



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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**Our theme for the year is "Hear the Story, Share the Story, Live the Story."**

The "Story" is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We will focus our programming this year around opportunities for us to:

- Hear the Story told to us from different perspectives and in different voices
- Share the Story of how our lives have been transformed by our relationship with Jesus and our participation in the Body of Christ, the church
- Live the story by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel in word and deed through our mission and ministry efforts

*We hope the members of our church will embrace this opportunity to engage hearts and minds as we learn about, share, and live out our faith!*

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.  
--Philemon 1:6



## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### HEAR

- **Worship:** We are going back to two services EVERY Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
  - Our 8:30 a.m. services will alternate between Celebrate services (contemporary worship style) and Taize services (contemplative worship style).
  - Our 10:30 a.m. services will be in the traditional style.
- **Visit of Presbyterian mission worker Kurt Esslinger from South Korea on Wednesday, September 20**
  - Kurt will share with the kids at Wednesday Night Live and then offer an adult forum at 7:00 p.m.

### SHARE

- **Invite your friends to worship services**
  - "Blessing of the Pets" service in Alexander Park Sunday, September 17, at 8:30 a.m.
  - "Hastings College Sunday" will feature the HC choir (and celebration of World Communion) on Sunday, October 1, at the 10:30 a.m. service.
  - On Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with special activities during worship followed by a German-themed potluck dinner.
- **Bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. led by Pastor Greg**

### LIVE

- **United Harvest Distribution August 19 and September 16**
  - Volunteer at either (or both) shifts: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Volunteer opportunities at Wednesday Night Live**
  - Contact Stephanie Brader for details.

**2017/2018 YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAMS  
KICK-OFF CELEBRATION**

Sunday  
August 20

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**Families with Children**

9:00am-9:15am: Parents/Guardians, Students, and Teachers will gather in the Memorial Room for fellowship and breakfast pastries, juice and coffee.

9:15am-10:15am: Pre-K thru 12th grade students will proceed to classrooms for Sunday School.

9:15am-10:15am: Parents/Guardians will proceed to Fellowship Hall for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live parent information meeting followed by kick-off celebration for Fall 2017 adult activities and classes.

**Families/Others without Children**

9:30am-9:45am: Gather for fellowship and enjoy breakfast pastries, juice and coffee in the Memorial Room.

9:45am-10:15am: Proceed to Fellowship Hall for kick-off celebration of Fall 2017 adult activities and classes.

"It is pretty hard to create a "heavenly" stage, but we are going to try. Please help! We need a large number of pure white sheets and pillow cases for our **Children's Christmas program, "Angels Aware"**. Please check your linen closets and local garage sales for old sheets for us ("Holy" ones work too!) They may be dropped off in the bin located in the common office area of the church. Thank you," -Susan Hoff and Leah Ratzlaff

**Will Locke reports** that in the last few years he's replaced a couple of the Go & Serve trees (with Hastings College Nursery trees) and the City of Hastings has replaced a few more, but as of last weekend, there are still 41 healthy trees remaining throughout downtown in honor and memory of 40 years of Go & Serve donors.

**Happy Nappy** diaper collection is the fourth Sunday of each month is designated for the collection of diapers. Please bring a box and place in the basket outside of the *Hands Around the World Store*. They are collected and distributed to those in need in the community, currently thru Catholic Social Services. The congregation is encouraged to bring diapers to help those most vulnerable.

"We want to send a letter to **thank you for the generous contributions** as follows: 7-10: 2 bags = 13 items; 7-17: 3 bags = 19 items. What wonderful donations! So many people will be blessed with these gifts! This is going to such a wonderful cause as it is helping needy people in our community! God bless in all you do!!" – Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors

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This summer, Pastor Greg is preaching a **Summer Sermon Song Series** on songs from popular culture. Below is the tentative schedule. If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who likes any of these groups, songs, or music, invite them to church this summer!

8/6/17: Go & Serve Sunday, 1 John 3:1-3, 16-22

8/13/17: David Johnson, Guest Preaching

8/20/17: Sermon on The Byrds' "Turn, Turn, Turn" and Ecclesiastes 3



Tyler and Jamie Lay who joined our church in the class of new members on June 4. On July 27, they welcomed their daughter, **Claire Elise**; 7lbs 12oz and 20 ½ inches long. We give thanks to God for a healthy baby girl and are excited to welcome this newest member of our FPC Family! One way to show our welcome and hospitality to Tyler, Jamie and Claire Elise is by bringing by some meals. If you would like to sign up to bring a meal, visit this website <https://mealtrain.com/6gzvky> or call the church office for details. **Congratulations** to Tyler, Jamie and families!

**Congratulations** on the marriage of Tarah Sorensen and Tony Davis on June 24, 2017 at Fremont Presbyterian Church in Fremont, Nebraska.

*"Thank you to the many at FPC who prayed for me and sent cards and well wishes during my recent hospital stay. And thank you to Deacon Jeanne Hastings for the flower delivery. It is great to have such support from the Presbyterian family."* – Wayne Specht

**A Big Thank You** to everyone who volunteered for the office projects this month! Jan Ham, Lynne Friedewald, Alice Throckmorton, Dixie McDonald, Marilyn Nielsen, Kathy Reimer, Lynne Friedewald, Jill Kramer, May Wierenga, Carol Grummert, Tommy Thomsen, Dawna Whitcomb, Ginny Locke – did I mention Lynne Friedewald again - your service (and patience!) is very much appreciated!

