



# The Home Page

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After worship yesterday I was asked to share the formula that I shared with our graduating high school seniors. It was a message directed to them and yet something for all of us to apply to our lives. Have first of all: a faith fit to live by; second, a self fit to live with; and last, a work fit to live for. I believe those are guidelines we can all use in our daily lives.

Notice if you would the order that I placed those guidelines. Faith first—God first. Then self. Then job.

Years ago in an adult Sunday school class, I asked the class to list on a piece of paper in order the most important things in their lives. Out of a class of about fifteen no one listed God first. It was family, friends, etc. For some first on their list was their job. So often we let our jobs define us. We don't know who we are away from our jobs. My experience is that we need to define ourselves through our relationship with God. Then we can look carefully at our self-image, then our jobs.

For me, our relationships in life are best defined by our relationship with God--a God who loves us for who we are. Thanks be to God!

-Pastor Don Canady

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**The Mission Committee** delivered 107 diapers to Catholic Social Services on April 28.

**Happy Nappies.** Your Mission Committee is always collecting diapers for our "Happy Nappies" project. Thank you for your help in serving the most vulnerable in our community! Place donations in green bin in Memorial Room.

**The Red Cross blood drive** held 4-26-16 collected 22 units of blood. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and donated.

Volunteers included: Lois Hahne, Shannon Welton, Carolyn McKenzie, Margaret Koontz, and Cheryl Schukei.

Donors included: Jimmie Mace, Carol Wheeler, Randy Coil, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Harold Korb, Phil Odom, Andy Barrows, Elmer Heeren, Jim Wenburg, Karen Doerr, Dwayne Strasheim, Jessica Brock, Rich McKenzie, Jane Marsh, Gary Brooks, Jessica Bauer, Shanda Spurgeon, Judith Parkinson, Judy Morgan, Chuck Hastings, Lori Trambly, Jacob Konen, and Laura McCarthy.

The next blood drive is Tuesday, July 5 from noon to 6pm. If you are interested in volunteering or donating blood contact Erica Brooks at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or [ericalynn128@gmail.com](mailto:ericalynn128@gmail.com).



## May Forums

To conclude the semester, we'll lighten up and enjoy playful, experiential classes exploring the theme *"What do you see?"*

**May 8:** *"Seeing God via Photography"* Our own Emma Redinger, Hastings high Junior and competitor in photographic journalism, will teach us some photography basics, which will enable us to try out a new way of prayerfully encountering God, called *Visio Divina*.

**May 15:** *"Seeing Our Community via Prayer"* We will embark on a "prayer walk" through the vicinity near the church, visually and communally lifting up our neighbors in prayer. *An alternate indoor activity will be available for those unable to walk.*

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## 2016 PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER BOOK CLUB

As the Wednesday morning and evening Bible studies conclude for the semester, a new adult education opportunity arises. Invite a friend and make plans now to read and discuss *Islam without Extremes: A Muslim Case For Liberty* by Mustafa Arkyol.

For many Americans and Christians, there may be no topic that we talk about more and know about less than the religion of Islam. This summer's book club promises to be a fascinating six-session adventure through the world of Islam, learning about its origins and key values, reviewing the religion's historical impact and contributions, and discussing how it stands to evolve into the future.

Is Islam the religious seedbed of world terrorism? Has Islam been hi-jacked by extremists more concerned with violent political agendas than honoring and living theological truths? Should Christianity, a sister faith to both Islam and Judaism, play an active role in countering and disarming "Islamophobia"?

Join us to consider these important questions and many more each Wednesday at noon, June 8-July 13, Anderson conference room. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. Please read the book's introduction and Chapter 1 for the first session.

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## Summer Schedule Change for Kili

What a fun and challenging experience it has been to join the FPC staff this year! I have spent my contracted 20 hours/week working with the CE and Mission Committees, planning adult Sunday School opportunities, leading Taize worship, offering PW leader trainings, starting some new small groups, and facilitating other special projects and events. As summer draws near, our church schedule slows drastically, and my time on staff pauses. God willing, I plan to re-join the staff again in the fall, but will (as agreed upon at the time of my hiring) take the summer off, beginning May 16.



