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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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**Come see what Stephanie, Justin, Eric, Grace and Faith Brader
have created in the basement Jr. Youth Room!**



ATTENTION: Starting January 11, WNL will begin at 4:00pm for all Pre-K thru 5th Graders.

***“Thank you, Roger Schukei, for donating and installing the new remote-controlled screen in Fellowship Hall!
It will be utilized and appreciated often and by many! --FPC Staff”***

***“Thank you for your donation of \$672.00 on December 20, 2016. Without your support, Calvin Crest would not be able to share God’s love to the thousands of children, youth and adults that experience the power of camp here each year. Your support enables lives to be changed, life calls to be felt and communities to grow. You are an integral part of the Calvin Crest family and I thank you for your involvement. Blessings,
--Craig Huffman, Executive Director”***

***“Thanks for your continuing support of our family in attending school and a special thanks for the folks who sent us the special Christmas presents. The kids were bouncing around the house Christmas day because of your generosity. Your ongoing work on us even at this distance is humbling. In Christ's love and gratitude,
--Zach Spurgeon (and Becky, Andrew, Anah and soon to be BrieElla Katherine)”***



The Giving Tree @ First Presbyterian Church-Hastings, December 2016

Dear Santa

thank you for
coming over
and giving me
a bed set.

Chudier

Thank you for the bag, ball
the basketball ~~to~~ and jacket

Yethloach

Thank you

Dear santa. thank you for
~~everything~~ every toy & other things
you gave to the Duang children
Quei
Duang

Thank you
Santa for
the gift card
Nyanhial

We love
our
new
pillows

"We would like to express **our sincere thanks** for all your support over the past years in giving. You are truly amazing and we are blessed to have such giving individuals that help make our Christmas a memorable one. We appreciate you and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

—From the staff and clients of
ACT/South Central
Behavioral
Services"

"Thank you for your most generous contribution to the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. The donation of \$200.00 will go a long way to helping us provide educational opportunities to pastors and seminarians for in the coming years. Peace and Grace, –Gary S. Eller, President"

*"We want to send a letter to **thank you for your generous donation** of 10 bags = 72 items of food given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What a wonderful donation! So many people will be blessed with this gift!"*

–Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors"

Sharon Brooks delivered 2 boxes of miscellaneous useful items, 2 personal checks for \$110 (from other members of congregation), and FPC's communion offering remittance check for \$855 to **Maryland Living Center** on December 22, 2016.

Bring Your Children and Youth To Taize Worship This Sunday!

January's Taize theme is "newness," and a special blessing will be offered for children/youth of all ages. This 40-minute candlelight service will be held in the Parlor at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8. Don't miss this chance to reflect on the new things God is doing in your life for 2017 and to consider how to "become like a child" in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

Specialized United Harvest Volunteers Needed Saturday, January 14

In addition to the regular volunteers, 10-15 extras will be needed for the January 14 mobile food pantry distribution at the Annex. These volunteers will be asked to collect (by walking through the line) and deliver a box of food on behalf of a disabled or elderly individual unable to physically attend.
Please call the office to sign up.

January Prayer Focus: Healthy Beginnings

As are all of our communion offering recipients, Healthy Beginnings is in need of not just our financial gifts but also our gifts of prayer. Please pray for the children being served, the nurses who provide care and education, and the parents who are humbly receiving these services in order to give their children a healthier beginning than they would be able to on their own.

A Homework Assignment For You

In preparation for the January 15 Forum on the "Chiapas Four's" trip to Mexico/Guatemala, please consider watching and/or listening to a recording of the 2016 Governor's Lecture in the Humanities, given by Sonia Nazario, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the Los Angeles Times. Nazario's lecture addresses issues of immigration, drug addiction, U.S. foreign policy, and more--all through the first-person lens of an embedded journalist who personally travelled the dangerous route taken by many immigrants from Honduras to the U.S..
Nazario's lecture includes photos of locations visited by our "Chiapas Four," and therefore provides an excellent introduction to the January 15 Forum.
Find the video of her lecture here: <http://netnebraska.org/interactive-multimedia/other/en-thompson-forum-world-issues-sonia-nazario-immigration-0>
(The lecture actually begins 11 minutes and 27 seconds into the recording.)
You may also view the lecture as it is rebroadcast on Thursday, January 5, 7 p.m. on NET World (NET 2).

