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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

HEAR

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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.

New Member Classes: September 6 & 13

If you're planning to join the church, or if you simply want to learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian in Hastings and beyond, please plan to attend the New Member Classes, held 4:30-6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, September 6 and 13, in the basement youth room. Complimentary meal will follow the class portion. Free childcare will be provided through the Wednesday Night Live program. Please call the church office 402-462-4147 to RSVP by Friday, September 1.

This Sunday is the final sermon in Pastor Greg's **Summer Sermon Song Series** on songs from popular culture. Bring a 10:30 a.m. worship) sermon on The Byrds' "Turn, Turn, Turn" and Ecclesiastes 3 If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who likes any of these groups, songs, or music, invite them to church this summer!

10:30a.m. worship service resumes Sunday, August 20; **8:30a.m. worship service (now weekly) begins** Sunday, September 10.

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.

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>.



THANK YOU!!

With everyone's help and support we were able to put on our 8th annual **Recovery in the Park Celebration** and provide this event FREE of charge.

We would personally like to *thank you* for your support!!!

REVIVE MINISTRIES

School clothes needed: Little boys size 8,10 or 12, new or nearly new. Please call Susan Hoff @ 402-469-0985 or Carol Grummert @ 402-984-4157.

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.

The **radio broadcast airs** during service at 10:30 a.m. 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 2:00 p.m.

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.

This month marks the **1 year anniversary of United Harvest!**
More than 300,000 pounds of food have been distributed to help supply over 250,000 meals!
This is an amazing accomplishment that could not have been achieved without our volunteers!
Thank you for your service! Glory be to God!

UNITED HARVEST



MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, July 15**
Saturday, August 19
Saturday, September 16
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: **Annex Building**
Between the First United Methodist Church and First
Presbyterian Church
Hastings Ave and 7th Street in Hastings, NE
Contact: (402)-463-6733
Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry
food. No need to pre-qualify.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

United Harvest volunteers are 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 (needed especially this month) 12 noon – 2:30 p.m.
Thank you for your service!

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution.

Brought to you by First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

The mobile pantry is available to you free of charge!



Presbyterian Women's meetings resume in September. They begin with the PW luncheon at 11:45am on the first Wednesday of each month. A program and short business meeting follow the luncheon. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to come for all or part of the meeting. Call your reservation to your circle telephone chairperson or to the church office by the Monday preceding the PW meeting.

September 6, 2017 – Program – Kili Wenburg – Preview of Bible Study Lessons for 2017-2018

Circle 3 – prepare lunch;

Circle 1 – devotions, table setting and decoration, nametags, cashier

September 20, 2017 - Circle meetings begin:

Circle 1 – Hostess – Katherine Sachtleben – 9:30am in Katherine's home

Bible Study Leader – Gayle Fandry

Circle 2 – Hostess – Eleanor Jorgenson – 9:30am in Eleanor's home

Bible Study Leader – Flossie Sanderson

Circle 3 – Hostess – Lois Hahne – 1:15pm in the church parlor

Bible Study Leader – Kathy Duval

Health Ministry
St. Cecilia Catholic Church

Come one, come all!
St. Isidore Festival!

September
10th 2017

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

8:00 AM-3 PM (Old East Gym)

- Veggie Market
- Fair Trade Items for Sale
- Music
- Artist/Craft/Hobby Tables
- Bake Sale
- Face Painting

10:00 AM-3 PM (In Parking Lot)

- Food Trucks Open!
- Free Throw Contest
- Watermelon Eating Contest
- Bouncy House & Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Horses & Wagon Rides
- Photo Booth
- Balloon Man
- Train Rides
- Dunk Tank

NOON- 3:00pm (Chapman Gym)

- Dodgeball Tournament

*free will donation for most activities

521 N. Kansas, Hastings, NE
(adjacent to St. Cecilia Church)

FESTIVAL
MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS

BOUNCY HOUSE

ARTISTS

PHOTO BOOTH

FAIR TRADE

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.

First Presbyterian Church remitted on August 15:

\$394.76 to SASA, \$224.47 to PC(US), \$291.67 to General Assembly, \$350.00 to Synod, \$2,945.82 to the Presbytery.

"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 or call 402-462-5147.

Financial Corner

August 6, 2017

10:00a.m. Worship Attendance	198
General Fund (2017)	\$9,302.00
Plate Collections	\$32.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$35.20
Communion – RiteCare	\$295.00
Food Pantry	\$5.00
Flowers/Radio	\$5.00
Coffee Donations	\$11.75

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