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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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You are invited!!

It's a "meet and greet" for Pastor Greg and Jessica.
Open House, Saturday, January 28, 3-5* p.m.
Fellowship Hall

*At 4:00 Pastor Greg will offer remarks to the group.

Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett will lead the 10:30a.m. Worship Service on January 29th followed by a congregation meeting with a vote.

Please plan to attend these two very important events.

February 5 *Youth Sunday* Communion: Souper Bowl Sunday, Hastings High School Food Pantry

"Mission

The mission of HHS Food Pantry is to help students:

- promote self-advocacy and independence
- recognize needs and utilize resources
- address nutrition issues not filled by school breakfasts and lunches.

Data for Hastings Public Schools, published on the Nebraska Department of Education's website, shows that 60% of Hastings Public Schools' students qualify for free or reduced meals. What does this mean? This means that six out of every 10 students qualify for free meals or reduced price meals daily at school.

Good news in the fight against hunger: Students have breakfast and lunch at school, but what happens on weekends? Well, at the elementary level, service organizations have filled the need with a backpack program that gives kids food like peanut butter, jelly and bread to take home for them and their families to get through the weekend.

However, the need does not stop there. Many of our students face the same circumstances on weekends that elementary age students do but are unsure of where to turn for help. It is because of this that a group of HHS staff and patrons have created a food pantry here at school. Students will have access to food, hygiene products, and school supplies.

This service will be available to ANY student in need. Each week on Monday, students will complete the form during T3. Students will remain anonymous, but filling out the form will give us the number of students who will be picking up groceries and supplies. On the last day of the week, students can go to the room at the base of stairs before the locker rooms for pick up.

We are aware that students may not think they need the service on Monday, so they will click "Do Not Need." However, if you have done this and find your circumstances have changed, you can still stop by the pantry or speak with a pantry committee member. The HHS Food Pantry will be open on the last day of each school week. We need every student to fill out the survey (link above) on Monday, so we can have an idea of how many students we can help each week." *HHS Food Pantry*. N.p. n.d.

Web. 24 Jan. 2017

February 5 Youth Sunday Communion Servers, Team 2:

Kim Creech, Paula Crozier, Mary Fisk, Mike Hogan, Jeff Howard, Mary Kay LaMaster, Pam Lay, Constance Malloy, Chad Murrell, Kathy Utter, Rogene Wenburg.

First Sunday of the Month is **Food Pantry Sunday**. Bring your Food Pantry donation(s) and place in the blue totes in the Memorial Room. Non-perishable needs requested by the Pantry are: paper products, pastas, canned fruit, boxed meals, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, and canned chicken, tuna, turkey. Every bit helps!

February Ushers

Bill Boyd, Lynne Friedewald,
Jim Harrenstein-Captain, Paul Nuss,
Chuck Shoemaker

*Please Note: Youth Ushers will usher
on Sunday, February 5th.*

Deacons delivered 5 bags with 23 items on January 23 to Hastings Food Pantry.

Happy Nappy Diaper Collection. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated for the collection of diapers.

Please bring a box and place in the basket outside of the Hands Around the World Store. They are collected and distributed to those in need in the community, currently through Catholic Social Services. The congregation is encouraged to bring diapers to help those most vulnerable.

On January 18, **Mission Committee members delivered** 134 diapers and 40 wipes to Catholic Social Services.

Collecting Crosses for the Cross Wall

Do you have a cross (framed, carved, pendant...) you could share for the "cross wall" (facing the Living Scrapbook Wall)? Crosses received by the church will be considered to be on "indefinite loan" but can be returned to the giver at any time if necessary. A guide-book will be created with photos and descriptions of each cross.

Special Invitation to Veterans

All veterans--and those who wish to thank and bless them--are especially invited to the next Taize service, during which participants will meditate upon scriptures, songs, and prayers illuminating the concept of God's protection. There will be a time for a special blessing of all veterans in attendance. The 40-minute service will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to write notes of thanks to veterans.

Sunday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat, March 10-12

Learn to rest in and connect with God through silence.

This retreat is not led by nor exclusively open to Presbyterians. It is an inter-denominational retreat led by Fr. Thomas Leitner, administrator of the St. Benedict Center. FPC has a few spots reserved; contact Kili Wenburg to sign up. (Cost is \$192.85, and a \$50 deposit--applied toward the total cost--is required at sign up.)

