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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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"Thank you!" to the 43 individuals who participated in the Easter weekend prayer vigil! Each hour from 8 p.m. on Friday through 8 a.m. on Sunday was covered by one or more members of our congregation praying from the chapel or from their home.

Thank you to Lanae Hall for assisting with the prayer vigil organization and set up!

"Thank you!" to everyone who volunteered at Saturday's United Harvest mobile food pantry! Over 30,000 pounds of food was distributed to over 300 families in need. If you're thinking about volunteering, please join us for the next distribution: May 20. *Volunteers are especially needed in the second shift.*

Rolling right along...with your help, that is!

The United Harvest coordinating team has discovered that the most efficient way to collect and transport recipients' food is to utilize garden carts. Additional garden carts were purchased recently (at a sale price of \$58/cart), the cost of which is being shared by FPC and First United Methodist Church. This Sunday (April 23), the congregation will have the opportunity to contribute to the "cart fund" for the United Harvest mission. Any funds raised in excess of the cart cost will go directly to purchasing food for United Harvest. *Thank you!!*

Mission Committee delivered 150 long sleeve shirts for migrant workers to Jody at Proteus last week and we still have two months to go. Proteus assists over 500 migrants on farm visas every summer.

Deacons delivered 4 bags with 27 items to Hastings Food Pantry on Monday.

*"We want to send a letter to **thank you** for your generous donation of 1 bag of food on 3/20 and 2 bags – 14 items on 4/3 given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What wonderful donations! So many people will be blessed with these gifts! This is going to such a wonderful cause as it is helping needy people in our community! It is only because of the donations of caring people like you that we are able to meet the needs of the hungry in our community. God bless in all you do!!" – Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors.*

Spanish Classes Now Available at FPC on Thursday Nights

Want to learn conversational Spanish in an informal, fun way? Want to build stronger relationships with Hispanic neighbors? Bring a friend, and join together with your church family for free Spanish lessons every Thursday evening, 6-8 p.m. in the church parlor.

Final Wednesday Night Bible Study

The series "Grace and Gratitude" concludes this Wednesday, April 19, with class and dinner at 5:15. Thank you to Joe Black for leading the study!

Check out the Cross Wall!

In the hallway connecting the Memorial Room to the Fellowship Hall, one wall is now adorned with crosses donated by members of our congregation. Each cross is personal and has its own special story. The display will continue to grow as others donate their crosses, so please consider contributing yours as the assortment evolves and grows.

Special thanks to Paula Crozier and Susie Graham for bringing the Cross Wall to life!

2017 First Presbyterian Church High School Graduates

Noble David Henderson

Parents: Virginia & Brad Davis and David Henderson

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: choir and student council

Plans after graduation: attend Central Community College and major in Welding Technologies

Most Memorable FPC Event: The trip to Triennium in the summer of 2016...GO AND DO. Noble learned about going and doing what God would have us do and met other Christians from around the globe. Camp Calvin Crest was also an exciting event for Noble.

Most Memorable High School Event: 2016 Tiger Mania because of the fun guys and honoring Mr. Canady.

Favorite Scripture: The entire book of Exodus. Noble just "really digs the story of Moses. He's my hero."



Courtney Junker

Parents: Chris & Kevin Junker

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: FPC Westminster Bell Choir, Sunday School, WNL, Go & Serve, Vacation Bible School, Band, Sunny "D's" HIV/AIDS Peer Educators, Yearbook, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, volunteering at MLC.

Plans after graduation: attend Central Community College and UNK and major in social work.

Most Memorable FPC Event: The hayrack rides.

Most Memorable High School Event: receiving a superior rating at State Band competition this year.

Favorite Scripture: Proverbs 3:6—In all ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. When Courtney was younger and in choir, Mrs. White taught the choir members a song with the words of Proverbs 3:6. Courtney now finds comfort in this scripture and she always remembers Mrs. White when she hears this bible verse.

Emma Redinger

Parents: Bill & Javae Redinger

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Sunday School, WNL, Go & Serve, Debate, Newspaper, HHS Young Democrats, National Honor Society, Mayor's Youth Council, Youth Leadership Academy, Multicultural Club, DECA, Freshman mentoring program, HHS Leadership Class

Plans after graduation: attend Hastings College and double major in English and Political Science. This will be followed by law school where Emma plans to become an immigration attorney.

Most Memorable FPC Event: helping package food at Hearts and Hands Against Hunger and always having a competition with the other youth groups volunteering.

Most Memorable High School Event: sitting on the stage at Cornhusker Girls State graduation and hearing her name announced to be one of the two girls to represent Nebraska a Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.

Favorite Scripture: 1 Peter 3:11—Let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. "This verse reminds me (Emma) that what is popular isn't always right, and vice versa. It encourages me to always stand up for justice."



