



# The Home Page

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How many times have our granddaughters asked us to “read me a story?” A story seems to be a basic medium of human understanding. In ancient cultures storytellers were revered. The office of storyteller may have led, eventually, to the idea of holy person or priest.

A child needs to know things about the world. When we try to reveal to them truths of this world by presenting facts, we do not connect to them as well as when we tell them a story.

For the next five days, our children from the church and their friends will be exposed to the stories of our faith through our Vacation Bible School program. They begin at 2:00 and conclude by 5:00 each day. When they leave we hope the stories of our relationship with God will fill them and give them a little touch of what this thing we call faith is all about.

There are so many people who will be involved in relating those stories to our children. Yesterday in worship we commissioned those who will be working with the children, and we pray that all they do will be done in the name and for the glory of God.

-Pastor Don Canady



On May 23, we delivered 1 bag with 13 items to Hastings food bank.

## **June Communion Offering: Project Homeless Connect**

The 5th annual "Project Homeless Connect" will take place at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church on July 21, 2016, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The annual event brings together service agencies, schools, veterans organizations, churches, businesses, community support, and hundreds of volunteers to help homeless and nearly homeless individuals residing in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. By providing critical care, services, and information, PHC helps recipients toward self-sufficiency. In 2015, 520 participants (315 adults, 205 children) received services. Both financial donations and volunteers are needed. Downloadable volunteer sign-up forms are available at <http://www.phchastings.org/download-forms.html>.

## **Thank You Christian Education Volunteers!!**

If you volunteered with either children/youth or adult education this year, THANK YOU!! If you were the beneficiary of one or more of these volunteers, please consider finding a way to thank them for their time. (A list of all the volunteers is available in the church office.)

God perfectly designed the Body of Christ such that each member is equipped with special skills and interests, so when we each offer our own gifts, all tasks are accounted for and burnout is minimized.

If you have given of yourself before, thank you! If you receive a request to serve in the future, please consider saying yes.

*"As the Holy Spirit says, 'Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.'" -Hebrews 3:7-8*



**American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Adams County  
Friday, June 3, 6:00p.m. – 12:00 Midnight  
Hastings High School Track**

***To Remember or Honor a Loved One***

Relay for Life is the nationwide, signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is a community event in the fight against cancer, and as part of the ceremonies, volunteers and survivors line the track with luminaria (lighted candles in weighted, white bags) inscribed with an individual's name. At sunset, everyone is invited to participate in the incredibly moving Luminaria Ceremony and observe a heart-felt-moment of silence as the candles are lit. Each luminaria is lit in honor of someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has lost his or her battle to cancer. Donations for luminaria are \$10 each. All money goes to the American Cancer Society mission to help others Stay Well, Get Well, Finding Cures and Fight Back.

First Presbyterian Church once again will be participating this year. We are working towards our goal of \$2,000.00! **Luminaries will be available one more Sunday, May 29th in the Memorial Room. They are also available in the church office till June 2, the day before the Relay for Life walk.** Donations can also be made via the web site: ***www.RelayForLife.org***.

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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.

**These programs have concluded for the summer but will resume in the fall:**

Sunday School (all ages: children-adults)

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday evening Bible study

Wednesday evening informal book discussion group

All choirs: children/youth/adults--vocal and bells

Taize worship services

8:30 worship services on Sunday mornings

Soup Group

PW luncheons and Circle meetings

\*Wednesday morning Bible study's final session was May 18

**Time and Talents Inventory**

Our last "Time and Talents" inventory was distributed in 2011, so it's time to update our records! Hopefully you have received this important item in the mail by now. If you have not, please call the church office and another copy will be sent to you. Thank you for returning this.

## Congregational Lives

**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.

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

The family of Lulu Buhr has kindly donated to FPC a **motorized wheelchair**. If you have a use for this, or know of someone who does, please contact Deacon Moderator Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

### Matching-Challenge Fundraiser for the Meyer Family

**UPDATE- Due to the generosity, support and love of our congregation, on Sunday, May 22 the Meyer family was presented with matching funds! Glory be to God!**

**In the Hospital:** Geraldine Shuman

**Sunday,  
May 29, 2016**

**10:30 Worship**  
Pastor Don Canady

### **June 2016**

#### **Communion Servers (Team 1):**

Craig Balnicke, Sharon Brooks,  
Dianne Christensen, Matt Fong,  
Kim Hermann, Jeni Howard, Chris Junker,  
Al Meyer,  
Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline  
**Ushers:** Susie Graham,  
George Howard-Captain, Dixie McDonald,  
Gale McDonald

"I would like to thank the many members of the church for their cards, phone calls and prayers as I recover from knee surgery. Special thanks to Kim Creech for bringing alter flowers to me in the hospital and to Pastor Canady for his visit. I am blessed." -*Mary Northrop*

