



August 20, 2020

Presbytery News

Greetings Homestead Presbytery,

We at Niobrara/Verdel Presbyterian church would like to share with you how receiving the Technology Grant has enhanced our worship service.



We began drive-in worship July 12th using one speaker from inside the church, thankfully they believed in Illoonngg speaker wire and we were able to bring the speaker outside and to the front of the church building for sound. Our next challenge was no cordless microphone, and we again are thankful for those very long cords and we brought the corded microphone outside also. At last we were spreading the worship service to a parking lot filled with cars socially distance as the windows needed to be kept rolled down so they could hear the service...success!!!



We have no internet service in either of our churches, the other church being the Lutheran church on the other side of our parking-lot, so we believed we were as good as we were going to be with outdoor worship. We started hearing about FM transmitters being used to broadcast the service over the radio and the search was on to learn more about this form of

broadcasting. What we learned was it was expensive. Covid-19 has not been a friend to our offerings and then came THE email-Technology Grants for updating churches technology. What a blessing.

After a few false starts and buying different microphones and such, we went live on the radio dial last Sunday, August 9th and it was wonderful. Thank you to the committee that developed this great grant idea, this will keep us worshipping in our parking lot for months.

Again, thank
you,

Pastor Martha

Check out what happened at last Saturday's Presbytery Meeting!



The Art of Transitional Leadership: 2020 Virtual Training

Learning Ministry Skills for Today's and
Tomorrow's Church Pastors, Staff, COMs and
Congregational Leaders

October 12-15, 2020
Online

Whether it is a change in leadership or a changing community, leading a congregation through change is both challenging and rewarding. It takes knowledge, skill, resilience and spiritual strength to navigate the waters of change in a way that leaders and congregations thrive. This training is for individuals who are considering ministry in temporary settings (as an interim, transitional or designated pastor) or are experiencing ministry in these transitional times. It satisfies Week 1 requirements for those who wish to be Interim Pastors.



[Register Now](#)



Due to the COVID 19 Crisis, the in-person conference Monday, September 21 - Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Calvin Crest Camp & Conference Center has been CANCELLED.

Instead, we invite you to join us via Zoom from
1-3 pm on Monday, September 21
to worship with the Rev. Eunice "Junior" McGarrahan as she discusses Hope and
Joy in the Unknown,
and immediately following,
attend a workshop with the Rev. Kim Nofel -
Default to Hope and Joy

[Registration](#) is required for each day

[REGISTRATION for DAY 1](#)

and/or

1-2 pm on Tuesday, September 22 for a workshop,
Adapting, Learning, and Becoming Stronger
with the Rev. Darin Bentzinger

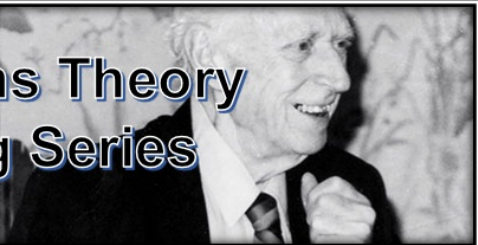
[Registration](#) is required for each day

[REGISTRATION for DAY 2](#)

This virtual conference is offered free of charge. However, if you or your congregation would like to make a donation to our ministry to help fund future in-person and virtual conferences, you may do so at

www.calvincrest.org/GPSCC

Bowen Family Systems Theory Postgraduate Training Series



An exciting opportunity in Bowen Family Systems Theory is now available online for the 2020-2021 academic year and Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation is offering ten \$1000.00 scholarships for those who are accepted and qualify within the Foundation's [13-state region](#). (For scholarship approval & payment, please email a

copy of your paid registration receipt to Joyce at opsf@opsf-omaha.org.)

This training opportunity is being offered by the KC Center for Family & Organizational Systems. Applications for the 2020-2021 Post-Graduate Training Program are now being accepted at <https://www.kcfamilysystems.org/education-training/> (you can also watch a narrated [PowerPoint](#) overview of the program)

Homestead Church Technology Upgrade Grant

Homestead Presbytery, through the Program and Grants Committee, is offering Technology Upgrade Grants of up to \$1000 to congregations who demonstrate need and vision. During this time of the coronavirus pandemic we seek to assist and support those congregations who would like to upgrade their technology to facilitate new models and platforms for worship and congregational gatherings.

Below you will find two versions of the Grant application. One is a fillable PDF form that you can download and just type in your responses and e-mail back the form; the second form is a word document if you prefer to print and hand write your application.

[Fillable PDF Grant Application](#)

[Word Doc Grant Application](#)

Weekly Prayer Requests

Beatrice

Please pray for us as we and our leadership continue to live in this time of change and transition. We have returned to in-person worship and are discerning how it is working as well as if and how to return other ministries to operating in-person. We are thankful for the leadership of our session and others in our church who have taken on extra leadership as our pastor is on parental leave following the birth of his third child. Please pray for Pastor Wolfe and his family in this exciting and tiring time. We are trying to discern God's will for our church and community and are praying for the courage to faithfully follow wherever God leads us. Our prayers go out to each church in our presbytery and our presbytery as a whole during this time as well.

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