



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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*Dear Fellow Companions of the Way,*

This Sunday, prior to the 10:30 worship service, **we will have a reception for Berke Landrum and family in the Memorial Room from 9:45 to 10:15 AM.** Please join me, along with members of the session, to thank Berke for his 24-month ministry with us as our Interim Associate Pastor.

Following worship this Sunday, we will have a congregational meeting called by the session (in accordance with the *Book of Order*, sections G-1.0501 and G-1.0503) for the purpose of electing the **Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**. The Church Nominating Committee will be nominating:

Jessica Bauer, Dale Behrens, Jeni Howard, Richard Johnson, Chris Junker, Rob Kerr, Pam Lay, and William Oliver. Biographical information on the nominees will be provided at the meeting before voting.

Next week's *Home Page* (August 2 -9) will introduce our new Director of Children and Youth Ministry, Director of Adult Education and Spiritual Formation and Care, and Custodian.

Soli Deo Gloria!

**Charlie**

Charles Marshall Webster

***“God’s reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line conflict, even at risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding. Reconciliation among nations becomes peculiarly urgent as countries develop nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, diverting their manpower and resources from constructive uses and risking the annihilation of mankind. Although nations may serve God’s purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling.”***

*(Book of Confessions, The Confession of 1967, 9-45)*

Following the lead of this historic confession of faith, and in concert with numerous actions of our General Assemblies calling for peace throughout the world and reduction in hostile relations between the U.S. and Iran, we applaud the signing of the accord reached between the United States and the government of Iran regarding use and control of nuclear energy, especially as that relates to the production of nuclear weapons.

We fully understand the hurdles that remain in making these agreements a reality, given the role of the U.S. Congress and the leaders of the nation of Iran; nonetheless, we give thanks for the immense effort that has been invested by all parties over months, days, and hours in crafting these agreements.

-Office of the General Assembly, *Grady Parsons, Stated Clerk*, Louisville



Congratulations to our 2015 post-graduate scholars (and to Sharon Brooks for compiling)

### **Bachelor's Degree**

Hastings College:	Matthew Brooks	Laura (Sunderman) Hull
	Michael Hull	Hannah Jensen
	Rebecca Spurgeon	Sarah Wolf
Kalamazoo College:		Sara Babcock
Cornell College:		Thomas Cooke
Coe College:		Thomas Freetly
DePaul University:		Sheldon Howard
University of Nebraska-Lincoln:		Jonathan Lainson
Hendrix College:		Julie McCarthy

### **Master's Degree**

University of Minnesota:	Meg Shoemaker
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# *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

## *AUGUST*

<b>08/01</b>	Bob Dirks Gregg Lay Lindsay Shaw Alphonse Tako	<b>08/17</b>	Chris Johnson Dianne Scheidegger Jonah Snell Carol Wheeler
<b>08/02</b>	Danny Rousseau	<b>08/18</b>	John Funkey Dale Grams Jamie Smith David Tut Chinedu Uche
<b>08/03</b>	Allie Bauer Kathy Duval Jim Harrenstein	<b>08/19</b>	Chudier Duang Gary Grummert Alice Throckmorton
<b>08/04</b>	Ira Wierenga	<b>08/20</b>	Barbara Jackson Connie McClenahan
<b>08/05</b>	Jean Boeve Terry Hall	<b>08/21</b>	Stephanie Bliss Celia Ganow
<b>08/06</b>	Caleb Kidd Rick Matticks Susan Meeske JoAnn Seiler Doug Soderquist Roda Tut Megan Welton	<b>08/22</b>	Lauren Canady Vivian Fong Samuel Johnson
<b>08/07</b>	Roberta Lloyd	<b>08/23</b>	Justin Miller
<b>08/08</b>	Kyler Murphy	<b>08/24</b>	Jessica Bauer Dave Stewart Sharon Brooks Ed Lockwood Jr Holly Urrutia
<b>08/09</b>	Katherine Creigh Chuck Shoemaker Vera Zabloudil	<b>08/25</b>	Abbie Kerr Karen Portwood Sheldon Howard
<b>08/10</b>	Nyabuok Dieth	<b>08/26</b>	Faith Brader Cindy Strasheim Jane Bauer Dale Davis Chris Junker Margaret Marsh Fred Knappe Matt Malouf Joyce Mefford Marilyn McIntire Lee Preston
<b>08/11</b>	Sharon Chapel	<b>08/27</b>	
<b>08/12</b>	Carolyn McKenzie Tristan Propp	<b>08/28</b>	
<b>08/13</b>	Kim Creech	<b>08/29</b>	
<b>08/14</b>	Sam Matticks Jamison Murphy Jerry Seiler Dennis Storer	<b>08/30</b>	
<b>08/15</b>	Pamela Osborne	<b>08/31</b>	
<b>08/16</b>	Richard Brader Larry Nowka Ashley Schroeder Kathy Utter Beth Wissing		

# AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Asmus, Dennis & Julie	08/01/1964	Chapel, Myron & Sharon	08/13/1964
Snell, Scott & Sarah	08/02/2003	Koozer, Robin & Ann	08/14/1976
Howard, George & Jeni	08/04/1979	Wenburg, Justin & Kili	08/14/1998
Evans, Chuck & Georgie	08/05/1956	Canady, Don & Pam	08/18/1963
Graviette, Brian & Kim	08/05/1989	Wray, Jim & Cheryl	08/20/1977
Huber, Duane & Karen	08/06/1993	Maul, Ronald & Shirley	08/21/1976
Matticks, Rick & Becky	08/07/1987	Medsker, Frank & Carol	08/22/1950
Nielsen, Erik & Ruth	08/07/1997	Wissing, Ron & Beth	08/22/1986
Kooy, Vernon & Betty	08/09/1963	Nottage-Tacey, Bill & Janey	08/24/1975
Petroff, Chris & Linda	08/09/1970	Boyd, Bill & Martha	08/28/1976
Boeve, Jim & Traci	08/12/1994	Lloyd, Darrel & Roberta	08/29/1954
Davis, LaVern & Kathy	08/12/1972	Johnson, Cal & Jane	08/30/1957
Schukei, Chris & Colleen	08/12/2000	Kreager, Tom & Shanda	08/30/2014

## SERMON SERIES (THE DAVID CHRONICLES) SUMMER 2015

June 14	<i>1 Samuel 15:34-16:13</i>	The Lord Looks on the Heart
July 12	<i>1 Samuel 17:32-49</i>	A Stone and a Prayer
July 19	<i>2 Samuel 7:1-14a</i>	Who Needs a House?
July 26	<i>2 Samuel 11:1-15</i>	Dumbledore's Axiom
August 2	<i>2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a</i>	You are the Man!
August 9	<i>2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33</i>	O Absalom, My Son, My Son!
August 16	<i>1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14</i>	Wisdom from on High

### Synod School in Storm Lake, Iowa, July 26-31

The midsummer ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies opens Sunday afternoon, July 26, and runs through Friday noon, July 31. Several members from FPC Hastings are attending this year, to which we wish safe and happy travels.

***Thank You for the very special luncheon and the many lovely cards and love gift. - Shirley Johnston***

***To our church friends and family, Thank You for honoring us with your cards, notes, and personal greetings for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Your thoughtfulness added so much to our joy. - Gary and Carol Grummert***

The Salvation Army Back to School Backpack Program 2015 is still in need of supplies. For more information, please see the bulletin board outside the church office.

## ***Congregational Lives July 19***

Many Thanks to Jan Ham, Denny & Carole Storer, Susy Graham, Meg Stewart-Magee, Cindy Strasheim, Chudier, Nyaguor, and Nyanhial Duang and all others who volunteered time to clean during our time of transition. Carlos Santos is the new custodian who will be in charge of these duties.

Please excuse the office print error in June 14, 2015 Home Page, Relay for Life section, In Honor of: David *Cooke* (not *Cook*).

Every effort is made to publish correct information. Please do not hesitate to call in a correction.

Scott McCormick, Jr., 86, passed away July 4, his services were held July 8. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister and teacher at Hastings College. More information may be found at:

<http://www.lbvfh.com/obituaries/recent-obituries/2015/07/04/dr.-scott-mccormick,-jr/>

Alex Peterson and Kelly Moughty were married in Connecticut July 10. Kelly, an Episcopal Priest, will begin a new call in Falls Church, Virginia. Alex serves as Capture Officer at International Relief & Development (IRD), Alexandria, Virginia, where he assesses strategic opportunities for business development. Kelly and Alex met at Yale Divinity School. Alex is the son of Kathy Gardner Peterson Duval and Tim Peterson.

Julie McCarthy, graduate of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas is employed as a financial analyst for Windstream in the corporate offices in Little Rock, Arkansas. Julie is the daughter of Rev. David and Rev. Joan McCarthy.

Catherine (CJ) Koozer is completing her medical rotation as a Doctor of Osteopathy at Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa. CJ will specialize in Pediatrics with an emphasis in Special Needs Children, and credits her Go & Serve trip to Camp Courageous for guiding her to her life work. CJ is the daughter of Anne and Robin Koozer.

Former International Associate Member, and Hastings College graduate, Catherine Borketey, has recovered sufficiently from her traumatic car accident to return to South Dakota State to finish her nursing degree.

We invite you to share your joys with the church family by emailing Cindy Strasheim, [cstrasheim@windstream.net](mailto:cstrasheim@windstream.net) or call the church office [402.462.5147](tel:402.462.5147)

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### ***Thank You Corner***

**Go-and-Serve** collected \$9,137.00 total this year, of which \$155 was from February Communion and \$8,232 from Stock Sales.

**Open Table** collected \$11,907.60 to-date this year, of which \$691 was from March Communion.

**Thank you** for the donations, glory be to God!

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**Publishing Guidelines:**

The *Home Page* is a weekly publication 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 on Monday of each week. Submissions will be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: [fpc@fpchastings.org](mailto:fpc@fpchastings.org) or call 402-462-5147.

*Due to the recent amount of information, Home Page will be published again in one week.*

*Volunteers are needed for  
Home Page Assembly  
on  
Tuesday, July 28*

*Please call or email  
the office to confirm*

*Thank you for your help!*