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Your Presbytery and Beyond

I really needed counseling for my depression, which was affecting my whole family, but did not have the money to pay for it. Thank you." Such was the response of a caller who had received support from the Nebraska Rural Response hotline.

In 2001, I began representing Homestead Presbytery's 52 congregations on the Farm Crisis Response Council (FCRC), which operates the Nebraska Rural Response hotline providing counseling and referrals.

The FCRC has been a ministry of Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska for almost 30 years. The number of folks who have been helped is staggering. On average, the hotline receives 436 calls a month, and more than 2,800 vouchers for professional counseling are provided each year. Sometimes, callers just need to be heard. Other times, they need help with suicide, depression, or abuse and are therefore referred to counselors, lawyers, mediators, financial advisers, and so on.

The FCRC is funded by all the major denominations with a presence in Nebraska. Help is available to anyone in rural Nebraska involved in agriculture. As the following sample of quotes shows, clients recognize the need for this ministry and appreciate its work:

-You were both kind and helpful when I called, which is very much appreciated. It has been a tough year, and to have the counseling available means a lot. For myself and all those you help, I hope the program continues to be available for a long time to come. Thanks!

Beaver Crossing Tornado Update

The Seward County Long Term Relief Committee (LTRC) is still very busy with 21 cases that need help in Beaver Crossing. 7 of these have been completed and 2 are pending. They have 4 major rebuilds and 2 total rebuilds on their list besides the rest of the needs. Originally there 227 homes with damage, 16 homes completely destroyed, and 22 with major damage.

The York Presbyterian Church and Homestead Presbytery are represented on the Beaver Crossing Resource Committee, a faith based group working with families to provide resource to help pay for home repairs such as roofing, siding, windows, etc. Clean up is progressing, but there are still many needs.

York PC is sponsoring a Benefit Lunch for Beaver Crossing with a sloppy joe lunch with cupcakes on Rally Sunday, September 7th after church service. All proceeds will go to families affected in Beaver Crossing. There will be a free will donation. This event is sponsored by Christian Education, Mission and Presbyterian Women of York PC.

Presbytery Events

In September 2014, members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hebron will begin a year-long celebration of the church and its history. Many things are planned throughout the year. Music, membership rolls, timelines of church history, and scrapbooks will be used to

-My husband died, and I was paralyzed with depression, fear, grief, whatever and needed help dealing with this. . . . So thankful this rural crisis program is available-have noticed it for years.

-Thank you so much for giving us this opportunity to fix our marriage and our family.

-To get help for a young child, as to what to do or what to do next, was so helpful. Now we are on the right track. What a relief. Thank you so much.

-Rev. Duane Westing, pastor, United Presbyterian Church, Pawnee City



reflect on where they have been. All past and present members and church leaders will be recognized throughout the year. The Hebron Presbyterian Church invites all friends and neighbors to visit us and join in this year long celebration of where they've been and who they are today. **If you have any stories about Hebron First Presbyterian Church that you would be willing to share for the scrapbook, please send them to the church or email them to Pastor Connie Stone.**

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We hope you will have/take the opportunity to join us as we celebrate Hebron First Presbyterian Church!
Many Blessings, Rev. Connie Stone

Blessing Opportunity 2 Corinthians 9:7-8



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A pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.
-Winston Churchill

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