



# The Home Page

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## All Hands on Deck for Hanging of the Greens!

Come one, come all for a festive morning of decking the church halls in preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Work will commence at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 26. Please bring finger foods to share.

## A Miracle at United Harvest

On Saturday, more recipients than ever were served at the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, jointly administered by the First United Methodist Church and the First Presbyterian Church. Over 350 households representing 1046 people were provided with a variety of fresh, frozen, boxed, and canned foods. Though the food ordered by the United Harvest team was not intended to serve that many people (because fewer were expected), every recipient in attendance received food, and some was left over and either donated to Crossroads or saved for the next distribution. **Praise God** for this provision, reminiscent of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000: "They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over." (Matthew 14:20)

## Hands Around the World Store Christmas Fair Trade Sale

Saturday, December 10, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Memorial Room, First Presbyterian Church

Hands Around the World Store and Eternal Threads will join together for a Fair Trade shopping opportunity. All of our products come from artisans who live in poor areas around the globe. Purchasing their goods helps them to feed their families, allows them to send their children to school, and helps improve their lives by becoming economically self-sufficient. Handcrafts for sale include baskets, scarves, woolen hats and mittens, jewelry, table linens, holiday decorations, gourmet chocolates, spices, tea, coffee and much more. We will feature 4 varieties of delicious Café Justco coffee from Mexico. Your purchase helps to lift disadvantaged artisan, farmers, and their families out of poverty. Your purchase makes a difference.

## United Harvest Volunteers Needed Saturday, December 17!

**13 Additional Volunteers will be needed** for the United Harvest mobile food pantry distribution on Saturday, December 17, at the Annex.

These volunteers will be asked to walk through the line and fill a box, which FPC Deacons will deliver to a disabled or elderly individual unable to physically attend. Please call the office to sign-up.

**Mission committee members delivered** 82 diapers and 40 wipes to Catholic Social Services on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Advent Devotional Books Now Available**

Advent begins Sunday, November 27. A guidebook with daily devotional readings can be helpful in keeping one's heart focused on "the reason for the season" in this busy time of year. Pick up your free daily devotional guidebook in the Memorial Room.

### **Looking for a weekly, evening Bible Study?**

A Bible study will be held *every other week for six sessions* on Wednesday evenings in the Spring

semester. Consideration is being given to organizing a second Bible study group that would meet *every week* (perhaps on Monday nights, though that is not yet finalized). If you are interested in participating in a weekly, evening Bible study group, please contact Kili. We are especially in need of someone to lead this study; contact Kili for more information.

### **Sunday, December 4, 2016**

**9:15a.m.** Sunday School  
(All Ages Welcome)

**10:30a.m.** Worship  
Message by Pastor Don Canady

**1-2p.m.** Prayer Walk  
(Memory of Joyce Schiffler)

**7p.m.** Taize Worship Service

### **No Sunday School This Sunday**

Classes for all ages are cancelled this Sunday, November

27, in observance of the holiday. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

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### **Mark Your Calendar for FPC Christmas Caroling!**

It's fun for all ages!

Outreach, fellowship, service, fun, and bonding--don't miss it!  
Sunday, December 11, 1:30 p.m.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall, and then we'll carpool to various rest homes to spread warmth and cheer, enjoying cookies and hot cocoa at our final stop.

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### ***Congregational Lives***

**A reminder** to those who have extra food after an event: If you are unable to give it away, use it for something else, or take it to Crossroads to donate, please contact Tarci in the office. Spoiled food in the refrigerator is not only a mess, but a waste. There are plenty of people who would be most appreciative to receive it.

**Congratulations** to Nikki and Justin Miller for the birth of their daughter, Kiptyn Lee Miller, born 11/18/2016 and to the family, including siblings Adalynn and Greyson!

**Please keep in your prayers Art Langvardt and family.** Art was recently diagnosed with cancer.

**Please pray for members of our PNC:** Jim Duval, Chad Murrell, Mike Karloff, Joan Shaw, Chris Junker, Pam Lay, and Jeni Howard

### **UPCOMING FORUMS**

#### **"Sustainable Living: Live Simply So That Others May Simply Live"**

During the holidays, we buy, buy, buy, even though we already have more than enough. Can we break free of this lifestyle? What scriptural and spiritual motivations might we employ to guide a life of simplicity and contentment? This forum will be led by Rev. Damen Heitmann, Hastings College Chaplain.  
Sun., Dec. 4, 9:15-10:15,  
Fellowship Hall

# Community Prayer Walk

**Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 1:00-2:00 pm**

## Details:

- 30-40 minutes of walking, with optional fellowship time after walk
- Begins in front of St. Cecilia High School (participants park in the St. Cecilia parking lot)
- Ends at the St. Cecilia Health Ministry, approximately 200 yards from the parking lot

For St. Cecilia and St. Michael parishioners, this "Prayer Walk" will be integrated into our internal Walk to Bethlehem Advent program.

