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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

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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 500th 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

United Harvest volunteers needed on Saturday, August 19!

We need your help to keep our ministry going strong! Please choose one shift and report to the Annex at the start of your chosen time: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 12 noon – 2:30 p.m.

Thank you for your service!

This summer, Pastor Greg is preaching a **Summer Sermon Song Series** on songs from popular culture. Below is the 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!

8/13/17 (10 a.m. worship): David Johnson, Guest Preaching

8/20/17 (10:30 a.m. worship): Sermon on The Byrds' "Turn, Turn, Turn" and Ecclesiastes 3

Summer worship service schedule ends August 13th; 10:30 a.m. worship service resumes August 20th.

Tyler and Jamie Lay 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 them 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.

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 Communion Offerings will be accepted thru the month and remitted to RiteCare speech, language and literacy clinics. Find more information at: <https://www.ritecarene.org>.

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

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.

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 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.

"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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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

July 30, 2017

10:00a.m. Worship Attendance	218
General Fund (2017)	\$2,846.00
Plate Collections	\$95.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$51.45
Communion – SASA	\$5.00
Bereaved Family Fund	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$6.00
Memorial – Joan Swan	\$250.00
Scholarship Fund – Chuck Evans	\$425.00
Office Supplies (Discs)	\$10.00

Thanks be to God!

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