

The Homesteader



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Dear Kris

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PRIME TIME HIGHLIGHTS

February 15, 12014 @ Southern Heights Presbyterian Church

It was a glorious Saturday morning! The sun was out, the weather warm, and the Presbyterians joyful!

We began with a welcoming fellowship of coffee, juice and goodies. After a brief welcome by Pastor Leanne Masters, we were led in worship and communion. The congregation's choir was a wonderful gift to the service. An especially moving Necrology Report during worship included a recalling of our baptism and recognition of each person's contribution to life and faith as one of the cloud of witnesses. As each elder's name was read, someone from their church placed a clear stone in the water on the baptismal font.

Our recent ordinand Jen Strickland (Westminster) was presented a stole from Homestead with a prayer by Moderator Jim McNeal. An offering for PDA was received from commissioners in the amount of \$487.

The morning was concluded with three separate workshops. Commissioners split into groups for Suicide Prevention by Chris Hansen (Lincoln First); Hunger Advocacy by Ken Moore (Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska); and How to Do Small Group Bible Study by Ray McCalla (Wayne First). All were well attended and very helpful.

The morning concluded with lunch and fellowship. The people of Southern Heights served a marvelous chicken dinner with fixin's and a variety of cakes!

Some Assembly Required.

The award for the best report ever goes to Kris Peterson. She highlighted how Homestead staff and volunteers have been helping our people and churches to empower their ministry. It was so good, we have retired the trophy! What's next?

Doc highlighted the new Homestead Pentecost Offering which will help ready Homestead for new church developments; and the Scotland Tour May 2016 which is the second of Homestead's pilgrimage series. The itinerary has been finalized and registration will be on-line shortly; and the second annual Church Growth Summit April 28-29 at Westminster.

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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Information and registration is on-line www.homesteadpres.org . We are looking to double participants over last year! Register Now.

[Musicians](#)

COM introduced two new pastors: Steve Piper (Palmyra) and Gary Panko (Niobrara and Verdel).

New people were elected to fill several vacancies in committees.

The Business and Finance Committee reported that the 2011 audit has been completed and that 2012 and 2013 are scheduled to be completed soon. Financial reports are posted on the Homestead Presbytery website:

www.homesteadpres.org

Presbyterian Women shared their up-coming activities.

AND we adjourned an hour EARLY!



HP Moderator Jim McNeal and
Southern Heights choir



Rev. Leanne Masters of Southern
Heights Presbyterian Church



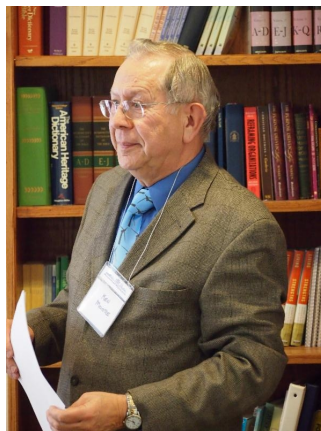
Speaker Ray McCalla



Speaker Chris Hansen



Installation service for Rev. Steve Piper (Palmyra)



Speaker Kenneth Moore



Rev. Gary Panko
(Niobrara-Verdel)



Rev. Steve Piper
(Palmyra)

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!

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