



December 2, 2021

Presbytery News

2021 Remittances are due January 4th!



January 4, 2022 is the last day that we will receive/deposit remittances for 2021. Any 2021 remittances received after Jan 4 will be recorded as 2022 remittances.



2021 Per Capita letters have gone out detailing what Per Capita payments churches have made through October 31, 2021. In this letter you will also see what membership and Per Capita for your church will be for 2022.

HOMESTEAD IS SEEKING A STATED CLERK

Homestead Presbytery is currently seeking a Stated Clerk. Because Homestead Presbytery is



going through a period of transition and the Strategy Team is determining a permanent staffing plan, the term of service for the Stated Clerk will be for one year, January 1 – December 31, 2022. The salary for 2022 is \$19,000 plus \$2000 for continuing education. The current Stated Clerk job description is attached.

To apply for the position of Stated Clerk for Homestead Presbytery, please submit your resume detailing your experience related to the position of Stated Clerk. We also want to hear why you are interested in this position and what you bring to the position. [Candidates for the position of Stated Clerk must be either a Ruling Elder or a Teaching Elder in the PC(USA).

Resumes will be accepted through December 10, 2021.

Email resumes to John Nellessen, jnellessen1@windstream.net, or mail (to arrive by December 10) to John at: 3800 W Burgess LN, Lincoln, NE 68523.

**STATED CLERK JOB
DESCRIPTION**

Blue Christmas

A Service of Remembrance
& Hope

For those who find rejoicing hard work.

As the calendar turns to December, the constant refrain on radio and television as well as in stores and churches, is about the happiness of the Christmas Season - about getting together with family and friends and being happy! The holidays can be difficult for us all any year – but especially in 2021 they are seemingly overwhelming for many. Let's face it – we are living in a stressful and challenging time as we try to learn how to live with the reality of COVID-19 and the limitations that horrible virus has placed on each of us. That reality, plus a recent (or anticipated) death of a loved one; the loss of a job; war and rumors of war; or a plethora

of other life events make it difficult for many people to feel “in the mood” for celebration and joyous moments this year. Advent (the days of December leading up to Christmas) and the “good news of great joy for all people” fall on unhearing ears for many. Indeed, for many people, this is a time when losses feel especially acute.

With this in mind, there is a gathering for any and all (joyous or overwhelmed) at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church (5750 South 40th – the southeast corner of Old Cheney and 40th Street in Lincoln) on Tuesday, December 21st at 7pm. Called “Blue Christmas” (and held on the night with the longest amount of darkness in the northern hemisphere) YOU (whether this is your regular place of worship – or even if you have no regular place for worship) are invited to a service of HOPE. This will be a candlelight service of readings, music, quiet reflection and well-being.

For more information, please call 402-421-3704 or email questions to office@southernheights.org



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift.

Seeing that we had no hope in ourselves of moving past what separates us, God offered us a gift in Jesus Christ who opens a door — a door we could not open ourselves.

As we support the Christmas Joy Offering, we seek to not only meet needs, but to meet people, to come through the door that generosity opens. We open the door to

celebrate "God is with us!"

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future – who point us to God.



50% of your gifts to Christmas Joy opens doors of opportunity which lead to hopeful futures for young people at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

50% of your gifts opens doors which lead to relief for church workers and their families when critical needs arise.

Text **CHRISTMASJOY** to **91999** to give or visit pcusa.org/christmasjoy to learn more about how your gift to the Christmas Joy Offering makes a difference.



Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation

WHAT HAS GOD CALLED YOU TO DO?

Does your congregation want to increase their impact in your community but lack the funds to get your big idea started? Do you have a project already in the works but could use additional funding to take it to the next level? Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation could be the answer to help you fund your project or program. We are offering annual grants to PCUSA churches and related organizations in Nebraska for new or ongoing outreach activities which enhance or expand some aspect of your ministry and mission. The online application process begins in December and grants will be awarded in April. To learn more about our grant process, you can visit our website at www.nebpresby.org or contact Audrey Richert at arichert@nebpresby.org or 402-420-9877.

KESSLER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation offers financial assistance for PCUSA pastors who are experiencing an urgent financial crisis. Applicants must be an active or retired installed or commissioned pastor who has, or is currently serving, a Nebraska congregation and currently residing in Nebraska. For more information on the Kessler Fund, please visit our website at www.nebpresby.org or contact Audrey Richert at arichert@nebpresby.org or 402-420-9877.

The Administrative Personnel Association of the PC(USA)
invites you to join a 2.5-hour course via Zoom

Living with Grief

Friday, December 3

10 am PT/11 am MT/12 pm CT/1 pm ET



Instructor:
Shelley Craig,
Program Director
Faith and Grief
www.faithandgrief.org

Participation is free! Register at
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpdO-pqjlvH9yKPcfmH2RW4Z230dRX_MT7

Men's Group with LeaderWise Counseling



A weekly, open-ended therapy group for men wishing to address a variety of concerns such as: Relationships, Depression, Anxiety, Masculinity, Shame, Work/Family/Life Balance, and Self-Esteem.

The Men's Group with LeaderWise Counseling is a confidential space where you can come to receive support and explore something troubling you in ways that men aren't traditionally encouraged to do. In the context of a confidential environment, you will be supported

and find new ways of addressing your concerns.

Leaders: Facilitated by [Drew Benson, Ph.D., L.P.](#) and [Danny Elenz, Psy.D., L.P.](#)

We bring an empathic, non-judgmental, and collaborative approach and have experience leading therapy groups at multiple university and community mental health settings.

[Email us for more information.](#)

Homestead Presbytery has a NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

402-413-2143

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



Weekly Prayer Requests

Lincoln Heritage

We request prayers for the recipients of our food pantry and hat/glove drive; may all be fed and warm as we move into the winter season. Please pray for the life of this congregation, that we may learn and grow together to be faithful followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homestead Presbytery

840 S. 17th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:30pm

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