



# The Home Page

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## Welcome Back, Bryce Wiebe!

Bryce Wiebe rejoins 1st Presbyterian for one day, January 10, speaking at both worship services, and also leading two can't-miss special events during which Bryce will facilitate conversations focused on congregational healing and moving forward. Make plans now to attend worship on the 10th, as well as both special sessions (9:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall)!!

## Instagram fan?

Those who attended the November 22 *Conversations that Matter* class on the Syrian refugee crisis had the opportunity to meet Dr. Ingrid Bego, political science professor at Hastings College. Whether you met this passionate and inspiring professor at that time or not, you may want to follow her this month on Instagram at traveling prof where she will be documenting her travels to the Balkans with HC students.

## Heirs Apparent Class to view History Channel's *Bible* Mini-series

You've heard about the mini-series....maybe you've even seen an episode or two. Now is your chance to watch the series in its entirety, supplemented by group discussion, led by Curtis Reimer. **Series begins January 17**, but you can join in anytime. (Sunday mornings at 9:15, Anderson Conference Room.)

**2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium** will be held this year on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. The Triennium runs from July 19 through July 23. Youth entering high school through graduated seniors are eligible to attend. Deposit and Registration information is due in the office by January 20. For more information, contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).

## Women of the Reformation Tour, August 31-September 8, 2016

Travel to Geneva, Switzerland and southern France to learn about Presbyterians' faith heritage. Learn about contributions women made to the Protestant Reformation and about the persecution of the early Protestants living in France during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Celebrate our common Reformed heritage with members of the United Protestant Church of France at the annual *Assemblée du Desert* on Sunday, September 4.

The cost for the trip is \$2,000 per person, based on shared housing (\$250 single supplement, as available). The price includes all meals; public transportation in Geneva; round-trip transportation from Geneva to Sommieres, France; and sightseeing in Geneva and southern France. Round-trip air fare to Geneva is not included in the cost of the tour.

Participants must be able to walk long distances and carry their own luggage, and we must have 10 registered participants for this tour to take place. Contact Kathy Reeves ([Katharine.reeves@pcusa.org](mailto:Katharine.reeves@pcusa.org) or 844.797.2872, ext. 5402) with questions or for additional information.

# Discover Your Why

You attend church, floss, exercise,  
call your mother....

What would you say if asked,  
“Why do you do that?”

January: *Revitalization*



## Adult Forum Schedule

- [1-10-16] *Revitalizing the Congregation*  
**Bryce Wiebe**
- [1-17-16] *Revitalizing the Spirit*  
**Kili Wenburg**
- [1-24-16] *Revitalizing the Family-Life-Work Balance*  
**Sarah Fruehling**
- [1-31-16] *Opening the Gift: Personalizing and Applying January's Forum Topics*  
**Brady Rhodes**

## Why ask “Why?” ...

Habit and obligation dictate many of our daily activities. But when habits get boring and obligations feel like burdens, what motivations are we left with? Together, we'll pause to look more deeply at why we do what we do so that we can refresh our lives with intentionality, purpose, and joy!

Over the course of the Winter/Spring semester, Forum classes will address the “Why?” question from each of four different monthly vantage points, beginning with January's theme, *Revitalization*.

First, **Bryce Wiebe** will help us examine the ways our church functions both well and poorly so that we can build on our strengths and move forward with vision. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, **Kili Wenburg** will suggest ways of modifying out-moded spiritual disciplines and will offer fresh ideas for spiritual growth. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, **Sarah Fruehling** will provide guidance and encouragement toward the elusive goal of balancing family, life, and work. And on the last Sunday of the month (each month), **Brady Rhodes** will enable us to take that all-important step of any educational program: applying what we learned from previous classes.

## Heirs Apparent Class--Anderson Conference Room

Curtis Reimer will lead the Heirs Apparent class in viewing and discussing the 10 episodes of the miniseries “The Bible,” originally aired on the History Channel. Begins January 17. Join anytime! All are welcome!



## Congregational Lives

Steven L. Jessen of Neligh, NE, father of Stacy (Neil) Kerr, grandfather of Sydney, Tyson, and Nathan Kerr, died December 30, 2015. The family is thankful for your support during this difficult time, and asks the tribute to Steve be enhanced by adding your memories and photos at [www.Tributes.com](http://www.Tributes.com).

Those who have lost a love one to death may find additional information about GriefShare at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or by contacting Belva Junker at 402-469-1236.

Thank you for your support of our family during my deployment. Your love, care and support is not only why we serve in the way we do, but also enables us to do so. Jesus loves you and so do we. Thank you for your service. –SGT Zach Spurgeon, MP

### From the Library

**If you would like to donate books or other materials to the library, please be sure to include your name. Thank you.**  
–Sue Medsker-Nedderman

“Good Tidings at Christmas” came to my front door on a cold, windy night. Thank you FP Carolers! It means so much! The plate of homemade cookies was a delicious bonus! –Eleanor Jorgenson

### Red Cross Blood Drive – Donors Needed

Red Cross Blood Drive will be in Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 11 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Donors are needed! Your contribution makes the difference for a person in need! For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or [ericalynn128@gmail.com](mailto:ericalynn128@gmail.com). Thank you for taking the time to give.

#### DECEMBER 24 & 27

Christmas Eve 5:30 Worship Attendance	423
Christmas Eve 7:30 Worship Attendance	148
8:30 Worship Attendance	23
10:30 Worship Attendance	100
General Fund	\$28,305.00
Plate Collections	\$771.00
Per Capita	\$268.80
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$13.95
Christmas Joy Offering	\$750.00
Food Pantry	\$25.00
Healthy Beginnings	\$83.00
Horizons Recovery	\$18.00
Pooh Corner Playground	\$500.00
Radio Broadcast	\$1,200.00
Poinsettias	\$360.00

**Thanks be to God**

As a participant of the Chorus of the Plains Christmas Sampler on December 19, 2015, \$160 was donated to Kids Against Hunger as your portion of the free will offering. Thank you very much for taking part in this memorable afternoon Christmas concert.

–Rich Halloran, Treasurer

#### 2016 “Box Sets”

(numbered and dated offering envelopes stored in a decorative little box) are now available in the office to any member who would like one.

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Assembly  
is every Tuesday  
at 9:00 a.m.  
in the common  
office area.**

**Volunteers  
are always  
welcome!**