




*August 5, 2021*

## Presbytery News

### Special Presbytery Notices



Click to Register for the August 21, 2021 Stated Meeting

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.

**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).

## Goin' on a road trip!

The Coordinating Team of Homestead Presbyterian Women were planning to travel to St. Louis the first week in August to the Churchwide Gathering. Due to the pandemic, it was cancelled. Many of us had marked time off and we thought perhaps we should



take advantage of this and do a local road trip to visit our churches instead of them coming to Camp Calvin Crest or Lincoln to attend gatherings. We choose the northeast part of the Presbytery because in 2022 the Synod Gathering will be held In Sioux City and that would be our mid point in this trip. This would



also give us the opportunity to see and stay at the Hilton Garden Inn where the Synod Gathering will be held and to get together with the gathering coordinators.

There has been a lot of planning and preparation going into this **“Road Trip”**. It was decided to have a presentation about PW and discussion with the women we get together with. This will include present and future mission activities, actions for Justice and Peace, Horizons and our new bible study “What my Grandmothers Taught Me”, Synod Gathering information as well as discussions on the future of Presbyterian Women.

Our trip begins at the Presbyterian Church in Fremont with dinner at 5:30 PM followed by the presentation. All the churches in that area are invited and of course, all are welcome. After spending the night in Fremont, we will head north the next day.

Taking in some history, we will visit the John G. Neihardt Historical Site which has a Native American presentation. From there we will have lunch and fellowship at the Lyons Presbyterian Church. Then traveling to Walthill, we will visit the hospital started by Susan LaFlesche who became the nation’s first Indigenous doctor.

From there we head to Sioux City, for dinner and fellowship with synod leaders. We will check out the accommodations for the Synod Gathering June 16 to 19, 2022. Mark that date on your calendars. Sunday morning finds us moving on early.

We will be doing a church service at the Presbyterian church in Wayne which begins at 10 AM on Sunday, August 8 and those from near and far are invited. Terri Sherman, Moderator of Homestead Presbyterian Women will be speaking on the Beautitudes and we will have a short presentation of present and future activities of Presbyterian Women.

Lunch finds us in Norfolk at the Presbyterian Church. At each church we visit, we will be giving them a copy of the Horizon’s bible study, “What my Grandmothers Taught Me” and a copy of the Horizons magazine. If any church has a woman present who has never attended a PW event, the church will receive a year’s subscription of the magazine.

Our Trip is coming to an end with the last stop In Columbus at the Federated Church for tea, cookies and fellowship. We hope to see many of you on this ROAD TRIP. Next year, we plan to visit the southeast portion of our Presbytery. You have not been forgotten!

Contact Joan Berglund at [joanberglund@gmail.com](mailto:joanberglund@gmail.com) from the Homestead Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Team for more information.

Friends - FPC currently has a mask protocol for fully vaccinated people and we request that those who are not fully vaccinated wear masks. This is still our current policy. I've been watching the news about breakthrough cases, and the info coming out about the Delta variant including that it is one of the most highly contagious virus around AND that there seems to be some indication that even if you are fully vaccinated, if you get the Delta variant you can spread it to others as easily as unvaccinated people. Because we can still be asymptomatic, even if fully vaccinated, I am opting to resume wearing a mask in worship. If you are fully vaccinated, I know you've been enjoying not wearing a mask, as have I, however, I encourage you to consider wearing masks again in worship, out of an abundance of care for others, and especially our young children who are still unable to be vaccinated. ~ Pastor Sue C.



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](#)



**Synod** of  
**Lakes & Prairies**

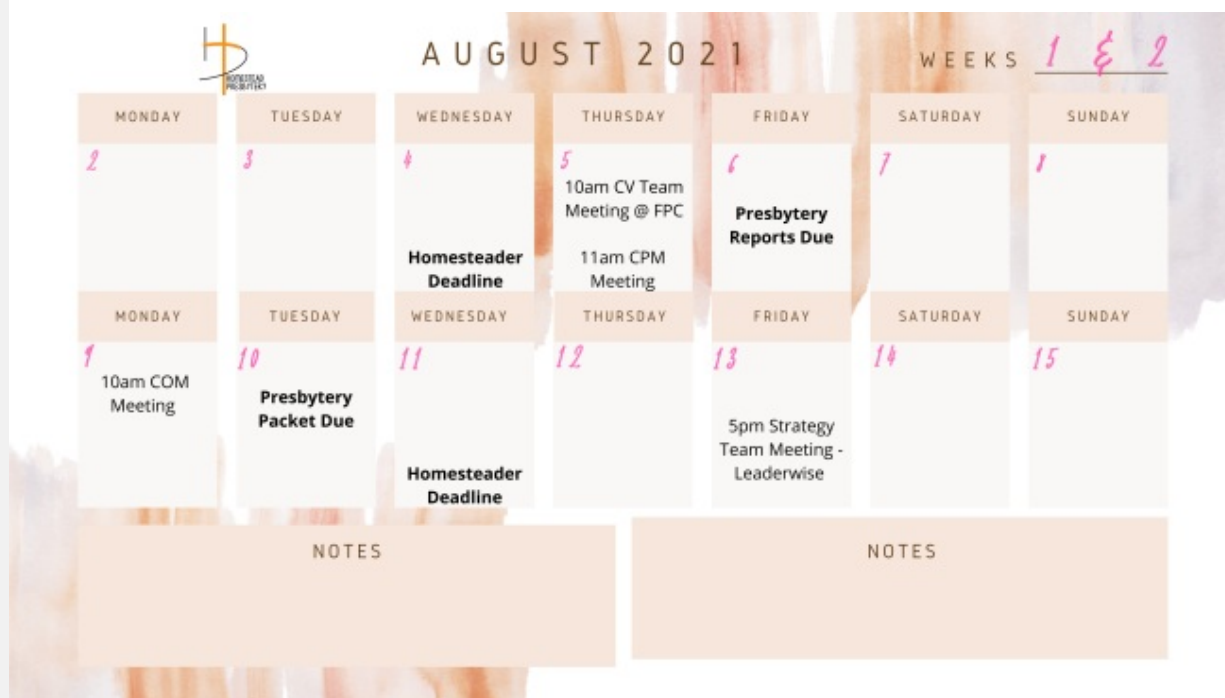
## RACIAL ETHNIC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Racial Ethnic Student Scholarship Fund is an educational assistance program designed to encourage racial ethnic students 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 greater access to lifelong leadership skills and affordable education. Application awards are based on personal achievement, financial need and recommendation from a teacher and pastor.

Applications are due on September 30 each year.

Submit completed applications, along with an official transcript and financial aid statement, to [gmilloy@lakesandprairies.org](mailto:gmilloy@lakesandprairies.org) or mail to: Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry Synod of Lakes and Prairies 2115 Cliff Drive, Eagan, MN 55122-3327.

[Download Application Here](#)



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**Homestead Presbytery has a**



## NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

**402-413-2143**

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



## *Weekly Prayer Requests*

### *Clarkson New Zion*

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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