



# The Homesteader

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Dear Kris

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### Taken from the Beatrice Community Players Newsletter: **Jim McNeal receives MEMA award**

Opening night of JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR had an extra surprise during curtain call as CP presented the show's musical director, Jim McNeal, with the Mary Ellen Morgan Award in recognition of his service to the organization.

This award is presented annually to an individual or couple who have been outstanding in support of the theatre and fine arts in Beatrice and the Southeast Nebraska area. The award was established in 1985 in honor of former Beatrice resident Mary Ellen Morgan, who was one of the founders and promoters of CP.

Jim has been involved with many aspects of the organization, starting out as a stage manager, but quickly helping out wherever needed including helping with sets, lights, ushering and house managing, in addition to appearing on stage in several productions. He has also picked up the baton on numerous occasions to serve as music director for productions and often plays in the orchestra for shows he is not music directing.

Thank you Jim for all your hard work and dedication to making CP an active and vibrant organization.

### **First Christian Church in Auburn: Sweet Corn Sales Benefit HOPE MINISTRY**

HOPE MINISTRY Team members gathered at the farm of Church Member Dave Meyerkorth in Missouri to take Dave up on his generous offer to "come pick all the sweet corn you want and sell it to earn money for HOPE MINISTRY". Church Member Gary Leslie offered two pickup trucks and his manpower for traveling over there and assisting with the picking. Then Church Members Mike & Marilyn Gilbert and Gary Leslie assisted with locations for the actual selling. In fact there was a little sibling rivalry going on to see which location sold the most corn! Gary offered free samples of sweet corn and free pop corn! The other site was located

### **All Youth Invited to Summer Missions Camp**

four work days (5-6 hours ea) and a Sabbath/Free Day at the end of the week. Work sites/projects are lined up with help from the Y's Volunteer Coordinator.

**Where:** Estes Park, CO.  
YMCA Camp of The Rockies

**When:** June 2-8, 2014

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under some shade trees and boasted the HOPE MINISTRY banner (designed & made by Ruth Leslie).

The awesome result was that \$600.25 was deposited in the bank! Team members worked hard but enjoyed the fellowship and found folks to be very interested in what HOPE MINISTRY was all about. Proceeds will help purchase educational material with the goal being to send representatives to a Stephen Ministry Workshop in the near future.

What is HOPE Ministry? HOPE stands for Healing, Optimism, Prayer and Empathy and the Ministry plans to use just those things to provide a caring ministry for all people, not just in our congregation, but in the community, that are suffering. In this demanding world we live in, it is hard for Pastors to minister to all who need care. HOPE Ministry is not designed to replace a Pastor's care - it compliments and expands it, all with confidentiality.



### ***HAPPY FALL TO YOU ----***

From one pumpkin to another!!! A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin." God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

## **Homestead Presbytery Address Change**

The Homestead Presbytery office is now located at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Please begin sending any mail or checks to:



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8300 East Pointe Rd.  
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The phone number and email address remain the same. 402-474-012 and [hpooffice@homesteadpres.org](mailto:hpooffice@homesteadpres.org)

New office hours for the Presbytery will be Monday-Thursday from 9:00-3:00.

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 Jessica at [hpooffice@homesteadpres.org](mailto:hpooffice@homesteadpres.org) or mail to 8300 East Pointe Rd. Lincoln, NE 68506

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