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Welcome Back, Students of All Ages--Especially Adults!!

Do you know everything you need or want to know about God and living a life of faith?

On one hand, it is easy to say (along with Karl Barth) that we DO know all we need to know, and we even know this great truth in a simple song: "Jesus loves me, this I know..."

On the other hand, though, we realize that spiritual learning is a life-long process, and a part of life that, if neglected, leads to calcification of ideas and atrophy of one's heart and soul.

In special discernment meetings this summer, the Christian Education committee clarified its vision as offering to our congregation "spiritual formation through continuous learning and practice."

Let's break that down:

- "spiritual formation": a multi-faceted process of spiritual shaping and growth of the whole person, accomplished through diverse practices including study, service, prayer, discussion, worship, and more.
- "continuous learning": the acknowledgement that spiritual learning happens at all ages and stages of life, and that it happens throughout the week, not just on Sunday mornings.
- "[continuous] practice": like a doctor's "practice," spiritual formation is an on-going pursuit, not so much a thing to "get good at," but a way of life.

This week, our two on-going adult Sunday School classes resume.

- **Heirs Apparent** class: A small group characterized by intimacy and warmth born through many years of study together. The class is led by Curtis Reimer and features relaxed, pressure-free discussions that have attracted over the years a mix of ages and backgrounds. The group is currently watching and discussing episodes of "The Bible," a mini-series originally aired on the History Channel. *Anderson Conference Room, 9:15-10:15 a.m.*
- **The Forum**: Each Sunday's class is self-contained, so participants can pick and choose from the class selections, the collection of which provide a balanced offering of topics that are action-oriented, Bible-focused, contemplative, and/or discussion-rich. *Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15 a.m.*

This Sunday's Forum: "**The Act of Stillness: Exploring Sabbath for Real Life**" led by Kili Wenburg. Providing a foundation upon which all other acts of faith can build, Sabbath-observance is an exercise in humility and trust, the regular practice of which enables us to find rest, renewal, and delight in our busy lives. The class will draw upon the work of Walter Brueggemann and Wayne Muller and will include time for lecture, discussion, and the creation and sharing of strategies for incorporating Sabbath-observation into real life.

Coming Soon...

- **Presbyterian Women's luncheons and circle meetings** (See article on p. 4.)
- **Bible@Breakfast** (See article on this group on p. 3.)
- **Happy Hour Book Club** (still in the planning stages; stay tuned for more info in the next few weeks)
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** (still in the planning stages; stay tuned for more info in the next few weeks)

Feel free to contact me anytime with your questions, concerns, or suggestions!

Cheers to the new program year!

--Kili, your director of adult education and spiritual formation

P.S. Sunday School classes for all ages are cancelled on September 4. Have a happy Labor Day weekend!

New Hunger Ministry Begins This Saturday, and Your Help Is Needed

United Harvest, a new "mobile food bank" will host its first distribution of food on Saturday, August 27, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the FPC Annex. Food is distributed for free to anyone who shows up, no questions asked. This project is a collaboration between FPC (providing space and volunteers), 1st United Methodist Church (providing financing and volunteers), and Foodbank of the Heartland (providing expertise and access to food).

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED. Volunteers should be age 12+, and are asked to arrive at 10:30 and bring a sack lunch. (Volunteers need not stay the entire time; they are appreciated for all or a portion of the time!)

Please Pray for the Ministry of the *United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry*

- Pray that all may know the Peace of Christ because startups can be chaotic.
- Pray that all who are involved--both volunteers and recipients--will find ways to minister to one another so that all may know the heart of Jesus.

Bible@Breakfast is Coming Soon!!

Looking for a welcoming group featuring provocative topics, engaging discussions, and insightful participants? Then join the "Bible@Breakfast" group every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. for donuts and discussion!

- This fall, the group will be discussing *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity* by David Felten and Jeff Procter-Murphy, who provide a primer to a church movement that encourages every Christian to "live the questions" instead of "forcing the answers."
- Order your copy from your favorite book seller, or contact Kili for assistance.
- First session will be Wed, Sep 14.

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**Taize Worship Returns September 4 with New Schedule**

**\*Bring a friend** and join us the ***first Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Parlor!***

\*Taize service on September 4 will be led by Rev. Dr. David McCarthy, who has made many trips to the Taize Community in France and who deeply loves and understands this unique worship style.

\*This is a "can't miss" opportunity to experience Taize worship in an authentic way!

**Taize Testimonial:** "Do you ever notice that it never seems quite enough to pray during Sunday morning worship? Taize services are a time for prayer and chant-like music--but the setting is more muted and personal. Without a doubt, our devotional time for reflection during a Taize service seems deeper. For me, these prayers to God can feel somewhat ethereal, yet more purposeful and connected to the Almighty." --*Byron Jensen*

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Big Announcement About Worship on September 18

We are taking our worship service on the road on September 18!

Our regular, 10:30 Sunday morning worship service will be held in French Memorial Chapel on the Hastings College campus on September 18.

This is a new adventure for us and is the brainchild of a special summer discernment group, which focused on enhancing our college ministry efforts.

Please stay tuned for more details about this special event, but for now, **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SEPTEMBER 18 AT HASTINGS COLLEGE!**

Hands Around the World Store is open today until noon. Feel free to browse the fine selection of fair trade coffee, chocolate, textiles and jewelry. Items come from nonprofit, fair trade organizations dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans and farmers and their families out of poverty. Your purchases make a difference!

“Calvin/Westminster Ringers, grades 6-12, is open to students who have some ability to read music. We rehearse on the Sunday mornings at 8:45 when there isn't a Celebrate Service--so about twice a month. Our first rehearsal is September 4th. I know this is Labor Day weekend, but I need to start sometime. Contact me at bjensen@hastings.edu if your child will be participating this year in Calvin/Westminster Bells. Thank you”. -- *Byron Jensen*

Congregational Lives

Rev Bill and Janey are the proud grandparents of a grandson born Aug. 16 at 2:50 PM. He was 9 lbs., 2 oz., and 21.5 in. long. Nathaniel and Janeen Tacey are the proud parents. They named him **Imre Von Tacey**. (“Imre” is Hungarian and translates to *strength*; “Von” is Norse and translates to *hope*).

PW (**Presbyterian Women**) will resume **meetings** this fall on September 7 at 11:45am. Circle 3 will prepare the lunch and Circle 1 is responsible for setting tables and preparing devotions and name tags. Kili Wenburg will present the program giving us an introduction to this year's Bible study, “Who is Jesus?” All women of the church are invited to attend. (The executive committee will meet at 10:30am in the library.)

Other opportunities in September include: Circle meetings on September 21 and Presbytery Fall Gathering in Atkinson on September 22 or Beaver City on September 24. Kili will be the speaker at both locations.

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

The radio broadcast airs Sunday @ 10:30a.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 9:00 a.m.

Please pray for members of our PNC: Jim Duval, Chad Murrell, Mike Karloff, Joan Shaw, Chris Junker, Pam Lay and Jeni Howard.

Sunday, August 28, 2016

9:15 Sunday School
(for all Ages)

10:30 Worship
Child/Youth Bible Presentation
Pastor Don Canady

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

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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

August 14, 2016

10:30 Worship Attendance	125
General Fund	\$4,633.00
Plate Collections	\$71.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund	\$40.46
Communion-WNL	\$435.00
Food Pantry	\$5.00

Thanks be to God!

Honor the LORD with your
substance
and with the first fruits of all
your produce;
then your barns will be filled
with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting
with wine.
—Proverbs 3:9-10