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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Next Sunday, May 15, is in the celebration of the church year we know as Pentecost. Pentecost is 50 days after Easter when, as Luke tells us in Acts 2, the assembled disciples receive the Holy Spirit. They have been in Jerusalem since Jesus' ascension, obeying his instructions to wait there for the Holy Spirit. They are probably not at all sure what they await, but they stay, because Jesus has told them to wait.

Suddenly, on that day we call Pentecost, peaceful routine is exploded. The Holy Spirit is indeed bestowed on each one, in "tongues as of fire," and they receive the ability to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to those who have not yet heard it, in their own languages. On the Day of Pentecost, the church is born. The people assembled in Jerusalem that day know where they have been. Now they receive the courage to face the unknown future - to dream, to hope, to go beyond their wildest imaginings.

Wear red on Sunday to worship.

-Pastor Don Canady



Deacons delivered 2 bags with 11 items to the Food Pantry May 9th.



Special Events on Sunday, May 15

- Prayer Walk, 9:15-9:45. Wear your walking shoes, and join us for a walk around the vicinity of the church as we visually and communally lift up our neighbors in prayer. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. *An alternative community prayer activity will be available for those unable to walk with us.*
- Sunday School Open House, 9:45-10:15. All adults are encouraged to take self-guided tours of the children's classrooms to discover and affirm the children's efforts over the past school year.
- Teacher appreciation during 10:30 worship service. We will set aside some time during worship to acknowledge and thank the many individuals who have so generously given of themselves in support of Christian Education.

Taize Worship Will Not Take Place in May

Scheduling conflicts have necessitated the cancellation of our final Taize worship service for this program year, originally scheduled for Thursday, May 12. Taize worship services will resume in the fall.

Time and Talents Inventory

Our last "Time and Talents" inventory was distributed in 2011, so it's time to update our records! Please watch your mail for this important item, and return your family's responses as soon as possible to aid in our planning for the future. THANK YOU!!

Financial Peace University Participants SUCCESSFULLY Save and Pay Down Debt

20+ students attended classes at First Presbyterian on Tuesday evenings from late February through early May, studying and applying a popular non-denominational curriculum called the "Financial Peace University." Collectively, the class paid off \$31,115 towards personal debt and set aside \$21,100 in savings. According to class facilitators Tom and Leah Ratzlaff, "We had huge successes and changed lives! AMAZING!"



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.



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.



Congregational Lives

Thank you to PW members who brought me the lovely card and table favors from the Campbell Tea. – Mary Jeanne Cooke

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.

Mike and Becky Meyer and their daughters Lydia and Nina are members of FPC. Nina has Muscular Dystrophy. In March of 2016 Nina required surgery on her spine, to insert a rod that would enable her to maintain better posture, which among other things improves her respiratory function. Nina was hospitalized for two weeks in Denver, CO, and is now recovering at home. Mike and Becky not only used all of their available vacation time on trips to Denver as they prepared for the surgery, but the time that they have spent in Denver with Nina, and providing 24/7 care for her since she has returned home has been unpaid.

Along with the overwhelming hospital bills, the Meyer family needs to purchase a van to transport Nina. Mike and Becky have a standard van, from which they lift to carry Nina to and from her seat, and also the wheelchair to and from the back. After the surgery, carrying Nina now causes her pain, so they need to purchase a wheelchair accessible van for transport.

Nina is a past Ambassador for MDA Nebraska and continues to advocate for the organization through her participation in fundraising and speaking engagements, including Community Health Charities of Nebraska.

Donations may be made to the Go Fund Me account established by Keith Napier at:

<https://de.gofund.me/225bbqk&rcid=9a75ea4615e911e6b06ebc764e052a98>.

Or if you prefer to submit a check, it may be made payable to Mike or Becky Meyer and mailed c/o FPC at 621 N. Lincoln Ave., Hastings, NE 68901. (This is not a church donation).

In the Hospital: Geraldine Shuman, Mary Northrop

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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 are available in the Church office.

**Sunday,
May 15, 2016**

9:15 Final Sunday School

Adult Forum

10:30 Worship
Pentecost Sunday
(Everyone wear red to worship)

Pastor Don Canady

May 1, 2016

10:30 Worship Attendance	178
General Fund	\$4,632.00
Plate Collections	\$14.00
Sunday School	\$1.00
Go & Serve Stock Sales	\$850.00
Hunger Fund	\$20.54
Pentecost	\$735.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
Annex Building Use	\$50.00

Funds Remitted:

Food Pantry...	\$221.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund...	\$121.04
General Assembly...	\$291.67
Synod...	\$350.00
Presbytery...	\$2,945.83

Thanks be to God!

Deadline to submit your request for Spring 2016 Langenberg Scholarship is approaching quickly! (May 31st 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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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 or call 402-462-5147.

Hands Around the World

Store

Spring is here!

Many new items

are now available!

Open every Sunday

9am – 12noon