



November 25, 2021

Presbytery News

Happy Thanksgiving!



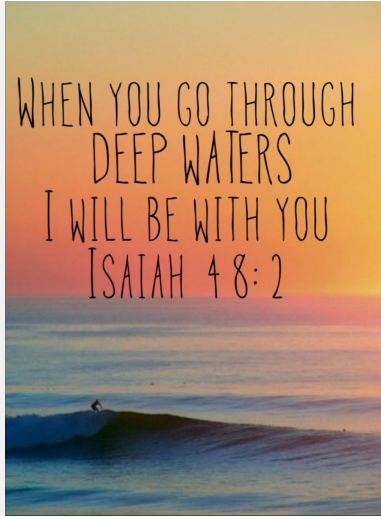
2021 Remittances are due January 4th!



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.

Special Prayer Request

Please keep Rev. Teresa Bartlett and her family in your prayers. Her father, Glen Confer passed away this morning.



WHEN YOU GO THROUGH
DEEP WATERS
I WILL BE WITH YOU
ISAIAH 48:2

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**



**CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



A gift opens doors.

—PROVERBS 18:16

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.



Mark your calendars for a day of celebration and generosity!



Join us on #GivingTuesday when the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has planned an eight-hour live stream, spanning from Eastern to Western timezones, designed to entertain, inform and encourage greater giving on Tuesday, November 30. The virtual event will include worship and reflection, ministry area highlights, visits from familiar faces, and in-depth conversations around the work of Matthew 25. Mark your calendars for what is sure to be a memorable event celebrating generosity!

[Learn More and Give Here!](#)

This Thanksgiving, take the time to tell your story. The act alone can make us more generous children of God

by Chris Roseland, Mission Engagement & Support | Special to Presbyterian News Service

— A common table prayer opens with “O Lord, make us truly thankful for that which we are about to receive ...”

It sounds pretty simple, doesn’t it? But isn’t there something a little strange about that prayer? I mean, why would anyone pray that way?

“Oh Lord, make us truly thankful ...” This little thanksgiving prayer acknowledges that an attitude of gratitude is something that we cannot do for ourselves. We are unable to “make” ourselves “truly thankful,” so we pray for God to make us more thankful than we really are. So, how do we do that? How does a person become “truly thankful”?

Well, one way to help us become “truly thankful” is to remember our story — the story of our lives. We need to recall and speak the story of who we are, where we’ve come from and how we got to be where we are at present.

Now, on the surface, recalling our story seems like the easiest thing we can do. We just tell what happened, just tell what we did and what decisions we made at the time, and why.



But just start to do that, however, and you'll discover that it's not as easy as you thought. "Where do I begin to tell the story of my life? What do I tell? What do I not tell? What's really important?"

[Read More Here](#)



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.

Bending the Moral Arc: Webinar to learn about a small group model for anti-racism

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021 AT 6 PM – 7:30 PM CST

Two congregations came together in partnership around the invitation of Matthew 25 to have courageous conversations and to take steps towards dismantling structural racism. They were transformed!

We will hear from these churches, one

predominately white and one historically black, that developed a small group model for conversation and action, all during the pandemic and on zoom! Leaders from Nassau Presbyterian Church and Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church in Princeton, New Jersey will be present to share their story and best practices as you learn to translate this model to your own context.



A template for this small group ministry partnership has been created and will be available as a FREE download during this webinar. Background, tips for creating your own ministry and sample lessons and resources will be included. There will be break-out groups and a Q and A.

All church leaders are welcome to attend.

No registration necessary. Join us on zoom using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/94405040254>

This webinar is hosted by Theology, Formation and Evangelism in the Presbyterian Mission Agency and is part of our Scattered Church ministries.

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 Good Shepherd

Praises to God for our new barbecue pit built at the Memorial Picnic Pavilion and the dedication and picnic held a couple weeks ago. Praises to God for members and friends of the church who continue to find creative ways to do ministry today. Praises to God also for our live-streaming service and the crew who run it each week. Please pray for those still struggling with isolation in the pandemic environment. Prayers for encouragement for our

healthcare workers, officials, and other employees whose roles have been so heavily burdened by the pandemic. Prayers for those who have contracted COVID-19, prayers for those making living arrangement and housing changes in this challenging environment, prayers for those recovering from surgeries, prayers for those who may be despondent, may they find needed help and support. Finally, prayers to the Lord to guide our hearts, minds, and wills while we run this race.

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Friday 9:00am-12:30pm

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