*In Loving Memory*

*W. Guy Stocks*

*09/09/1925 – 05/18/2016*

## Committee News

When working with your attorney to update your will and estate plan, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation that will enhance the work of this congregation for many years to come. Our Federal Identification Number is 47-0710307." – *Roger Doerr, Moderator of the Foundation*

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 19 following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) to confirm the action by Session and Trustees to dispose of the temporary housing for the transitional minister, (2) elect Church Nominating Committee (CNC) members, elect Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) members, and (4) elect Mary Olsen to replace Cindy Strasheim (recently resigned) to Session. All members are welcomed.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

John & Sharon Brooks	06/01/1980
Paul & Lynette Krieger	06/02/1973
Jim & Rogene Wenburg	06/02/1973
Stan & Chanda Essink	06/02/2000
Ethan & Lindsey Stout	06/02/2012
Will & Ginny Locke	06/03/1961
Ed & Cheryl Lockwood	06/06/1970
LaVern & Connie Franzen	06/07/1964
Eric & Laura Bishop	06/07/2003
Mads & Sadie Anderson	06/08/2013
Curtis & Kathy Reimer	06/10/1989
Kenton & Bonnie Grams	06/11/1977
Chad Murrell & Patty Kingsley	06/11/1994
Rob & Michelle Kerr	06/12/1993
Brent & Erica Brooks	06/14/1997
Francis & Norma Vineyard	06/16/1951
Zach & Becky Spurgeon	06/16/2012
Wiyual & Nyabuok Dieth	06/17/2003
Nkuma & Chinedu Uche	06/18/1986
Abdul & Suellen Bruguera	06/18/2011
Justin & Nikki Miller	06/20/2009
Jeremy & Kaela Heneger	06/21/2003
Ken & Bev Stein	06/22/1979
Dave & Linda Cooke	06/23/1984
C L & Sandra Wimer	06/24/1967
Doug & Diane Phelps	06/24/1978
Mike & Rachel Florek	06/24/1984
Jim & Mary Lewis	06/27/1964
Gary & Carol Grummert	06/27/1965
Bryant & Melissa Allen	06/27/2009

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

06/01	Peter Lainson	06/12	Kaleena Fong	06/22	Kaela Heneger
06/02	Cathy Mitzelfelt	06/13	Charles Hafer		Neil Kerr
	Bob Morris		Laurie Lofquist	06/23	Zane Baldwin
	Joan Swan	06/14	Victoria Anderson		Adelaide Ehrich
06/03	Billie Abbott		Dylan Croon		Rachel Florek
	Dick Christensen		Janna Johnson		Doug Oakeson
	Dick Rasmussen		Erika Nielsen		Claire Schwarz
06/04	Wyatt Davis		Bruce Phelps		Don Whitcomb
	Ashley Hermann	06/15	Atticus Heneger	06/24	Jan Schawang
	Wanda Williams		Arlene Kort	06/25	Connie Hansen Golter
	Hazel Zajack	06/16	Julie Asmus		Tom Kreager
06/05	Chase Johnson		Courtney Junker		Bree Robbins
	Amy Pettit		Nathan Kerr	06/26	Jim Boeve
	Ashley Thomsen		Lorri Oakeson		Carol Harrenstein
06/06	Ingrid Ehrich		Libby Smith		Jill Kramer
	Pamela Lainson	06/17	Ty Chapel		Colleen Schukei
	Jaxlyn Murphy		John Pollak	06/27	Jim Lewis
	Bev Stein		Hugh Shoemaker		James Miles
	Neal Sunderman	06/18	Eric Brader	06/28	Jodie Phelps
	Norma Vineyard		Ian Erickson		Terra Phelps
06/08	Andrew Barrows		Katie Phelps	06/29	Dianne Christensen
	Dave Cooke		Leah Ratzlaff		Emma Ellerbee
	Jeni Howard		Sally Smith		Joe Matticks
06/09	Alexis Longshore	06/19	Tim Peterson		Don Reynolds
	Chris Petroff	06/20	Mike Shaw	06/30	Karla Malouf
06/10	Delys Hall		Logan Smith		Ruth Nielsen
	Deb Johnson	06/21	David Ellerbee		Gabriel Snell
	Joyce Ore		Keira Erickson		Andrew Spurgeon
	Tut Ruei		Rebecca McPherson		
06/11	Jesse Grimmett				
	Tommy Toms III				

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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.

### **May 15, 2016**

10:30 Worship Attendance	173
General Fund	\$5,852.00
Plate Collections	\$102.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund	\$27.02
Sunday School	\$5.00
Go & Serve Stock Sales	\$600.00
Scholarship	\$706.00
Memorial	\$760.00
Pentecost	\$45.00
Pastor Discretionary	\$250.00
Food Pantry	\$8.00
WNL	\$8.00
Pooh Corner Rent	\$400.00

**Thanks be to God!**