

The Homesteader



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Dear Kris

Welcome to the The Homesteader!

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Please share this with other members of your congregation - You are welcome to use it as a Sunday bulletin insert, forward as an email, print copies OR include all or part of it in your own church newsletter.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

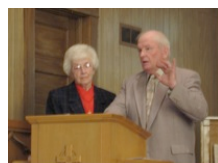
Please take time to say "Thank You!" to ALL the pastors - active and retired for the time and talents they've shared to the glory of God!

Thank you Pastors!



Good Shepherd PC - Lincoln Youth Mission Fund Raiser

Sunday, October 14 @ 6 PM
Dinner & Silent Auction with
over 200 great items!



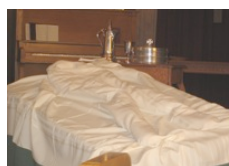
*Rev. Gail and Sylvia
Cross describe
their year-long trip
to Scotland*

A World Communion Experience

Trinity Parish recently celebrated an unusual World Communion service at the Mission Creek Presbyterian Church, Liberty.

Invited to spend a year in Scotland, Sylva and Gail Cross presented lessons based on their observations of three churches. During their trip, Gail served two churches in Perth as associate pastor. These Church of Scotland congregations reflected the traditions of John Knox, the great reformer and founder of Presbyterianism in Scotland. The third "church" was an ancient site on the island of Iona. They visited the Abbey of Iona of the Iona Community which provides an ecumenical opportunity for inspiration and meditation. Gail and Sylvia offered fascinating insights from their spiritual journey and ministry with congregations of "cousin" Presbyterians.

Communion was a moving experience of the "Bread Body" of Christ. This stark portrayal was brought back from a mission trip sponsored by the Beatrice Presbyterian Church youth group, with whom Trinity Parish youth have often participated. Elders arranged loaves of bread on the communion table, then covered the loaves with a sheet to reveal the shape of a draped body. A reading reminded the congregation of Jesus' words to "Take and eat."



*The "Bread Body"
Communion*

Of course, no Christian celebration is complete without "breaking bread" with a wonderful potluck meal. Nobody left the church hungry, or unaffected by the stirring worship experience.

Thanks to the Mission Creek congregation for hosting such a wonderful World Communion event!

Churches or groups interested in having Gail and Sylvia share their trip to Scotland may contact them by calling: (402) 729-



Looking for some help...

The Homesteader is looking for a few folks who would be willing to regularly touch base with a few specific congregations, solicit articles and pictures - maybe do a little writing or editing of those articles as well - and forward them to the editor of the Homesteader for publication.

If you think you'd be interested, please contact Kris Peterson
krisp@homesteadpres.org or
402.580.0947.

FALL 2012 Homestead Presbytery Session Records Review Schedule

Saturday, October 6
9:30am @ North Bend
2 pm @ Wayne

Saturday, November 3
2:00 pm @ Beatrice

Related Links

FriendlyPresbyterianChurches.org



Why I Love My Church.....

"I love my church because it is a community, which comes together to worship Christ, supports me when necessary, and loves me always." Tim Hart, Faithful Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Omaha .

Send us a note about why you love your church!

krisp@homestead.org



Homestead Presbyterian Youth Triennium - Group Leaders Needed!!!

July 16-20, 2013

Group leaders for this great event are needed!

Contact Registrar Cathy Allen if you are interested.

Registration for High School age youth begins
January 31- May 31, 2013 (Fall 2013 freshman thru graduating
spring of 2013)

Cost: \$469.00 per person

Homestead Presbytery covers transportation costs

Registrar: Rev. Cathy Allen

tworevs52@yahoo.com or 402-892-3362

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation or ministry -
Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!

Please submit articles to krisp@homesteadpres.org
or mail to 1135 Eastridge Road, Lincoln, NE 68510

Contact Information

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about her life in Africa as a YAV -
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