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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH **WNL YEAR-END** **PICNIC**

Children of all ages, families, and congregation are welcome to attend!

Wednesday, May 10
Libs Park—16th St. & Baltimore Ave
5:00-6:00pm fellowship & free-play
6:00-7:00pm meal*

*Hot dogs, drinks, condiments, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.





2017 VBS

First Presbyterian Church

May 22-26 2:00-5:00pm

Everyone welcome! Pre-school through 4th Grade.

Register now at <http://fpchastings.org/vbs-2017/> for the best week of the summer!



2017 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

First Presbyterian Church--
Hastings, NE



We are "gearing up" for another great VBS! This year, we are using the Group: Maker Fun Factory VBS. The kids will discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life--something we call God Sightings.

Our VBS will be held May 22-26, 2:00-5:00pm.

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register as a volunteer at <http://fpchastings.org/vbs-2017/>. Or paper sign-up forms are located on the glass shelves near the church office. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions.

The Carts Are Covered!

Praise be to God! Through Sunday's special funding request for United Harvest carts, \$893 was raised. This is more than enough to cover the cost of the carts, and additional funds will go directly toward the purchase of food for future United Harvest mobile food pantry distributions. THANK YOU for supporting the purchase of these carts, and THANK YOU for supporting this mission!!!

April communion offerings collected to date are \$676.16 and will be remitted the first of May to First United Methodist Church for the purchase of food at United Harvest. Donations will continue to be accepted through April. Thank you for helping those in need!

UPCOMING FORUMS

""Understanding Islam' Follow-up Discussion"

Discussion class based on content from three-part "Understanding Islam" 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

"Report from Hastings College Mission Team"

First Presbyterian Church financially supported the Hastings College Spring Break Mission Team, which served in Nashville, TN, this March. Come and hear about their experiences, challenges, and joys!
Sunday, May 7, 9:15, Parlor
**This will be the final Forum for the Spring semester.*

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.

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!

"What It's Like to be Muslim in the Midwest in 2017"

This is the title of the keynote address for our special educational series entitled "Understanding Islam." The invited lecture will be given by Dr. Abla Hasan, a Syrian-born Muslim and professor of Practice of Arabic Language and Culture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Hasan will speak openly and candidly about her life and experiences.

Friday, April 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m., French Memorial Chapel, Hastings College

Upcoming Services - Come Worship with Us!

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

May 7 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion, Offerings to Open Table Sack Lunch Program

Youth Sunday Confirmation, Last Day of Sunday School

4:00 p.m. Installation of Greg Allen-Pickett; 5:30 p.m. Potluck, Everyone is Invited!

7:00 p.m. Taize Prayer Service

May 14 Final Spring 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship,

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Handbells & HC Choir

May 21 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, VBS Commissioning

May 28 10:00 a.m. Worship (not a typo) with final spring performance by Celebrate Brand

May 28 service marks the beginning of FPC's summer schedule: One worship service per Sunday will be held at 10:00 a.m. (instead of 10:30 a.m.), and *The Home Page* newsletter will be issued every other week (instead of weekly.) Please call the office if you have questions.



**The Presbytery of Central Nebraska
Joyfully invites you to the installation of
Reverend Greg Allen-Pickett
As pastor at
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sunday, May 7 at 4pm**

Come and share in a winsome installation service that will include music from the Chancel Choir and Celebrate Band

The sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian
Author and Pastor of congregations in Ohio, Oregon, and Illinois

Installation Commission:

Moderator: Joyce Dean,
Community Presbyterian Church, Fairfield
Teaching Elder: David Boyd,
First Presbyterian Church, Gothenburg
Teaching Elder: Jill Boyd,
First Presbyterian Church, Cozad
Ruling Elder: Darnice Nyce
Second Presbyterian Church, Hastings
Ruling Elder: Chris Junker
First Presbyterian Church, Hastings

Special Guests:

Charge to Congregation: Bryce Wiebe
Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville, KY
Charge to Pastor: Chuck Sparks
Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver
Preacher: Chris Chakoian
First Presbyterian Church, Lake Forest, IL
Music: Chancel Choir and Celebrate Band
First Presbyterian Church, Hastings

A potluck supper will be held at the church immediately following the service.

FPC Hastings members, 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).

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.

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, Larry Nowka and families.

Final Flower Memorial Date

The 2nd Sunday in November is the final open date for a flower memorial at this time. Please contact Mary Olsen if you would like to have this Sunday, or if you would like to have a specific Sunday that's already reserved (since 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.

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**FPC is happy to announce the following scholarships are now available:**

**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](mailto:tboeve@hastings.edu).

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April is National Donate Life Month. As of today 118,000 people are waiting for a donor, a person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes, 22 people die each day waiting for an organ, and one organ, eye and tissue donor can save and heal more than 75 lives. 95% of Americans are in favor of being a donor but only 54% are registered. You may register or learn how to give otherwise at <https://www.donatelife.net/>.