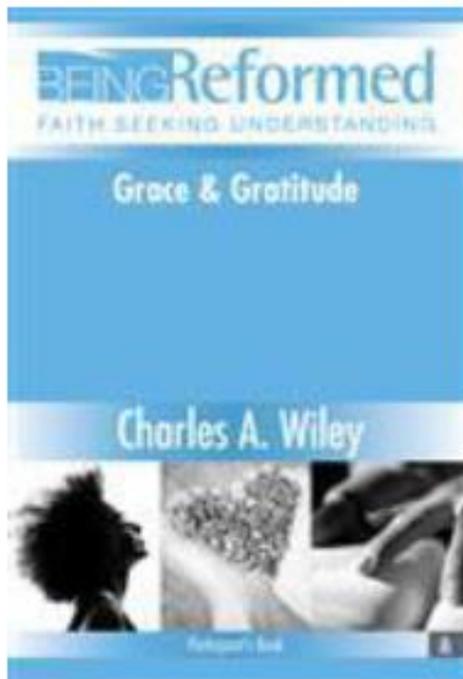
Coming Soon: Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Beginning February 8, Joe Black will lead participants in a study entitled "Grace and Gratitude," an exploration of the freeing power of God's grace and the importance and power of saying "thank you." This study will be held in the Kessler Room, 5:15-6:45 p.m. every other Wednesday evening for six sessions. Study participants can enjoy a night off from cooking, as a communal meal is part of the fun! (\$2 suggested donation) Participant books are complimentary. All levels of biblical knowledge are welcome in this study, and please feel free to arrive as you are able (latecomers are welcome!).

Wednesday EVENING Bible Study

“Grace and Gratitude”

*Explore the freeing power of God’s grace
and the importance and power of saying
“thank you!”*



A study from the

Being Reformed:

Faith Seeking

Understanding

Bible study series

published by the

Presbyterian

Mission Agency

- Six sessions led by Joe Black
- Every other Wednesday evening, beginning February 8
- Kessler Room, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- Dinner included (\$2 suggested donation)
- Participant book is complimentary

Kili will be out of town Tue., Jan. 23, through Sat., Jan. 28, attending the APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators) conference in Denver, CO.

Don't Miss Soup Group This Friday!

Soup, fellowship, friends, and a presentation by Stephanie Adam, occupational therapist: "Are this child's confusing actions stemming from behavioral issues or sensory issues?"

12:00-1:00, Friday, Jan. 27, Fellowship Hall

Check out these great devotional books, specifically for Lent!

A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent by Walter Brueggemann (\$8.45)

The Sign and the Sacrifice: The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection by Rowan Williams (\$9.75)

God Is on the Cross: Reflections on Lent and Easter by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (\$9.10)

Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A by N.T. Wright (\$9.60)

Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar (\$12.95)

40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words: Lenten Reflections for Everyday Life by Bruce Reyes-Chow (\$9.10)

**Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is March 1.

**A group order on behalf of the church will be placed mid-February. Contact Kili to add your selection to the list.

Presbyterian Women will begin its year on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. The Coordinating Team will meet at 11:00 a.m. before the luncheon at 11:45 am. Members of Circle 1 will serve lunch. Circle 2 is responsible for table decorations, registration, nametags, and devotions. The program, "Finding Balance", will be presented by Jen Ramaekers. Jen is a pharmacist at Redline Pharmacy. All women of the church are invited. The cost for the meal is \$5.00. Please RSVP to the church office or your circle chairperson by January 30.

As of February 1, **Annex door codes will be changed.** Renters, Walkers and Quilters will be contacted and given a new code. Anyone needing a new code, please contact Tarci in the office.

UPCOMING FORUMS

The Chief Standing Bear Trail: A Cyclist's Experience

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you." - Job 12:7-8

January 29: Having biked the 600-mile Chief Standing Bear Trail, Will Locke will describe his insights into the unique sufferings of native peoples and the amazing story of Chief Standing Bear, the first Native American to be recognized as a person in federal court.

