

May 6, 2021

# **Presbytery News**

# Homestead Presbytery has a NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

402-413-2143

Make sure to write down the new number for Homestead Presbytery!



### **IMPORTANT PRESBYTERY NOTICES**



Make sure you get registered for the May 20th Presbytery meeting. We will be e-mailing the Zoom link and other necessary information the week of the meeting.



A Note from the previous Homestead Disaster Team Moderator

#### Friends -

I rejoice that creative, dedicated minds have found vaccines that help to cut down the transmission of COVID-19; I will be ever thankful to God for the many, many medical workers who have worked hard to provide care for those who became ill from COVID-19; and I thank God for the protection provided and energy needed to sustain life in this time of quarantine.

As the former Disaster Team Moderator, I write today to say (loudly and clearly) we are **NOT** completely out of danger from COVID-19. There are several reports (even right here in Homestead Presbytery) of people fully vaccinated for COVID-19 becoming ill with COVID-19 – confirmed by more than one test! Please, please, please – do not let your guard down now.

We have come so far and I trust you are or soon will be fully vaccinated (it makes me sad when I hear of some who consciously decide to not be vaccinated) but we **CANNOT** become careless. Please continue to follow the guidelines of the CDC and other medical personnel – wear your mask (unless you are eating); be very cautious about eating with those outside your immediate family (including in restaurants); avoid singing or speaking loudly in public settings (without a mask on); and social distance yourself when in a group of people.

I thank God that humans have been given amazing, awesome brains – however, God fully expects us to use those brains in wise ways! Please continue to be fully respectful of others (as well as yourself) and continue to practice wise behavior during these unique days! If you have thoughts or questions, please feel free to call me at 515-490-3982.

Rev. Sue Babovec, HR Former moderator of the Homestead Presbytery Disaster Team



invites you to a special online gathering

Monday, June 14 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

"Everything Old Is New Again!" Or is it "Everything New is Old Again!?" What does it mean for the church "to get back to normal?"

A gathering... for discussion... for sharing ideas... for your soul and your ministry

#### Topics on the radar for this gathering...

- Reaching the people that used to be lost
- How doing church is connecting differently
- Building on the way we've learned to stay connected
- Getting things done without the coffee & the stories
- What does it mean to be church?
- Normal is what we do, not what we did.

No registration fee for this event.

Please share this invitation with others who might be interested in being part of this online gathering on June 14.

Click to Register Now!



## Board University Well-Being Respite THE BOARD OF PENSIONS

May 19, 2021 1:00 PM-4:00 PMET Viewing in Eastern Time

Well-Being Respite was launched in 2020 as a means of providing virtual wholeness education in lieu of our annual, in-person Well-Being Retreat which was cancelled in response to the pandemic. The Well-Being Respites were positively received and are now offered as an ongoing program.

Brought to you by Board University, Well-Being Respite provides a unique opportunity for all Benefits Plan members\* to step away from your daily routines and come to the well for spiritual renewal, mental stimulation, thoughtful conversation, and meaningful engagement with colleagues in life and ministry as you contemplate God's movement in our individual and collective experiences. In the midst of our current reality, where and how is God at work in our lives and in the worlds? How are we called to bear witness as people of faith?

Offered during the middle of the week in the middle of the month (in May, August, September and November), each Well-Being Respite's monthly offering focuses on a different dimension of wholeness (financial, spiritual, vocational, and health) and how the current landscape shapes our understanding and application of the learnings of the day.

\*Includes all active and retired plan members and their spouses, including surviving spouses.

**Register Now!** 

# PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG

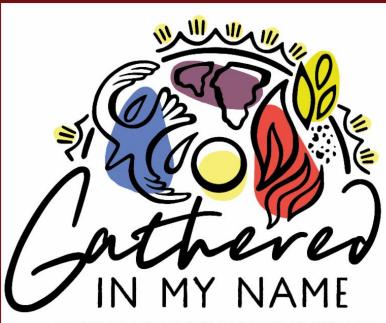
Celebrate Your Special Person This Mother's Day—A message from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog

In honor of moms and all the special people in our lives, we've made it super easy to celebrate them; check out the new web page that provides everything you need in one place. You'll find a selection of downloadable Mother's Day giving cards and graphics for sharing on social media.



Please help us spread the word about this exciting new opportunity to your congregations, and encourage members

to share a photo and a note of gratitude in a social post; and don't forget to ask them to tag the church and @givingcatalog, with the hashtag #PGCMothersDay. Here is a link to a <u>recent article</u> about the effort



PRESBYTERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSICIANS 2021 WORSHIP & MUSIC CONFERENCES AT MONTREAT

Join us
in-person
or online
this summer!

Week 1:

June 20 - 25

Week 2:

June 27 - July 2

www.presbymusic.org/2021conference

This intergenerational conference is for children, youth, adults, pastors, directors, organists, pianists, guitarists, percussionists, ringers, worship leaders, choir members, and anyone who loves and takes part in the worship and music of the church.

Learn More Here!



\*\*Click image to see calendar in separate window

## Weekly Prayer Requests

### Wahoo Czech

Czech Presbyterian Church of Wahoo requests prayers for Lonnie and Marian Eschliman's retirement that took place in January after 21 years of serving our church as a stated supply minister and pianist. We ask prayers that it will be an enjoyable and healthy retirement for them. We also ask prayers for Gary Grinvalds as he fills our pulpit while he attends seminary school. Please pray for guidance as he continues his calling. We also ask prayers for the health concerns of some of our members. We praise the Lord that we are able to return to church and worship as a congregation during this pandemic.

### **Homestead Presbytery**

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