"Soup Group" Returns in January With a Focus on Parenting

Every other Friday, 12-1 p.m. (beginning January 13), all are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for learning, conversation, good food, and encouraging friendships. Last Spring, the Soup Group functioned as a book discussion group. This season, however, there are no books to purchase and no reading with which to keep up. Each session will feature a time of fellowship over soup, a brief presentation on a topic related to parenting, and then conclude with discussion on the topic and prayer for the children of our church and our community. These sessions are particularly well-suited to adults with children, but all adults are invited, and a particular invitation is extended to those who have completed the "active parenting" phase of life: please come and share your perspectives and experience as a mentor to those with younger children!

Child care will be provided at no cost.

Learning to Listen... Resting in Silence...



Contemplative Prayer

Forum and **Retreat**

“The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes.”

—St. Teresa of Avila

Contemplative prayer is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions.

Forum

January 8, 2017

Led by Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College professor of religion.

Dan will offer an introduction to contemplative prayer, perfect for those considering the March retreat, and also perfect for those interested in learning to listen to God and rest in silence.

Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15

Retreat

March 10-12, 2017

Friday, 7:30 p.m. - Sunday after lunch
St. Benedict Retreat Center, Schuyler, NE

This retreat, involving breath practice, is for beginners on the contemplative way, as well as for those who have some experience with it.

Led by Fr. Thomas Leitner, OSB, administrator of the St. Benedict Center. Fr. Thomas has practiced contemplative prayer for over 35 years.

****The retreat fills quickly. FPC has a few spots reserved. Contact Kili to sign up.**

January Forums

Faith Through Understanding: Seeing Through Another's Eyes



Contemplative Prayer: A Practitioner's Silent Discipline

"Be still and know that I am God." -Psalm 46:10

January 8: Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College religion professor, will offer an introduction to contemplative prayer, an ancient, silent form of prayer described as "the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions."

Border to Border Trip: A Mission Team's New Understanding

"Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me." -Mt. 25:40

January 15: The "Chiapas Four" (Denny Storer, Pam Lay, Jeni Howard, and Jan Ham) will share the life-changing experiences they encountered on their journey to Mexico/Guatemala to learn more about coffee, migration, and faith.



Polarization in America: An Historian's Perspective

"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun." -Ecclesiastes 1:9

January 22: Comparing current American polarization to that of previous generations, Michella Marino, Hastings College Assistant Professor of History, will assist us in understanding today's concerns in light of historical patterns.

The Chief Standing Bear Trail: A Cyclist's Experience

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you." -Job 12:7-8

January 29: Having biked the 600-mile Chief Standing Bear Trail, Will Locke will describe his insights into the unique sufferings of native peoples and the amazing story of Chief Standing Bear, the first Native American to be recognized as a person in federal court.



CONGREGATIONAL LIVES

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.

Sunday, Jan 15, 2016

9:15a.m. Sunday School

(All Ages Welcome)

10:30a.m. Worship

Message by Pastor Don Canady

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.

Zach Spurgeon's mailing address is: 67 Collins St., Unit B, Dubuque, IA 52001.

Taking Down the Greens will be on Saturday, January 7 at 9:00a.m. Volunteers are always appreciated; everyone is welcome to help!

January Communion offering was for Healthy Beginnings. Healthy Beginnings is a program that offers help and encouragement (including classes, assessments and referrals) for parents and families. Donations are accepted thru January.

Reminder: Chancel Choir will not rehearse on Wednesday, January 18.

Congratulations on the births of:

Olivia Laine Ellenwood, born Saturday December 17th to Jayne (Creigh) and Evan Ellenwood, granddaughter of Mary and the late Thomas Creigh III.

Briella Irene Borrell, born 12/23/2016 to Kimberly Stein Borrell and Jeremy Borrell, granddaughter of Diane and Daniel Borrell of Grand Island and Bev and Ken Stein of Hastings.

Halligan (Hallie) Noelle Little, born 12/27/2016 to Laura (Hoff) and Andy Little of Atlanta, GA, granddaughter of Jane and Durand Little of Biglerville, PA, and Susan and Neal Hoff of Hastings.

Prayers to Art Langvardt and Theresa Luther as Art continues his battle with cancer.