Shakespeare: The Holy Sonnets

February 5: Dwight Marsh will provide a new perspective on a classic set of writings. Come and enjoy anew beautiful words that not only entertain the mind but also life the spirit in holy praise.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Jan Schawang	02/04/1967
Monte & Karla Malouf	02/04/1977
Steve & Lesa Cropley	02/10/1979
Larry & Uschi Butler	02/18/1967
Darrel & Gail Schmidt	02/18/1972
Brett Erickson & Irina Belikova-Erickson	02/27/1998
Ruei Tut & Nyadeng Kang	02/28/1998

CONGREGATIONAL LIVES

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

02/01	Becky Busboom Nytha Glass Brian Johnson Carole Storer Donna Trutna	02/12	Zada Gernstein Becky Meyer Mary Lee Phelps Jon Propp
02/02	George Adam Chanda Essink Armeshia Onken	02/13	Paul Caldwell Gayle Fandry Vicki Fisk Hannah Hafer
02/03	Kate Boyd Lin Jurgena Katie Kingsley	02/14	Robert Nelson Rachel Guiai Lee Kreager
02/04	Mary Jo Emmons Nina Meyer	02/15	Mary Plock Amber Foral Noble Henderson
02/05	Greyson Miller Michelle Musgrave LaVerne Schreiner	02/17	Scott Ziemba Patrick Burling Keaton Redline
02/06	Pam Canady Shirley Gass C L Wimer George Howard Riley Mullen	02/18	Irva Smith
02/07	Justin Brader	02/20	Zach Spurgeon
02/08	Judy Stewart JoAnn Williams Sydney Witte	02/21	Crystal Bauer
02/09	Meredith Oliver	02/22	Caleb Northrop Ramona Shetler Brian Telecky
02/10	Alex Hafer Ben Hafer Doug Phelps	02/23	Zelma Fobben Janey Nottage-Tacey
02/11	David Cooke Dick McClenahan Phyllis Waltemath	02/24	Harvey Freetly Sharon Steenbarger
		02/25	Dana Odom
		02/26	Brent Brooks Breckyn Knaub Chad Murrell
		02/28	Melissa Allen

5 Volunteers needed in the church office this Friday, January 27 beginning at 11:00a.m. to prepare Sunday's voting ballots and to assemble the 2017 Directory. Please call Tarci in the office if you are willing and able. Thank you.

*Lehigh Presbytery
Presbyterian Church (USA)*



*invites you to join in celebrating
the ordination and installation of*
Beth Utley
as Minister of Word and Sacrament
and Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg
Sunday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m.
*Service to be held at First Presbyterian Church
579 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360*

Reception to follow worship service

Please pray for Art Langvardt and Teresa Luther, Elmer and Irmise Heeren, and Phyllis Waltemath and families.

Prayers for Dean, Verna and Mike Meyer for the loss of their son-in-law /brother-in-law, Tony Hernandez. Service was in North Platte followed by a celebration per Tony's request.

Condolences to Dave and Sandra Dirks, Linda and Jim Donohue and families for the loss of Dave's father, William Robert "Bob" Dirks. The funeral will be this Friday, January 27 at 10:30a.m. with lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Don Canady will be officiating.

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*In Loving Memory  
William Robert "Bob" Dirks  
August 1, 1929 - January 22, 2017*

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Besides our Go & Serve journey, this year we have decided to work on some **Stay & Serve** projects in our own town, an added an 'at home service' to our group. We are hoping that the kids who are not going to Charlotte, NC in July will participate in the *Stay & Serve* projects in the community once a month, and that the parent(s) share in the opportunities by participating as well.

Our Go & Serve trip will be to Charlotte, NC, with the CROSS Mission (Charlotte Regional Outreach Spirituality and Study) at Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

We are going a bit later this year July 9 through the 15, and will probably fly out of Omaha. Our first *Stay & Serve* project was January 21 and we made fleece tie blankets and are donating them to SASA. We thought the size of the blankets was more suited to children that are taken from their homes with a parent in that situation and that SASA can distribute them as needed.

In February we are helping with the United Harvest distribution with more service projects to come. March 18, Go & Serve will be sponsoring the craft sale in the annex building.

More will be planned in the future months.

A email has been sent out to the parents detailing all of this. If you didn't get it let us know. There will be a student/parent meeting after the Congregational Meeting on January 29th. Pizza will be provided.

For more information contact Kim Hermann at farmwife24@icloud.com or Tammie Nowka at nowkat@charter.net.

*"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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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

January 8, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	34
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	177
General Fund (2017)	\$5,022.00
Plate Collections	\$47.00
Per capita (2017)	\$30.25
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$42.69
Communion-Healthy Beginnings	\$35.00
Christian Ed	\$1.00
Memorials-Lillian Baumann	\$55.00
Food Pantry	\$3.00

January 15, 2017

10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	115
General Fund (2017)	\$1,532.61
Plate Collections	\$44.00
Per capita (2017)	\$30.25
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$23.40
Christian Ed	\$2.00
Coffee Donations	\$3.01
Memorials-Lillian Baumann	\$45.00

Thanks be to God!