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AROUND THE PRESBYTERY



GIRLS' NITE OUT

Auburn Presbyterian ladies enjoyed a fun "Girls' Nite Out" at their Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 16th. As an outreach and also to promote good friendships among the women of faith in our own Church, HOPE Ministry (HM) sponsored the event. After opening with an inspiring prayer, we enjoyed some delicious snacks while playing HM's version of "bingo" with winners calling out "I Have Hope"! Next came pumpkin painting and thus emerged some future "Picassos"! Whether artistic or not, everyone had a great time with lots of laughter and good conversation. What a privilege to gather freely as women in faith. HM looks forward to planning a December event.

ORDINATION

Teaching Elder Candidate Katie Jasa, from Lincoln First, has been successfully examined by the presbytery of call, Genesee Valley, and was ordained and installed September 28th at Gates Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY with her parents delivering the charge to the Pastor.



INTERCHURCH MINISTRIES OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska Rural Response Hotline receives funding

Your church's offerings help fund program of Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska (IMN). A statewide hotline to respond to farm, ranch and rural callers, the Nebraska Rural Response Hotline is an important resource for those struggling with stressful situations and mental health concerns. In July, August, and September of this year, the hotline received 903 calls from 43 of Nebraska's 93 counties. Depending on their needs, callers can receive Counseling Outreach and Mental Health Therapy Project (COMHT) vouchers to help pay for counseling sessions.

Here are comments from three of the callers that received help:

* "This program helps people in an agricultural job get help where they would otherwise not be able to afford it."

* "Excellent program as a lot of health insurance providers do not cover mental health."

* "This is a God send. Our granddaughter needs this help desperately and this made it possible."

* "I was all boxed in, Joe being sick 5 months, no life insurance now dealing with mourning of watching him die, our life together is over just like that. I have to learn how to walk

Katie delivered the benediction at the end of the service. She is wore the stole which was a gift from her home church in Lincoln.

Thank you from Katie Jasa:

My ordination was a lovely service at Gates Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY, where I'm now serving as Stated Supply Associate Pastor. Rev. Shannon Meacham from Baltimore preached, and my parents gave the charge. The commissioners from Genesee Valley Presbytery were Rev. Amy Fowler, Rev. Ray Bagnuolo, Rev. Brandi Wooten, Karen Walker, John DeHority, and Alex Thornton and Rev. Melissa DeRosia from Gates Presbyterian. The church organist and a harpist played for the service, and the church hosted a reception afterwards. It was a wonderful celebration of the beginning of my ministry in Gates, but I wouldn't be here with all of the support and guidance from Homestead Presbytery. Thank you so much to the CPM, presbytery staff, and of course First Presbyterian of Lincoln for helping me hear the call to ministry and leading the way. No matter where my path leads me, I am so grateful for having my first home in Homestead.



alone. Thank you for offering to help me!"

* "Our insurance deductible is so high that we can't afford counseling sessions. I have depression and anxiety and had wanted to go to counseling for quite some time because of stressful things have happened to me in the past few years. I feel better just after one session."

* "Finding out about the program through a friend solidified my decision to make an appointment."

* "My insurance does not cover mental health issues. By the time I pay the insurance premiums with a very high deductible and the other household bills and kids in school, there is never enough money to go around. Thank you very much. God Bless You All."

The hotline number is 800-464-0258.

To read more about the Rural Response hotline, go to

interchurchministries.org/ruralresponse.html



Blessing Opportunity *2 Corinthians 9:7-8*



Clark Jeary (Presbyterian care facility in Lincoln, NE) Music Therapy Program is in need of iPods. They would like to expand the activities for residents with dementia, by developing a music therapy program. You can donate used ones or make a tax deductible financial gift. Contact Clark Jeary at 402-489-0331 or clarkjeary.com

Keep Thinking...

Having a soft heart in a cruel world is courage, not weakness.

-Anonymous

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