youth Triennium Leaders and a Registrar for next year's Triennium! If you are interested or know someone who would be a great fit in the role, please contact the Presbytery office at [hpoffice@homesteadpres.org](mailto:hpoffice@homesteadpres.org) or 402-413-2143



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

## What's possible? Strategies to serve better



Wednesday, August 25, 1 - 2 p.m. ET

OR

Thursday, August 26, 3 - 4 p.m. ET

To help guide you through your benefits decisions, The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will host a one-hour webcast, *What's Possible? Strategies to Serve Better*. This webcast will examine how churches may attract, retain, and motivate employees to adapt to the changing circumstances of ministry. You will hear from several Board of Pensions representatives, including from our Benefits, Church Engagement, and Plan Operations teams.

During the webcast, we will consider the following questions:

- Why does our church need a benefits strategy?

- What are the different benefits options available? How may these be tailored to meet the needs of our employment situation?
- Which benefits are available to part-time church workers?
- Why should we offer the Retirement Savings Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
- How might the Board of Pensions assist our congregation as we develop our benefits offerings and submit your Employer Agreement for 2022?

[REGISTER HERE](#)



\*\*Click image to see calendar in separate window

## Homestead Presbytery has a NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

**402-413-2143**

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



## Weekly Prayer Requests

### *Columbus Federated*

Praise: Czech Days in Clarkson at the end of June was a successful festival and enjoyable to all. Thanks be to God! Prayer Requests: God's wisdom, timing,



discernment, and favor will guide the PNC in their search for a called pastor, and their new pastor will be received with loving hearts and minds by the Clarkson community. Pastor Laura will have a successful hip replacement surgery with full recovery.

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## Homestead Presbytery

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**Monday-Thursday** 9:00am-4:00pm

**Friday** 9:00am-12:30pm

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