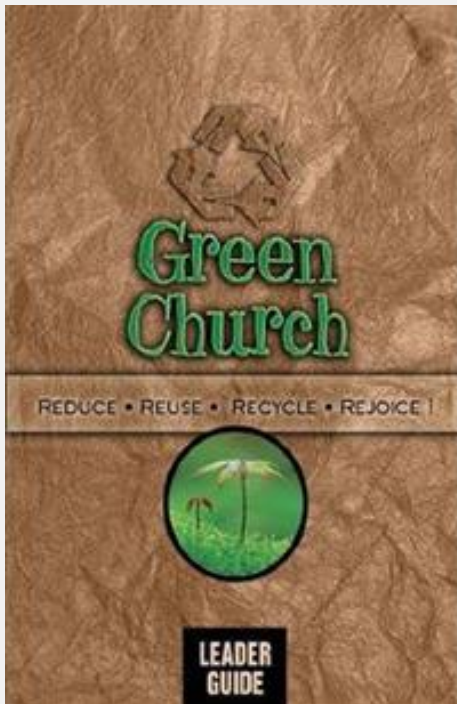




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REMINDER: If you have articles or information that you think would be appropriate for *The Homesteader*, please send them to Jes at the Presbytery!
hpoffice@homesteadpres.org

Get Lost in a Book



Christians hear about global warming and damage to God's creation. They want to help. But how?

Green Church is a six-week study of this critically important topic from a Christian perspective. Using Scripture and scientific findings, the study begins where we are and helps us think through what we know, what we can learn, and what we can do to make a difference.

This leader's guide offers everything needed to organize, facilitate, and lead the Green Church study. Each session includes leader preparation, discussion questions, Bible study, individual and group activities, prayers, closings, and follow-up suggestions.

Rest in Peace

Father of Homestead Presbytery member, Scott Eveland—Paul R. Eveland, 96, of Fremont passed away Thursday, May 2, 2019 in Fremont. Funeral Service was held at 11 AM, Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the United Presbyterian Church in North Bend.



Paul was a very active member of the United Presbyterian Church in North Bend, as well as, the Masonic Lodge #119 and several other organizations. Memorials are suggested to the United Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge at North Bend, or the North Bend Community Flood Fund. ([Click Here for Full Obituary.](#))

Cards and Condolences can be sent to Scott Eveland at:

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Presbytery
ASSEMBLY

Next week's Presbytery Assembly in North Bend is rapidly approaching! Click below to download the corresponding meeting materials.

We will as always project relevant pages during the meeting, but if you prefer a hardcopy please print at home and bring with you.

[Presbytery Packet](#)

[Proposed Core Values, Priorities and Goals.](#)

A Journey Toward Wholeness in Retirement Living

A mother mouse and a baby mouse were walking along when suddenly a cat attacked them. The mother mouse shouted "BARK!" and the cat ran away. "See?" the mother mouse said to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"

"RETIREMENT" is a foreign language for which I began preparations after my wife of over 42 years passed. In mid September 2016, I remmet a lifelong friend and we were married shortly before my retirement. My last day of work in Tekamah, NE was January 31, 2018. I worked 70 plus two weeks. (43 1/2 years of ministry). Since then the rhythm and structured flow of work is often missed and has been replaced by flexibility of time and discovering new interests and challenges. My wife, Betsy, and I are still merging out two household furnishing into our home in Chincoteague, VA. We also serve as full time caregivers for Betsy's mom, Evelyn, 94, which takes us on trups between VA and our hometown, Monroe, NY for doctors and events with both families. We miss our Nebraska friends and enjoy new friends and high school ones in VA and NY.

I am thankful or the help moving toward this stage of my life, particularly the Board of Pensions retirement seminar - "Growing Into Tomorrow...Today" (the seminar is worth attending), Kris Peterson, and my wife Betsy, a ruling elder, and elementary school teacher, who retired 10 years before me.

Kris Peterson of LIncoln, a John Maxwell Associate, formerly on our presbytery staff, helped me to challenge myself to create a brief personal "elevator" statement by prodding - "Who is Duncan outside the role of pastor?" Here's my vision & mission - "My heart is to grow relationships in faith, and social settings through teaching and mission." That is providing direction for me.

Ah retirement!!! The big thing for me is sitting and holding Betsy's hand in worship in Chincoteague rather thn being half a sanctuary away from her. We are both incolved in the Eastern Shore (VA) Emmaus Walk three-day spirtual journey and have done our fourht day which qualifies us to be team leaders. Betsy has been a women's team leader for years while I qualified to be a men's team leader last year. We both sing in the praise worship team of Christ United Methodist Church in Chincoteague, VA and work in that church's mission ("Manna Cafe") offering free meals every Monday to build community and provide for those in need of a meal. When we are in Monroe, we sing in the church choir (traditional music) which I left in 1966 for college in Scottsbluff, NE. In the last week of June, we travel to Rumney, NH for "Servants Camp," an intergenerational work week to reclaim a neglected 500-acre camp for Jesus and Christian camping.

Initiailly, it was surprising when people said to me... "Congratulations on your retirement!" In my emotional mind - Why would anyone congratulate me on leaving what I loved doing as a Pastor? On further reflection, the "call" to serve the Lord remains. Betsy came up with a mission statement for us - Our joint mission is to serve the Lord by sharing love and understanding and help where we can.

I enjoyed a supportive Session and congregation in Tekamah, Homestead Presbytery in several capacities, and the Tekamah community. The church is involved in the community (Lions Club, school functions, church community council, fire dpeartment, chamber of commerce, etc.) A gracious thanks to Doc Wyatt and Kris Peterson for a wonderful trip to Scotland too. (I could live in Edinburgh.)

In May 2015, Homestead Presbytery traveled to Tekamah. At that time you experienced the warm hospitality of our church - not just the looks and the pastor. Remember at that time - the Logos Ministry kids singing, the to men who displayed their antique cars near the front door, The Presbyterian Women's display, the prayer shawl ministry, greeters at the doors (inside & out), a youth helping to serve communion, and the praise band! It was an intergenerational worship. (We sang..."I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together," by Avery & Marsh).

Gratitude is the memory of my heart. (a French proverb)

Financial Help for Pastors affected by the blizzard or floods is Available!!



Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation

Ordained and Commissioned Pastors (active or retired) who have been impacted by the blizzard or floods and are now facing a personal financial crisis, our Kessler Emergency Assistance Fund may be able to help.

The Fund can gift up to \$2500 to active or retired pastors who have or are currently serving a Nebraska congregation and currently live in Nebraska. Surviving spouses are also eligible to receive up to \$1500 when the previous criteria is met.

For more information, contact Audrey Richert at NPF (402.420.9877) or visit our website by clicking below.

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Words to Remember

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea."

- Psalm 46:1-2

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