**Prayers for** Judy Brown, Celia Ganow, Zelma Fobben, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Mary Jo Emmons, Mary Lewis, Clay Mathews (Susan Oliver's brother), Carla Ridout, Wayne & Elaine Specht and families.

**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 2:00 p.m.

The **radio broadcast airs** during service at 10:00 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.

**August Ushers (Team #6):** Bill Boyd, Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein – Captain, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

**Greeters:** Aug 6 Flossie Sanderson, Eleanor Jorgensen  
 Aug 13 George & Jeni Howard  
 Aug 20 Richard & Linda Johnson  
 Aug 27 Richard & Connie McClenahan, Mary Fisk

**August 6 Communion Servers (Team #1):** Erica Brooks, Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Katharine Davis, Jeni Howard, Byron Jensen, Deb Jensen, Chris Junker, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

**August Communion Offerings** will be accepted thru the month and remitted to RiteCare.

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling Jeanne Hastings, Deacon Moderator, at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

**A copy of any Sunday service is available** on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or [tarci@fpchastings.org](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org).

Would you like to give **your one-time or recurring donation(s) using a debit or credit card?** FPC Hastings now offers a quick and secure way to do so! Go online to [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org) and click the link or icon located at the bottom of the front page. Funds post to your FPC account within 3 business day. Please contact Tarci in the office with any questions.

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**MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF SESSION  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
June 15, 2017**

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held their regular meeting on June 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Room.

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

<b>Class of 2017</b>	<b>Class of 2018</b>	<b>Class of 2019</b>
P - Chris Junker	E- Sharon Brooks	E - Chuck Bauer
P - Erik Nielsen	P - Kay Georgiana	P - Anne Bohlke
P - Tim Redline	P - Harold Korb	P - Mary Fisk
P – Mary Olsen	P - Kraig Lofquist	P - Jessica Meeske
P - Clerk: Karen Doerr		

Moderator was Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett who opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

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

**Board Reports:**

**Deacons:** Did not meet. Communion was served during worship on June 4<sup>th</sup> and at the retirement centers on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Communion was also delivered to six members who are homebound.

**Trustees:** No action items to bring forward. Trustees did approve adding the ability to donate to FPC through the website. Chuck Sparks, the business manager for Wellshire Presbyterian Church, after working with Greg and Tarci found the financial records to be in order.

**Foundation:** Did not meet.

Motion and a second to receive the reports of the boards. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

**Clerk's Report:** No action items to bring forward.

**Reports from Committees of Session:**

**Christian Education:** No action items to bring forward. VBS went well. Committee is working on ways to be sure volunteers feel valued.

**Communication/Technology:** Did not meet.

**Congregational Life:** No action items to bring forward. Discussing the use of permanent name tags and doing something special in months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**Global Mission/Social Witness:** Developing a "Summer of Service" challenge where members are encouraged to volunteer hours of service during the month so the church reaches a goal of 1000 hours; celebration to be held in August. Hope to make this an annual tradition.

**Memorial:** Did not meet.

**Personnel:** Did not meet.

**PW:** Will conduct a special offering for fathers with proceeds being given to the water project directed by Jim McGill.

**Scholarship:** Did not meet.

**Worship, Arts & Music:** No action items to bring forward. Rezound! Handbell Ensemble concert is June 18<sup>th</sup>; Church in the Park went well.

**Moderator's Report:** Personnel recommends that the following vacation and study leave schedule be approved:

Vacation: June 28 – July 6, August 7 – 13 and December 26 – 31, 2017 for a total of 15 days. Study Leave: July 24 – 27, October 24 – 30 for nine days. Upon a voice vote, recommendation approved.

Praised the Celebrate Band for their hard work for Church in the Park. This takes a great deal of coordination when you also consider the live radio broadcast and the TV recording of our services. Greg would like to plan a fall outdoor service with a blessing of the pets, also in Alexander Park.

A staff retreat will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, so the office will be closed.

Karen Doerr and Anne Bohlke will be commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Session will not meet in July.

Motion and a second and vote to adjourn the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen G. Doerr, Clerk of Session

**Session will hold its next stated meeting on August 17, 2017 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Anderson Conference Room.**

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*"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." --Dave Dirks, Moderator of the Foundation*

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**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a weekly publication (bi-weekly June & July) 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.

### **Financial Corner**

#### **July 16, 2017**

10:00a.m. Worship Attendance	203
General Fund (2017)	\$3,274.03
Plate Collections	\$66.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$107.60
CE Sunday School	\$1.00
Communion – SASA	\$55.00
Go & Serve Stock Sales	\$30.00
Memorial – Joan Swan	\$10.00
Food Pantry	\$9.00

#### **July 23, 2017**

10:00a.m. Worship Attendance	224
General Fund (2017)	\$3,400.00
Plate Collections	\$289.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$42.58
Communion – SASA	\$55.00
Open Table	\$170.00
Go & Serve Stock Sales	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$8.00
Memorial – Joan Swan	\$170.00
Scholarship Fund – Chuck Evans	\$50.00
Worship Enhance – Flowers/Radio	\$20.00
Office Supplies (Disc Don.)	\$25.00
Annex Bldg. Use	\$1,200.00

**Thanks be to God!**