Cole Shardelow

Parents: Scott & Diane Shardelow

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Sunday School, WNL, Cross Country, Track, Debate, Speech, Big Brothers, Freshman Mentor Program, National Honor Society, Boy Scouts

Plans after graduation: attend college (Drake or UNL) and major in physics.

Most Memorable FPC Event: playing baseball in the gym

Most Memorable High School Event: The first Debate Rush event; making it to semi-finals in a Debate tournament.

Favorite Scripture: Proverbs 13:12—Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. This is Cole's favorite verse because it talks about fulfilling your dreams.

April Services - Come Worship with Us!

April 23, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., High School Senior Recognition,
3:00 p.m. Hastings College Spring Choir Concert at FPC

April 30, 10:30 a.m., Christian Education Volunteer Recognition

UPCOMING FORUMS

"Creation Care"

Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College Religion Professor, will join us to share his passion for caring for God's creation. Author of "Learning the Language of the Fields: Tilling and Keeping as Christian Vocation," Dan is an avid bird watcher, organic gardener, beekeeper, theologian, and bluegrass musician.

Sunday, April 23, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

"Understanding Islam' Follow-up Discussion"

Discussion class based on content from three-part "Understanding Islam" series (see "**Moving from Uncertainty to Understanding**" in this Home Page for details on the series). Discussion will be moderated by Hastings College Chaplain, Rev. Damen Heitmann. All are welcome to this Forum, even without having attended the prior parts of the series.

Sunday, April 30, 9:15 a.m., Parlor

Bring a Friend Sunday: April 23

Blessedly, lots of people join us for worship on Easter Sunday. Let's keep that momentum going by inviting them--and others--back for the following Sunday: "Bring a Friend Sunday."

With our new pastor on board, it's easy to invite a friend or neighbor to come and check out what's new at FPC!

(Please bring a plate of goodies to share, and we'll enjoy refreshments and fellowship between services and after the 10:30 service!)

Soup Group Meets on Friday

All are welcome to join in learning about how children's sensory and behavioral issues are often confused and confusing. Presenter Stephanie Adam, occupational therapist, will offer information and strategies.

Noon-1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, Fellowship Hall; Lunch provided.

Holy Smokes BBQ Cook-off

All are invited to this first annual event, hosted by our First United Methodist neighbors.

Half of all the proceeds will go to support the United Harvest mobile food pantry.

- To participate as a cook, pick up a registration form from the FPC office or Memorial Room table. Registration is due by May 1.
- Kids' hamburger patty cook-off open to anyone 12 and under.
- Ribs and hamburger will be supplied for cooks. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 13, 5-6:30 p.m.! \$10 for adult dinner; \$5 for kids under 12.

Moving from Uncertainty to Understanding

It is widely recognized that sentiment among Christians in our current social climate spans the continuum when it comes to attitudes toward Muslims. Some of us are accepting; some are afraid; some just don't know. Recognizing that Jesus has called us to love all people, and recognizing that love is difficult without knowledge and understanding, the Christian Education Committee encourages all members and friends of FPC to take advantage of upcoming opportunities to learn about Islam, the faith of our Muslim neighbors.

- "Intro to Islam, Part 2" Taught by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College Professor of Religion. 7:00 p.m., Wed., Apr. 19, Memorial Room
- "What It's Like to Be Muslim in the Midwest in 2017" Invited lecture by Dr. Abla Hasan, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Professor of Practice of Arabic Language and Culture. 7:00 p.m., Fri., Apr. 28, French Memorial Chapel, Hastings College.
- Follow-up Discussions. Sun., Apr. 30, 9:15 a.m. FPC Parlor; led by Damen Heitmann. Sun., Apr. 30, 3:00 p.m., Blue Moon; led by Rev. Jessica Palys.

The Presbytery of Central Nebraska invites you to share in the Installation of Reverend Greg Allen-Pickett as Teaching Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

At this event, Pastor Greg will be formally installed as our new pastor. It will be a joyful service including communion and music from our chancel choir, our celebrate band, and Greg and Bryce Wiebe leading the congregation in a song. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian, author, pastor, and head of staff of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, IL.

Sunday, May 7, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

A potluck supper will be held at the church immediately following the service. Please bring a dish to share, with consideration given to the following suggestions: main dish (last name beginning with A-I); side dish (last name beginning with J-S); dessert (last name beginning with T-Z).

CONGREGATIONAL LIVES

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Jeanne Hastings, Deacon Moderator, at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

The **radio broadcast** airs Sunday @ 10:30 a.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 2:00 p.m.

Prayers for Celia Ganow, Brian Johnson, Larry Nowka, Don Reynolds and families.