John Quinn is FPC's new Sunday Custodian. He has been hired to open the church by 8:15a.m. and lock the doors at 12:30p.m. (If you are here after 12:30p.m., please be mindful to shut off the lights.) John will be responsible to make sure salt is around the walkways and provide janitorial services as needed.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Neil & Stacy Kerr 01/02/1999

Gaylon & Kim Hermann 01/17/1986

John & Barb Harrington 01/23/1993

Dean & Verna Meyer 01/30/1954

In loving memory of Lillian Baumann
May 30, 1919 – December 20, 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01/01	Nyareak Deng Wiyual Dieth Jim Duval Georgie Evans	01/16	Mike Karloff Ann Koozer Adalynn Miller Teri Nguyen
01/02	Gary Allison George Anderson	01/17	Rich McKenzie
01/03	Starla Rethorst	01/18	Suellen Bruguera Brysen Grams
01/04	Audrey Watson Dan Zabloudil		Kathy Reimer
01/05	Carla Fike Hayley Kidd	01/20	Lance Anderson Muoch Dieth Joni McCoy
01/06	Paul Krieger	01/21	Tuesday Frasier
01/07	Robert Nedderman Susan Tournor	01/22	Nancy Grams Jerry Norberg
01/08	Stacey Burling Jeremy Heneger	01/23	Jayne Ellenwood Shanda Spurgeon Kym Warner
01/09	Harper Launchbaugh		Melissa Davis
01/10	Tatum Kidd	01/24	Art Langvardt
01/11	Larry Butler Robin Koozer Doug Throckmorton Rebeca Tut	01/25	Morgan Karloff Gretchen Lainson
01/13	Norris Swan Carlee Wissing	01/27	Leslie Christensen Madeleine Johnson Lulu Schmidt
01/14	Dale Behrens Bob Johnson Marie Rasmussen Rachel Thomsen	01/28	Erica Brooks Jim Freeburger Jessica Meeske
01/15	Ariah Robbins Caleb Schukei	01/29	Sue Armstrong
		01/30	Gaylon Hermann Javae Redinger

POINSETTIAS - The Global Mission and Local Social Witness Committee approved the purchase and sale of poinsettias such that a portion of the moneys collected be donated to the Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program. With these poinsettias, we remember and honor our loved ones.

In Loving Memory Of:

Dorothy (Benker) Asmus

Eldon Benker

Jon Bohlke

Brandon Brader and Our Parents

Ione Carpenter

Sheldon & Dorothy Christensen

Virginia and Roger Davis

Chip Essex

Bob Foote

Garnet and Robert Foote

Don and Phyllis Glass

Hazel Jean Cameron Gordon

Demas and Twilia Griess

Merle and Annabelle Hafer

Alice and Howard Hogan

Nicole Jensen

Hal Lainson

Phyllis and John Lainson

Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster

Loved Ones

Darrell Nelson

McGee, Dad, Chuck, Don

David E. Northrop

Frank W. Northrop

Gideon and Ralph Nuss

Ira and Edna Perry

Our Dads, Bob Howard and

Marvin Schumacher

Our Parents

Our Parents

Carl Sanderson

Calvin and Phyllis Soderquist

Julie Soderquist

Lloyd and Virginia Wright

In Honor Of:

Andrea

Chuck and Georgie Evans

FPC Congregation

FPC Staff

Gretchen Lainson

Delores Moore

Our Children and Grandchildren

Our Family

Our Moms, Darleen Howard

and Elaine Schumacher

Given By:

Shari Court and Wyona Enninga and Family

Wyona Enninga and Family

Anne Bohlke

Richard and Daveta Brader

Carole and Denny Storer

Chris, Heather, Mindy, Dan, Lizzy and Charlie

Pamela and Peter Lainson and Family

Chad Essex and Family, Troy Essex and Family, and

Vonda Essex

The Family

The Family

Dave and Nytha Glass

Lorna, Mark and Hazel Zajack

Paul and Belinda Nuss and Family

Their Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

The Hogan Families

Byron, Deb, Hannah and Nathan Jensen

Hermes, Bliss, and Olsen Families

Pamela and Peter Lainson and Family

Their Children, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Anne Bohlke

Kathy and Family

Marilyn Nielsen

The Northrop Family

The Northrop Family

Paul and Belinda Nuss and Family

Shirley Johnston and Family

Jeff and Vicki Howard

Chuck and Georgie Evans

Jane and Calvin Johnson

His Family

Doug and Marnie Soderquist

Nolan, Clara and Calvin

Marnie and Doug Soderquist

Given By:

