

# **The Home Page**

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175 Vol. 21.32 Week Of: September 24, 2017



Pastor Greg blessing Willa Bauer

## **Dear First Presbyterian Family:**

The school year has gotten off to an amazing start! Our Wednesday Night Live programming is full with 60+ people sharing dinner and fellowship every Wednesday, including 40-50 elementary aged children doing bible study and recreation together. Thank you to all the volunteers that make it happen.

More than 50 people of all ages came on our "Field Trip" to the Sachtleben Observatory where we observed the wonder of God's creation. Thanks again to Dr. Clyde Sachtleben.

On Sunday we had a "Blessing of the Pets" service in Alexander Park that drew more than 60 people and 35 animals including some people who aren't members, so this was a great outreach!

We also had 11 new members join our church on Sunday 9/17. Along with the 19 who joined in June,

which makes 30 new members this year! Twelve of those new members are sisters and brothers from Hanover Presbyterian Church that closed last year. We recognized the Hanover Church in worship and we are so grateful that they have found a church home with us!

It is my sincere hope that you find a way to get connected to one of our many ministry opportunities. Come to one of our weekly bible studies on Tuesday at noon or Wednesday at 7am. Come worship with us and enjoy our glorious music. Come learn with us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 with bible school for all ages including two adult education opportunities each week. Come volunteer and serve with us. Come be a part of this vibrant community of faith!

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Greg

#### Taize services return....on Sunday Mornings!

On the first and third Sundays of each month, FPC will offer Taize services at 8:30 a.m. These quiet, meditative services feature scripture, prayers, silences, beautiful music, and an abbreviated version of the 10:30 service's sermon for the day. *Check it out!* 

#### From your Parish Nurse:

Yoga has been practiced for over 5,000 years and is still widely recommended by physicians for a variety of reasons. There are over 100 different forms of yoga, but all include the three elements of performing a series of poses or postures, controlling breathing, and meditation or relaxation. This low-impact exercise can work every muscle group in the body and can be just as beneficial as aerobic exercise. Yoga does not require special equipment and can be modified for people of all ages and abilities.

By strengthening muscles, increasing balance and flexibility and enhancing breathing, every organ in the body can have improved function. As this occurs, immunity gets a boost and metabolism is more balanced. Yoga has been proven to decrease the risk of heart disease, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's, and Type 2 diabetes. It can also relieve some complications of chronic illnesses like asthma, arthritis, migraines, epilepsy, depression, menopause, and chronic pain.

In addition to physical benefits, yoga provides many psychological and lifestyle advantages as well. It has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety, enhance mood, and improve concentration and memory. By focusing on the mind-body connection during yoga, self-control and selfacceptance become easier in other areas of life.

FPC is excited to host a series of six free 45-minute yoga sessions on Wednesdays at 5:05 p.m. in the Annex gym, beginning September27. Whether you are a yoga expert or a curious first-timer, please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to improve health and wellbeing. Namaste!

#### Join the Mariners Moms Group!

Lunch, fellowship, learning, and fun! Join the Mariners every 1st and 3rd Thursday, noon-1:00, in the Parlor. Each gathering will include a brief devotion and then a robust discussion on topics related to parenting. Moms at any stage in the parenting journey and from any denomination will enjoy the fellowship and information sharing in this group. \*Free childcare is provided! \*Bring a sack lunch if you wish. **Sept. 21:** "Administrative Skills" Does your child forget or lose things? Does she have trouble managing time or planning toward future goals? Administrative skills help with these functions and more. We'll talk about what works and what doesn't!

<u>Oct. 5: "Control Battles"</u> We've all had them, but are they useful? What's behind our reluctance to let go of control? <u>Oct 19: "Resilience in Kids"</u> What is it? How do we help our children build it?

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **Heirs Apparent Classes**

"What's Your Story? Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes" DVD lesson and discussion led by Curtis Reimer. Anderson Conference Room, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

#### **Forum Classes**

"Portrayals of Jesus in Contemporary Fiction" It's a literary parallel to the "Summer Sermon Song Series"! No need to read ahead; together we'll identify and explore trends in modern authors' characterizations of Jesus. Led by Dr. Gary Johnson. Sep. 24, Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

"Hastings College Sunday" Recall the historic ties between Hastings College and FPC, and learn about Hasting College's new President's vision for the future. Led by Dr. Travis Feezell, <u>President, Hastings College</u> Oct. 1, Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

"Decoding Church Budget" What is the FPC annual budget? Who makes spending decisions for our church? How are foundation funds managed? What's the connection between foundation dollars and the general budget? Come learn all the ins and outs of FPC financials. Led by Tarci Matthews, Jane Bauer, George Howard, Doug Oakeson, and Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Oct. 8, Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15 a.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

# **INTRO TO** YOGA

FREE, 45-MINUTE CLASSES WEDNESDAYS, 5:05 P.M. COMMUNITY WELCOME!