# OPEN HOUSE

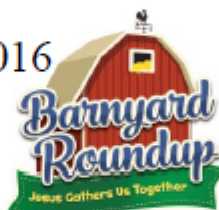
Sunday School Open House  
Sunday, May 15  
9:45am – 10:15 am

Meet the children, youth, and teachers and discover all they have been learning about this year on a self-guided tour through the church classrooms.



Vacation Bible School 2016

May 23-27  
2:00pm – 5:00pm  
Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup>



Participant and Volunteer registration online at [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)  
(paper registrations also available on glass shelves near church office door)

Jr. and Sr. High youth are encouraged to register as volunteers along with

## Dates of Interest

### May

8—Cal/West Choir  
sings @ 8:30 service

8—Children's Choir &  
Bells sing & play at  
10:30 service

11—Last WNL/ Year-  
End Picnic

15—Last Day of  
Sunday School

15—Sunday  
School/WNL volunteer  
recognition

15—Sunday School  
Open House

22—VBS Volunteer  
Commissioning

23-27—VBS 2-5pm

27—VBS Program  
4:30-5pm

## WNL Year-End Picnic Libs Park--May 11

5:00pm-6:00pm gathering, fellowship, & play

6:00pm-7:00pm meal (The main dish, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.)

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
**From Presbyterian Women**

***In Honor***

*Circle One*  
*Tammy Corwin*  
*Gail Dreher*  
*Kathy Essink*  
*JoAnn Fruehling*  
*Sandra Fruehling*  
*Sarah Fruehling*  
*Evelyn J. Geu*  
*Rosemary GFeller*  
*Dana Kay Ghorashy*  
*Gretchen Lainson*  
*Angie Locke*  
*Virginia Locke*  
*Jane Marsh*  
  
*Julia McDougal*  
*Carol Medsker*  
*Dana Odom*  
*Wanda Rikli*  
*Vandee Samelson*  
*#1 Sister - Mary Janet Watts*  
*Rogene Wenburg*  
*ReNelda Wenburg*  
*Emily Wesley*  
*May Wierenga*  
*Pam Witte*

***In Memory Of***

*Jeannine Bauer*  
*Dorothy Brader*  
*Alice Braum*  
*Louise Coburn*  
*Dorothy Etmund*  
*Our Mother - Luella Grams*  
*Phyllis Hansen*  
*Our Mother - Joan Knowlton*  
*Frances Koozer*  
*Alice Locke*  
*Bonnie McCaskey*  
*Leonora Meyer*  
*Margaret Nedderman*  
*Mary Odom*  
*Robyn (Pitkeathly) Smart*

***Given By***

*Circle Friend*  
*Dana & Phil Odom*  
*The Essinks*  
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*Christian, Sarah & Arich Fruehling*  
*Christian, Sarah & Arich Fruehling*  
*Ginny Locke*  
*Pamela K. Lay*  
*Sarah, Christian & Arich Fruehling*  
*Flossie Sanderson*  
*Mary & Jorn Olsen & Family*  
*Ginny Locke*  
*Sarah, Christian & Arich Fruehling*  
*Ginny Locke (on behalf of the children  
she has taught)*  
*Ann & Robin Koozer*  
*Susan Medsker-Nedderman*  
*Phil Odom*  
*Justin & Kili Wenburg*  
*Phil & Dana Odom*  
*Susie & Kenny Graham*  
*Justin & Kili Wenburg*  
*Jim & Rogene Wenburg*  
*John & Jane Pollak*  
*Ginny Locke*  
*The Essinks*