Please join us for **Nathan Jensen's Senior Voice Recital**, Sunday, April 30, 7:30p.m., Perkins Auditorium, Hayes M. Fuhr Hall of Music, Hastings College.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

05/02	Bev Cooper Lydia Meyer	05/17	Kim Borrell Ashton Essink
05/03	Tim Johnson Woodrena Washington-Dogbevia		Lily Kingsley Susan Oliver
05/04	Mads Anderson Ginny Locke Clyde Sachtleben	05/18 05/19	Chris Wissing Olivia Canady Dawna Whitcomb
05/05	Michael Boeve Shannon Canady Alexis Grimmett William Oliver	05/21	Bill Beck Avery Essink Campbell Schukei
05/06	Ben Reimer	05/23	Chuck Hastings Nick Hoff
05/07	Autumn Stahr		Fritz Mountford
05/08	Marnie Soderquist Vernon Kooy Charlie Webster		John Northrop Ellen Orchard
05/09	Travis Thomsen	05/24	Morgan Abbott Deborah Damrow
05/10	Anne Bohlke Nikki Miller Oluchi Uche		Jane Horton Ethan Kerr Reid Nunley
05/11	Nicholas Burling Susie Pettit Becky Spurgeon Dee Toms Sarah Wolf	05/25 05/26	Barb Suck Yvonne Ziemba Lyla Adam Gale McDonald
05/12	Edith Farnham Rob Kerr	05/27	Molly Johnsen Dick Kleiber Brooke Lofquist
05/13	Preston Ferguson Jeremy Miles Eldon Rhodes Rob Shoemaker	05/28 05/29	Paula Crozier George Dielman Brian Grams Inde Wissing
05/15	Sara Babcock	05/30	Paul Nuss Tabby Ross
05/16	Wihlma Price	05/31	Elianna Robbins Brad Whitcomb

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Larry & Carolyn Nowka	05/06/1961
Robert & Nancy Grams	05/06/1972
LeRoy & Caroline Echternach	05/09/1969
Riley & Julie Mullen	05/10/2003
Jim & Mary Kay LaMaster	05/14/1983
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings	05/18/1981
Jeremy & Deborah Miles	05/19/2001
Tyler & Stephanie Adam	05/19/2007
Mark & Beth Funkey	05/20/1988
Bert & Lori Wright	05/22/2010
Rich & Karen Portwood	05/24/1980
Dick & Mary Plock	05/24/2003
Wayne & Elaine Specht	05/25/1963
Charles & Lois Hafer	05/26/1973
Billie & Carver Abbott	05/27/2006
Jim & Kathy Duval	05/29/2013
Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	05/31/1955

HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT

(a year-round ministry of PC (USA) and Presbyterian Women)

Mother's Day cards will be offered in the Memorial Room this Sunday, April 30, and next Sunday, May 7, and in the library throughout the weeks. The suggested donation is \$10 with the proceeds going to support programs of Presbyterian partner churches overseas that directly impact the health and well-being of women and children. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please fill in the form below and return to PW or the church office. All women will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 14.

Card in honor of _____

Donation in memory of _____

Given by _____



Church Women United is an ecumenical movement that brings together Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women in the United States and Puerto Rico to:

- Work for a just, caring, and peaceful society.
- Develop a visible, ecumenical community.
- Use responsibly and creatively the resources God has entrusted to us: our intelligence, time, energy and money.
- Deepen our understanding of what it means to be Christian women of faith in today's world.



Church Women United in the USA
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 243, New York, NY 10115
1-800-CWU-5551
www.churchwomen.org

May Friendship Day Celebration
"May Friendship Day 2017: Kindling New Fires of Love"

The Church Women United Celebration called May Friendship Day (MFD) is an annual event celebrated by CWU nationwide.

May Friendship Day 2017: Kindling New Fires of Love centers on the role of Christian women in addressing the social needs of children. May Friendship Day began in May 1933 when two women's groups, meeting at separate luncheons, focused on children's health and the children of migrant families. These themes are still relevant today. According to the website "NoKidHungry" 16.2 million children live in households that lack the means to get enough nutritious food on a regular basis. A 2011 National Center for Children in Poverty report shows that immigrant families with children tend to access federal food assistance at significantly lower rates than do native families. A 2009 study in the American Journal of Public Health confirms this: "Although 93% of children of immigrants are US citizens and are therefore eligible for federal assistance, such programs often do not reach these children."

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY LUNCHEON
Friday, May 5, 12 pm Noon Luncheon
First United Methodist Church, 614 N Hastings Ave
Tickets \$5. Purchase at your church or at the door

UNITED HARVEST



MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, April 15**

Saturday, May 20

Saturday, June 17

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: **Annex Building**

Between the First United Methodist Church and First
Presbyterian Church

Hastings Ave and 7th Street in Hastings, NE

Contact: (402)-463-6733

Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry
food. No need to pre-qualify.

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution.

Brought to you by First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

The mobile pantry is available to you free of charge!



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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

April 16, 2017

10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	431
General Fund (2017)	\$5,170.00
Plate Collections	\$277.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$31.40
Food Pantry	\$10.00
OGHS	\$1,148.00
Fish Banks	\$25.00
Easter Lilies	\$60.00

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