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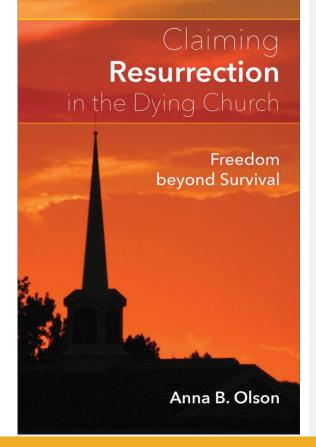
This will be published weekly, on Tuesdays. If you have anything you wish to be shared to the presbytery (i.e. articles from your church newsletters, conferences, training and other events) please e-mail them to Jes at the Presbytery Office by Friday.

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## July 30, 2019

## Get Lost in a Book

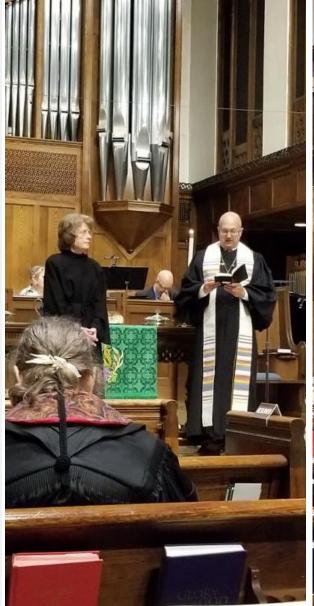
How do you minister faithfully to a congregation that is in decline? While many congregations struggle with trying to find the key to regrowth, pastor Anna Olson suggests that the answer may actually be to accept and embrace this moment for what it is. In this beautifully written work, Olson helps pastors recognize that, while the congregation might be going away, the community of which it is a part is still



very much alive. Using her own experiences in a dying congregation, Olson encourages pastors to use this opportunity to explore new ways to minister, freely and selflessly, and provides a powerful model of what faithfulness to the gospel looks like. This hopeful book about letting go of false hope gives pastors the guidance they need for ministering effectively during the final stages of a church's life.

# Jane Holtzclaw's Ordination as Minister of the Word and Sacrament









Don't miss this opportunity!

#### You're invited!

#### To a FREE local gathering for lunch and a presentation Wednesday August 28th from 12p-4p

at

Calvin Crest Camp, Fremont, NE



#### Your church is an employer

- · Is your church the kind of place people would want to work?
- In this time of record low-unemployment, keeping the employees you have is becoming more important than ever!
- The Board of Pensions wants to help you be the best employer you can be.

#### The Board is a resource

- Did you know the Board of Pensions has changed more in the last 3 years than the previous 30?
  - O Our plan has become more flexible...but the price of flexibility is complexity!
- Would you like to get a better handle on some of the options available to you as an employer—some at little or no-cost to you—that can be great benefits to your staff whether that's one part timer or a few people in a couple f/t and p/t roles?

#### Who would benefit?

The Pastor and any other congregational leaders involved in personnel, compensation, and benefit decisions. This might include:

- Personnel Chair
- · Finance Chair
- Financial Secretary
- Business or Office Administrator.

SIGN UP by August 18th at homesteadpres.org

**Click to Download Flyer** 

**REGISTER HERE** 

While this is a free event, registration is required to attend.

Please click the button above to register.

**Pertinent Presbytery News** 



Presbytery
ASSEMBLY

#### August 5th is the deadline

to Sign up for August 16-17 Joint Presbytery Assembly with Missouri River Valley Presbytery at Calvin Crest Camp!

**NOTE:** If you are in need of childcare make sure you sign up ASAP. The Presbytery needs adequate notice to be able to arrange appropriate childcare providers. Also, if you know anyone who would be willing to provide childcare please have them contact Jes at the Presbytery Office 402-474-0612 or <a href="mailto:hpoffice@homesteadpres.org">hpoffice@homesteadpres.org</a>

**REGISTER** 



Presbytery ASSEMBLY

Hosts for 2020 **Presbytery Assembly's Needed** for the following dates:

#### May 21st **November 19th**

Contact Stated Clerk Ray at raymondm@homesteadpres.org if you'd be willing to host!



#### **Get your** 2019-2020 **Book of Order**

\$9.00/ Book - Pickup at the Presbytery Office \$10.00/ Book -Ships to your address

You can place your orders by clicking below or fill out an order form at August's Presbytery Assembly.

The ordering will be open until Sunday, August 18th.

ORDER NOW

Digital Download of 2019-2020 Book of Order

### **Opportunities to Learn and Grow**

# Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering



# September 13-14th Camp Calvin Crest

We start out on Friday at around 5:00 with a light dinner and conversation with our guest speaker, Jenny Lee, our PW Churchwide Moderator. She is our First Korean Moderator. Saturday is the main day starting around 9 and should be out by 3.

There is no charge for the Friday night dinner and activities. You may stay overnight for a small fee and the Saturday cost is \$15.00. 1 registration form will be sent to each church to make copies, or you can contact Terri Sherman at 402-525-6008.



Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

# New Synod Event: 'Art of Transitional Leadership'

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is planning a new event this fall -- "The Art of Transitional Leadership" -- that will provide ministry skills training for today and tomorrow's church pastors, staff, committees on ministry and congregational leaders. It is set to take place Monday through Friday, September 16-20 at Christ the Kind Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota.



#### **Due August 15, 2019**

Please help us remind those in your presbyteries and synods that are considering or planning an event or workshop for 2020.

**Program Guidelines** 

Application



### **CLP/CRE Program**

The overall goal of the Christian
Leadership Program of UDTS is to
strengthen the church through quality
theological education for lay persons.
While the courses offered are
particularly designed for lay pastor
candidates, they will serve the needs
of all lay persons who are
contributing their gifts to the ministry
of their local church. Church officers,
Christian education leaders and
teachers, and persons who wish to
deepen their understanding of the
Christian faith will discover a rich

opportunity through this program.

**More Info / Apply Now** 

## Weekly Prayer Requests

#### Wymore United Presbyterian Church

We thank God for summer opportunities to be a visible and tangible part of our community. Our recent founder's day (Sam Wymore Days) booth allowed us to offer treats and games to families in our community. We look forward to a wonderful time sharing God's love with the youth of our neighborhood during our community Vacation Bible School. Given the minimal opportunities in a small town, the congregation's goal is to reach our town's kids with the love of Jesus, preparing them for lives in broader communities. We ask for your prayer support for our small but caring ministry.

#### **Homestead Presbytery**

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