***Given By***

*Jane & Chuck Bauer*  
*Daveta Brader*  
*Sarah, Christian & Arich Fruehling*  
*Dana & Phil Odom*  
*Jane & Chuck Bauer*  
*Kenton & Bonnie Grams*  
*Jim & Rogene Wenburg*  
*Kenton & Bonnie Grams*  
*Ann & Robin Koozer*  
*Sarah, Christian & Arich Fruehling*  
*John & Jane Pollak*  
*Daveta Brader*  
*Robert Nedderman*  
*Phil & Dana Odom*  
*Jan Ham*

## Congregational Lives

**Darleen Howard** received over 100 cards for her birthday! She called to say, "Every name means so much! I don't go to church anymore and I miss it! Please tell everyone: Thank You!"

***Thank you! I enjoyed the flowers that Deacon Mary Kay brought out and the card telling me that flowers were part of our Sunday Service. -Arlene Kort***

The Lainson family historical photographs have been moved from the hallway to the library. Thank you to the Lainson family, Doug Soderquist and Sue Medsker-Nedderman for making this happen.

**In the Hospital:** Mary Northrop is now at Mary Lanning recovering from knee surgery in room 306.

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

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

### 2016 DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

**DOERR, Roger & Karen (p6) – Update Emails:** [kgdoerr75@gmail.com](mailto:kgdoerr75@gmail.com)

**EMMONS, Mary Jo (p6) – Update Email:** [mjemmons@charter.net](mailto:mjemmons@charter.net)

**FANDRY, Gale (p7) – Update Email:** [sunshinesmiles4you@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinesmiles4you@gmail.com)

**HEINEMAN, Joe (p10) – Update Address:** 9401 Andermatt Dr., Lincoln, NE 68526; **Update Phone:** 402-327-6476

**MEDSKER, Frank & Carol (p17) – Update Phone:** 402-834-0265; **Remove cell phone numbers**

**MEYER, Al (p18) – Update Phone:** 402-460-5932

**Sunday,  
May 8, 2016**

**8:30** Worship

**Music:** Cal/West Choir

**9:15** Sunday School

Adult Forum

**10:30** Worship with Communion:

Pastor Don Canady

**Music:** Children's Choir/Bells

"A summer series of GriefShare will begin Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. at First St Paul's Lutheran Church. Look for the GriefShare sandwich sign on the west side of the Church for directions. Anyone who has lost a loved one to death, recently or years ago, are invited. Those who are not sure about such a group are welcome to "try" one or two sessions. Each evening features a video with grief "experts" talking about their personal losses. Learn more at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)."

**Chorus of the Plains** is hosting the *Hastings Got Talent Show* on Wednesday, June 15 at the Masonic Temple. Tickets are \$10 at the door. A portion of proceeds go to charity.

**Synod School 2016: *Connecting with Jesus in an Over-Connected World*.** July 24-29 @ Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa. **\*\*IT'S LIKE FAMILY CHURCH CAMP!\*\*** Informational booklets available in the church office.

## **Committee News**

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is looking for new members to join the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). If interested, contact Al Meyer at 402-460-5932 (not 402-463-0067) or [alleemeyer@hotmail.com](mailto:alleemeyer@hotmail.com).

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

|                                       |                                |                   |                            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>WORSHIP, ARTS<br/>&amp; MUSIC</b>  | <b>1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY</b>  | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>  | <b>ANDERSON</b>            |
| <b>CONGREGATIONAL<br/>LIFE</b>        | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY</b>  | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>  | <b>PARLOR</b>              |
| <b>GLOBAL MISSION</b>                 | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY</b>  | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>  |                            |
| <b>TRUSTEES</b>                       | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY</b>  | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>  | <b>ANDERSON CONFERENCE</b> |
| <b>CHRISTIAN ED</b>                   | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY</b>  | <b>7:00 P.M.</b>  | <b>ANDERSON CONFERENCE</b> |
| <b>PERSONNEL</b>                      | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY</b> | <b>5:00 P.M.</b>  | <b>KESSLER</b>             |
| <b>DEACONS</b>                        | <b>3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY</b>  | <b>6:45 P.M.</b>  | <b>ANDERSON CONFERENCE</b> |
| <b>SESSION</b>                        | <b>3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY</b> | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>  | <b>ANDERSON CONFERENCE</b> |
| <b>FOUNDATION</b>                     | <b>MONDAY (QTRLY)</b>          | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>  | <b>KESSLER</b>             |
| <b>MEMORIAL</b>                       | <b>TUESDAY (QTRLY)</b>         | <b>12:00 P.M.</b> | <b>ANDERSON CONFERENCE</b> |
| <b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>                    | <b>AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR</b>    |                   |                            |
| <b>COMMUNICATION &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b> | <b>VIA EMAIL AS NEEDED</b>     |                   |                            |