Directory Correction:

FANDRY, Gayle (p.7) Address: 1003 West 13th Street, Hastings

Flower Memorial Dates

The following are open dates for flower memorials: 3rd Sunday in April; 3rd Sunday in July; 3rd Sunday in August; 2nd Sunday in November. Please contact Mary Olsen if you would like to have one of the Sundays or if you would like to have a specific Sunday that isn't listed above (some of the filled dates can have more than one memorial listing.) **Flower memorials are available to all members of congregation and are free of charge.** Mary can be reached at 402-462-2811 or molsen@charter.net.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Ann Binfield Scholarship

This scholarship is for students attending a Presbyterian college or university.

Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for any student attending a 2-year or 4-year college.

Applications are available in the church office

Or by emailing Traci Boeve.

tboeve@hastings.edu

EASTER LILIES

In Memory Of:

Ardyce Bohlke
Jon Bohlke
Brandon Brader
Dale & Dorothy Brader
Herb & Alice Braum
Walter & Lula Buhr
Maxine & Raymond Champoux
Lyle Davis
Virginia & Roger Davis
Bob Foote
Alfred & Dorothy Friedewald
Charlie Fruehling
Dr. Elmer Glenn
My Mom (Lorna's),
 Hazel Jean Cameron Gordon
Demas & Twilia Griess
Merle & Annabelle Hafer

Nicole Jensen
Hal Lainson
Phyllis & John Lainson
Boyd & MaryLou Leymaster

Rev. Kenneth & Alice Locke
Loved Ones
Our Mothers – Olive Madrid
 & Dixie Tomlin
O.J. McDougal
Walter & Lenora Meyer,
 Jann Meyer, Rich Meyer
Coralee & Jake Moser
Darrell Nelson

Given By:

Anne Bohlke
Anne Bohlke
Dick & Daveta Brader
Family
Will & Ginny Locke
Linda & John Carllson
Jacki & Ed Champoux
Barb Davis & Jennifer
Pamela & Peter Lainson & Family
His Family
Shoemaker/Friedewald Family
Christian, Sarah & Arich Fruehling
Jerry & Mary Seiler

Lorna, Mark & Hazel Zajack
Paul & Belinda Nuss Family
Their children, grandchildren,
 & Great-grandchildren
Byron, Deb, Hannah & Nathan Jensen
Hermes, Bliss, & Olsen Families
Pamela & Peter Lainson & Family
Their children, grandchildren,
 & Great-grandchildren
Will & Ginny Locke
Marilyn Nielsen

Ken & Carla Fike
McDougal Family

Family
Ken & Carla Fike
Kathleen & Sons Andy & Steve

In Memory Of:

David Northrop
Frank Northrop
Jeremy William Nottage-Tacey

Gideon & Ralph Nuss
Edna Penny
Walt & MaryAnne Seiler
Dr. Robert Smith
Willard & Della Stein
Liam Green Tacey

Lee Venter
Lee Venter, Brother
Milt & Thelma Venter, Parents
Thelma & Milt Venter

In Honor Of:

Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett,
 Jessica, & Esther
Julie & Dennis Asmus
FPC Congregation
("In grateful appreciation for all the years you've provided a place for children")
FPC Family
("Into which I was so warmly welcomed 5 years ago!")
FPC & Staff
Hannah Jensen
Nathan Jensen
Our Loved Ones
Robin & Ann Koozer
Gretchen Lainson
Gretchen Lainson
Jimmy McDougal
Lydia & Nina Meyer
Riley, Delaney, & Camden Mullen
Our 3 Children

Given By:

Mary Northrop
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Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey,
 & Sarah, Matthew, Nathanel
Paul & Belinda Nuss Family
Shirley Johnston & Denise, Daphne & Darin
Jerry & Mary Seiler
Sally Smith & Children
Ken & Bev Stein & Family
Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey,
 & Nathanael & Janeen Tacey
Jacki & Ed Champoux
Diane Mullen
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Given By:

Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey
Mary, Jerry, & Brigitte Seiler
Pooh Corner
Jill Kramer
Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey
Byron & Deb Jensen
Byron & Deb Jensen
Colleen & George Adams
Will & Ginny Locke
Hermes, Bliss, & Olsen Families
Pamela & Peter Lainson & Family
McDougal Family
Will & Ginny Locke
Diane Mullen
Don & Marie Rasmussen

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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

April 09, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	40
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	233
General Fund (2017)	\$8,700.00
Plate Collections	\$183.00
Per capita	\$60.50
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$33.66
Christian Ed Sunday School	\$4.43
Food Pantry	\$5.00
Communion-United Harvest	\$26.00
OGHS	\$100.00
ARC	\$10.00
Copy of Worship Disk Donation	\$5.00
Coffee Donation	\$1.00

Thanks be to God!

And God is able to provide you
with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having
enough of everything,
you may share abundantly
in every good work.
-2 Corinthians 9:8