For those with **limited mobility**, a modified "Prayer Walk" will be set up at the Health Ministry Office, 415 N. Kansas. Handicapped parking and entrance is located on the west side of the building.

**Walking together in groups, or as families,  
is a great way to participate!**

This prayer walk commemorates Joyce Schiffler, a well-known community walker, who was tragically killed while crossing at 7th and Burlington in September.

## The Prayer Walk also:

- Promotes physical and spiritual activity.
- Encourages faith communities on their spiritual walk with God.
- Brings faith traditions together in prayer.
- Honors Joyce, who walked everywhere and inspired people to love.

A collaboration between First Presbyterian Church, St. Cecilia Health Ministry, Mary Lanning Healthcare, and the Hastings Health Ministry Network.



**2016 Go & Serve Bid Board**  
**Supporting the Go & Serve Mission Trip**

Please help support the Go & Serve mission trip by donating to the Bid Board.  
Past donations have included:

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| Baked Goods       | Christmas Decorations |
| Quilts/Blankets   | Glass work            |
| Centerpieces      | Art Work              |
| Note Cards        | Books                 |
| Candles           | Wreaths               |
| Gift Certificates | Special Meals         |
| Tickets to Events | Homemade Crafts       |
| Gift Baskets      | Autographed items     |

These are just suggestions; anything is welcome.  
We would love to see some new items included.

Donated items may be dropped off at the church office by November 23rd. The Bid Board will be open Sunday, November 27th, through December 11th. The Bid Board will be located in the Parlor.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office.

Your donations and support are greatly appreciated!!

**Thank you!!**

I would like to donate the following items:

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Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling the church office or Deacon Moderator Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

**The radio broadcast** airs Sunday @ 10:30a.m. during service on KICS 1550 AM.

**Sunday's service will be broadcast on Channel 181** Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village, Sunday's service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

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### **DECEMBER USHERS**

Andrew Barrows, Linda Donohue, Jim Donohue, Susie Graham, George Howard-Captain

### **DECEMBER GREETERS**

Dec 04	Pam Lay
Dec 11	Chris and Kevin Junker
Dec 18	Frank and Kay Georgiana
Dec 24(5:30p.m.)	Brian and Laurie Johnson
Dec 24(7:30p.m.)	
Dec 25	Jill Kramer

### **COMMUNION SERVERS, DECEMBER 4 – TEAM 3**

Martha Boyd, Dave Fisher, Kay Georgiana, Susan Hoff, Harold Korb, Lynette Krieger, Paul Krieger, Scott Kummer, Kathleen Nelson, Chris Schukei, Doug Soderquist

### **COMMUNION SERVERS, DECEMBER 24 – TEAM 4**

Dick Brader, Jan Ham, Jeanne Hastings, Mark Hemje, Kraig Lofquist, Katherine Sachtleben, Ted Schroeder, Lori Schroeder, Alice Throckmorton, May Wierenga

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**Troop 200 Boy Scouts** will be available the four Sundays through November to rake leaves at your place of business or residence. Free will donations are accepted. All proceeds will go to Healthy Beginnings to help a couple of young, struggling mothers through the holidays with care packages for mother & child(ren). If you are interested in helping the Scouts with this charitable service project, please contact Tom Kleinjan @ 402-705-0553 or email him at [scouting200hastings@gmail.com](mailto:scouting200hastings@gmail.com).

Let's help them spread some cheer this season - your contribution makes the difference!

"When working with your attorney to update your **will and estate plan**, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation that will enhance the work of this congregation for many years to come. Our Federal Identification Number is 47-0710307."

--Roger Doerr, Moderator of the Foundation



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### **The Home Page**

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**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a weekly publication (bi-weekly June & July) 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 by Friday of each week. Submissions may be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: tarci@fpchastings.org or call 402-462-5147.

### **Financial Corner**

**November 13, 2016**

8:30 Worship Attendance	80
10:30 Worship Attendance	161
General Fund	\$3,962.00
Plate Collections	\$66.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$33.12
CE Sunday School	\$1.00
Communion – Camp Calvin Crest	\$5.00
UNICEF	\$3.37
Food Pantry	\$18.00
Special Offering – Zach Spurgeon	\$2,767.00
Harvest Dinner Donation	\$30.00
Pooh Corner Rent	\$500.00
Annex Bldg Use Income	\$50.00

### **Thanks be to God!**

Give thanks in all circumstances:  
For this is the will of God  
in Christ Jesus for you.

-1 Thessalonians 5:18