John, Sharon, Michael and Matthew Brooks

Carole and Denny Storer

Rev. Dr. William G. Nottage-Tacey and Janey

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Jeff and Vicki Howard

Financial Corner

December 18, 2016

8:30 Worship Attendance	34
10:30 Worship Attendance	147
General Fund (2016)	\$10,634.06
General Fund (2017)	\$3,200.00
Plate Collections	\$68.00
Per capita (2016)	\$59.60
CE Offering	\$3.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$53.20
Communion-Maryland Living	\$50.00
Christmas Joy Offering	\$50.00
Annex Bldg Use	\$2,760.00
Coffee Donations	\$15.94

December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve

5:30p.m. Worship Attendance	315
7:30p.m. Worship Attendance	138

December 25, 2016

10:30 Worship Attendance	56
General Fund (2016)	\$571.00
Plate Collections	\$100.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$4.25
Christmas Joy Offering	\$75.00
Coffee Donations	\$12.37

Thanks be to God!



Hands Around the World Store's Christmas Fair Trade Sale was a great success!

Regular store hours are 9 a.m.-12 noon on Sunday. 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 purchase make a difference!

COMMITTEE NEWS

Reminder to Committee Members: Year-end reports will be due January 8th for January 15th distribution of the Annual Report.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** date has changed from Sunday, January 29th, to Sunday,

January 22nd. **Annual Reports** with **2017 Budget** will be reviewed at this time.

For the 2017 Directory: Please email or call the office with any corrections to your listing that have not already been noted. Thank you.

MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF SESSION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HASTINGS, NEBRASKA December 15, 2016

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held their regular meeting on December 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Room.

Elders in attendance: P= Present E=Excused A=Absent

Class of 2016

P - Matt Fong
P - Kim Hermann
P - Susan Hoff
P - Al Meyer
P - Clerk: Karen Doerr

Class of 2017

E - Chris Junker
P - Erik Nielsen
P - Tim Redline
P – Mary Olsen

Class of 2018

P- Sharon Brooks
P - Kay Georgiana
P - Harold Korb
P - Kraig Lofquist

Moderator was Rev. Don Canady. Guests included newly installed Elder, Chuck Bauer. Pastor Don Canady opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Don then thanked the Elders in the Class of 2016 for their good and important work and welcomed Chuck Bauer as part of the Class of 2019.

Consent Agenda: Motion and a second to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Board Reports:

Deacons: Did not meet.

Trustees: Recommends the adoption of the 2017 budget. Motion and a second to approve. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Foundation: Has determined a 3% distribution for 2017 from Foundation held assets.

Personnel: Recommends that the Music Coordinator job description be amended to reflect minor increases in job duties and rename the position worship, Arts and Music Coordinator.

Motion and a second to approve the board reports. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Clerk's Report: Request received from Dave Johnson for support of his studies in seminary. Motion and a second to send \$1500 to Dubuque Seminary from the seminary fund of FPC on Dave's behalf. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Request for payment of a \$100 honorarium for the speaker at the Nov. 6, 2016 forum on white privilege. Upon a voice vote, motion carried. The request for future honoraria is referred to Christian Education for discussion.

Reports from Committees of Session:

Christian Education: No action items to bring forward.

Communication/Technology: No action items to bring forward.

Congregational Life: No action items to bring forward.

Global Mission/Social Witness: A separate committee, reporting to Session will be established for the Go & Serve Mission Trip. A recommendation was made to allocate \$10,000 from the youth Go & Serve account to establish an account to fund an adult mission trip. The youth who are involved with Go & Serve will be consulted before a final decision is made.

Memorial: No meeting.

Worship, Arts & Music: No action items to bring forward.

Scholarship: Did not meet.

Annex sub-committee: No report.

Go & Serve: Bid board was successful.

Moderator's Report: Communion was provided to the Congregation on December 4, 2016 at the 10:30 AM worship service. It was offered at the nursing homes on December 6 and December 8.

Recommendation that the By-laws be changed to reflect the clerk be an elder elected by the Session for a three-year term. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

No report from PNC.

Request was made to use church for the wedding of Jessica Bauer and Justin Klassen on September 9, 2017. Upon a voice vote, motion carried. Request to allow Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey to perform the wedding was tabled, at the request of Rev. Nottage-Tacey.

Session will hold its next stated meeting on January 19, 2017 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Anderson Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen G. Doerr, Clerk of Session

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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.

And God is able to provide you
with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of
everything, you may share abundantly
in every good work.

-2 Corinthians 9:8