

## Mission Pod Report by Donna Preston

I would like to first of all thank the Presbytery and many of the members for reaching out after the death of my husband, Ken. A huge thank you to many who attended his Celebration of Life on March 30<sup>th</sup>. It just shows how connectional the Presbyterian Church truly is.

I continue to support the Ministry Teams and Partnerships that the Presbytery has by meeting with some of the teams, as well as helping to fund raise for their programs and missions. I also serve in many capacities as well. I just joined the programming committee for Clearwater Forest which is primarily to get communications out to our Presbytery and churches about the programs they have available as well as letting them know how they can serve us. Clearwater Forest will once again host Camp in a Van this summer. They may have 1 or 2 days yet to fill so if your church is interested please contact Erin Anderson at Clearwater Forest. All contact info is on their website at [Home Page - Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center](#).

Recently the Presbytery Office received some promotional info from Ethos Hospice and asked us to share with you. I felt since I had just utilized Hospice of the Red River, it was appropriate to share with people of the Presbytery about programs throughout the Presbytery and offered to include in my report. Many of the Hospices offer not only end of life care but offer palliative care and comfort care early on in a person's diagnosis. There is a lot of misconceptions that Hospice is only for end of life. I would strongly encourage people to consider one of the many options for Pain Management (comfort care) early on as it can be so helpful. Below are listed some of the Hospice services throughout our Presbytery as well as their websites:

Ethos Hospice - <https://www.ethoscare.org>

Hospice of Red River Valley - [Patients & Caregivers - Hospice of the Red River Valley \(hrrv.org\)](#)

Sanford Hospice - [Sanford Fargo Hospice in Fargo, ND \(sanfordhealth.org\)](#)

St. Alexis - [St. Alexis Health Home Care and Hospice in Bismarck, ND - Reviews, Complaints, Pricing, & Photos | SeniorAdvice.com](#)

CHI Health - [Hospice Care | CHI Health at Home](#)

Jamestown Medical Center - <https://hospice.io/care/jamestown-regional-medical-center-hospice-jamestown-nd/>