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 Deadline to submit your request for Spring 2016 Langenberg Scholarship is approaching quickly! (May 31, 2016 is the last day)  
 Applications are available online or on the glass shelves in front of the office. Please return to Tim Canady or the office.  
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#### **April 24, 2016**

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| 8:30 Worship Attendance  | 35         |
| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 263        |
| General Fund             | \$3,394.00 |
| Plate Collections        | \$151.00   |
| Sunday School            | \$7.10     |
| Go & Serve Stock Sales   | \$2,160.00 |
| Hunger Fund              | \$52.80    |
| Bereavement              | \$150.00   |
| Food Pantry              | \$27.01    |
| Wednesday Night Live     | \$13.01    |

**Thanks be to God!**



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## **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Presbyterian Women Disaster Preparation Training**



First Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio,  
following straight line winds in 2012. — Photo  
by Pauline Albrecht, NRT

**Saturday, June 18, 2016; noon to 5 pm**

**Sunday, June 19, 2016; 8 a.m. to noon**

**Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center  
3200 W. Maple St, Sioux Falls, SD 57107**

Lightning. Storms. Floods. Hurricanes. Fires. Disasters bring chaos to hundreds of thousands of lives every year and have lasting effects. "Disaster Preparation Training" is a train-the-trainer event designed to give women the tools needed to conduct Disaster Preparedness workshops for churches, presbyteries and communities.

This training is for women only, by application only. You do not have to be a member of Presbyterian Women. Training expenses for this training will be reimbursed by PDA. You must attend the entire 8 hour training to be certified and commissioned as a PW-PDA DP trainer. Application and registration deadline is May 9, 2016.

Please email all applications/references to PDA: [Beth.Snyder@pcusa.org](mailto:Beth.Snyder@pcusa.org), 888-728-7228 Ext 5806 or FAX to 502-569-5704. Applications are online at [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda), click **ACT** and **Volunteer**

For PW Synod of Lakes & Prairies Gathering information, please contact: Marilyn Stone, PWS moderator, 262-661-9863 (cell), [mmstone52@att.net](mailto:mmstone52@att.net)

### **PW Disaster Preparedness Training**

There are currently 11 attendees registered from our synod for the PW Disaster Preparedness Training. The training requires at least 20 attendees. This is yet another way to be Christ's hands and feet in service. IF you are interested and willing to make this commitment you are encouraged to apply. **The deadline for applications is May 9th!** Information and application forms are available in the church office. PDA is looking for at least two women from each presbytery to become trainer of trainers. You do not have to attend the PW Synod Gathering in order to receive the training or to be involved in PW, although you must be willing to work through the PWCT. All expenses for the training will be covered. Many locations in our synod have been recipients of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance services. There has been much volatile weather lately, which serves as a reminder that we are not free from disasters occurring. Please give this opportunity your prayerful consideration.

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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 by Friday of each week. Submissions may be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: [tarci@fpchastings.org](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org) or call 402-462-5147.

### **Hands Around the World** **Store**

**Spring is here!**  
**Many new items**  
**are now available!**  
**Open every Sunday**  
**9am – 12noon**