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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Dear Fellow Companions of the Way,

This prayer comes from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, written in 1979:

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection. No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers; not master builders; ministers, not Messiahs. We are prophets of a future, not our own.

What is our *something*? How do we take an honest look at what we can do, and do it well? As we refresh and renew ourselves with summer activities, let us contemplate the world around us. Summer can be a time to plant the seeds of new ways to be a community of faith caring for, serving, and supporting the vulnerable among us.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Charlie

Charles Marshall Webster

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

This year's **Project Homeless Connect** will be held **Thursday, July 23** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings. We are in need of even more volunteers this year as we expect more people to attend this event. Please contact Denny Storer @ 402-463-4478 with any questions.

(Project Homeless Connect is a project of the Global Mission and Local Social Witness Committee of First Presbyterian Church.)



AN INVITATION

Presbyterian women are hosting a chef salad luncheon at noon on Wednesday, July 15, honoring Shirley Johnston.

She will be moving to Beatrice on August 1. This is a chance for all women of the church and guests to say "Thank You" to Shirley.

Please call your reservation in to the church office by Monday, July 13.
(402-462-5147)



OPEN TABLE SACK LUNCH PROGRAM through July

Each Sunday in July, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church assemble sack lunches in Fellowship Hall for the Open Table Project administered by Catholic Social Services. This year we have been overwhelmed with generosity, prayers and energy for this program! Not only have we exceeded our financial needs, last Sunday, July 5th, 60 people volunteered for lunch assembly! We can accomplish so much by working together!

Our continued need this month is for prayers and volunteers. Thank you for your support!
~Jeni, Meg and Lily, The Global Mission and Local Social Witness Committee

Don't miss this year's "Christmas in July"

Hands Around the World Store and Eternal Threads will be selling global market fair trade items from around the world in a joint sale

Saturday, July 25,

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Memorial Room

Private Sam Matticks, son of Rick and Becky Matticks, was recently injured and confined to a rehabilitation facility for several weeks. Once he recovers, he will be required to start boot camp again. Team Mission is requesting a card of encouragement be mailed to:

PV2 Sam Matticks, FTU 30th AG (rec),
10208 7th Cavalry Reg. Rd.,
Ft. Benning, GA 31905.

SERMON SERIES (THE DAVID CHRONICLES) SUMMER 2015

June 14	<i>1 Samuel 15:34-16:13</i>	The Lord Looks on the Heart
July 12	<i>1 Samuel 17:32-49</i>	A Stone and a Prayer
July 19	<i>2 Samuel 7:1-14a</i>	Who Needs a House?
July 26	<i>2 Samuel 11:1-15</i>	Dumbledore's Axiom
August 2	<i>2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a</i>	You are the Man!
August 9	<i>2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33</i>	O Absalom, My Son, My Son!
August 16	<i>1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14</i>	Wisdom from on High

Congregational Lives

This addition to the Home Page provides a place for the congregation to celebrate the good things happening in the lives of our church family.

Zo Kreager, daughter of Meg Stewart Magee and Tom Kreager, has completed her first year of study at UNL. She is working on an M.S in Earth and Atmospheric Science with a Geoscience education concentration. During this next year, Zo will be surveying faculty members across the US and testing worksheets to help create active engagement in geology classes.

Joe Heineman, who currently resides in Lincoln, recently had successful surgery to implant a pacemaker.

Bonnie Grams is back home after a successful knee surgery. She would like to thank the members for the calls, visits, and lovely flowers brought by the Deacons.

Many Thanks to Jan Ham, Denny & Carole Storer, Susy Graham, Meg Stewart-Magee, Cindy Strasheim, and Chudier, Nyaguor, and Nyanhial Duang for cleaning the church recently. Cleanings are Thursday morning, feel free to drop in.

Ben and Rita Pehl just had a baby girl, Sophia. Their mailing address is:
P.O. Box 502, Terry, MT 59349-0502

We invite you to share your joys with the church family by emailing Cindy Strasheim, cstrasheim@windstream.net or call the church office [402.462.5147](tel:402.462.5147)

The Church Nominating Committee is pleased to report that the following individuals have agreed to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee:

Dale Behrens, Irina Belikova-Erickson, Jeni Howard, Richard Johnson, Chris Junker, Rob Kerr, Pay Lay and William Oliver.

The congregation will be asked to confirm the members at a meeting later this month.

- Karen Doerr, Church Nominating Committee chairperson

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Publishing Guidelines:

The *Home Page* is a weekly publication for the people and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

The newsletter seeks to inform, instruct and challenge its readers to become engaged in the ministry of FPC.

Articles will be accepted on Monday of each week. Submissions will be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: fpc@fpchastings.org or call 402-462-5147.

*Summer Volunteers
Needed for:*

*Assembly of the Home Page
9 a.m. Tuesday, July 21st*

~and~

*General Cleaning of the Church
Every Thursday (temporarily)*

*Please call or email
the office to confirm*

Thank you for your help!