OCTOBER 4

RESTORATIVE YOGA

Kim Borrell, Avani

# **CLASS STYLES & TEACHERS**

## SEPTEMBER 27 OCTOBER 18 GENTLE YOGA YOGA NIDRA Kim Borrell, Avani Jenni Welsch, Grounded Sky

# OCTOBER 25

SLOW FLOW FOR STRENGTH Stephanie Ourada, Avani

# NOVEMBER 1

VINYASA FLOW Stephanie Ourada, Avani

# **NOVEMBER 8**

YIN Lanae Hall, Avani

# All classes held at 622 N. Lincoln Ave. (Presbyterian Annex Building)

# Busy Person's Retreat

Step out of the fast lane. **Go on retreat...** ...without leaving home.

Join fellow retreat participants at opening and closing sessions at

7pm on Sunday, October 1, and on Sunday, October 15. Between those dates, connect more deeply with God, yourself, and the world around you privately and with professional direction through 30 minutes of personal daily prayer and three 45-minute individual spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience.

All parts of this retreat will be held in Hastings.

Kili Wenburg, MA, certified in spiritual direction and directed retreats, will facilitate all group and individual sessions.

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, OR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE RETREAT DIRECTOR OR ABOUT SPIRITUAL DIRECTION. CALL KILI AT 402-462-5147. OR EMAIL KILI@FPCHASTINGS.ORG **Two Weekly Bible Studies.** Both will study scriptures for the upcoming Sunday's worship service. Both will be led by Pastor Greg. Options: Tuesdays at noon (bring a sack lunch if you like) or Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (breakfast is provided.)

Worshiping and otherwise spending time with all of you this summer while completing the final hour of credit for the Master of Divinity through the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary was certainly a heartfelt joy. It was great to connect with familiar friends and meet many new people as the Spirit does lots of exciting things within the life and fellowship of First Presbyterian Church these days! Thank you to the Go & Serve Mission Trip team for sharing their exciting stories of God's mission in Charlotte and to all of the youth who shared their exceptional musical talents during worship.

**Special thanks** to Pastor Greg for his enthusiastic extra efforts, wise direction and copious amounts of patience. Thank you to the Supervised Practice of Ministry Committee: Jane Marsh, Chairperson, Susan Hoff, Rev. Don Canady, Wayne Ganow and Richard Johnson for their guidance, inspiration and helpful feedback. Thanks to Erik Nielsen, Tarci Matthew, Kili Wenburg and Stephanie Brader for their assistance. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support during the entire process of completing the M.Div. and seeking ordination. --Shalom, *David Johnson* 

Do you have an idea for or concern about our church?

It's "the Presbyterian way" to accomplish things through committees, and our FPC committees are ready and willing to welcome you and/or your ideas!

Please contact the moderator of the appropriate committee to share your input or to find out how you can join the efforts of their committee!

Christian Education -- Chris Junker Communication and Technology -- Erik Nielsen Congregational Life -- Kraig Lofquist Congregational Nominating Committee -- Kim Creech Foundation -- Dave Dirks Global Mission and Local Social Witness -- Sharon Brooks Go and Serve -- Tammie Nowka and Kim Hermann Memorial -- Mary Olsen Personnel -- Lynne Friedewald Presbyterian Women -- Rogene Wenburg Scholarship -- Tim Redline Worship, Arts, and Music -- Erik Nielsen Deacons -- Jeanne Hastings Trustees -- Dave Fisher Session -- Karen Doerr, Clerk

**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.

**Prayers for:** Judy Brown, Ty Chapel (Sharon Chapel's son), Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Jim (& Lois) Hahne, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Clay Mathews (Susan Oliver's brother), John & Mary Northrop, Carla Ridout, Elaine Specht and families.

**September Communion Offerings** will continue to be accepted thru the month and remitted to Habitat for Humanity.

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.

**Presbyterian Women's (PW) luncheons** are 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.

October 4, 2017 – Program – Pastor Greg Allen-Picket – Presbyterian Missions/PW missions Annual Salad Luncheon – Each First Presbyterian PW member bring a salad to share with guests from neighboring Presbyterian Churches.

Circle 1 – drinks, crackers, extras for luncheon

Circle 2 – devotions, table setting and decoration, nametags, No charge this month

We look forward to your joining us for good food and warm fellowship. This event will provide you with the opportunity to hear our new pastor, Reverend Greg Allen-Pickett, as he presents a program on Presbyterian Missions, with a special emphasis on those missions that Presbyterian Women support now or might be interested in supporting in the future. You also have another opportunity for mission at this luncheon meeting, "Free the Girls" as a special service project. Please let us know if you will be joining us by *Monday, October 2*.

# **CROP Hunger Walk**

Hastings CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by our local Church Women United. The walk will start at Hazelrigg Student Union and will be in the College and Heartwell Park area Sunday, October 8, 2017 starting at 2:00 pm.

CROP Hunger Walks began in 1947 under the wing of Church World Services and for many years has raised funds to help provide food and water, as well as recourses that empower people to meet their own needs, both locally and globally.

25% of our Hastings Walk fundraiser will be used locally to benefit our Saturday's UNITED HARVEST MOBILE PANTRY. First Presbyterian Church has a team in this event. Please join our team as you donate to this much needed fundraiser. A table is in the memorial room each Sunday till October 8 for your donations and will inform you of the walk event. Or you can donate in the church office. To donate or register online go to crophungerwalk.org, find Hastings CROP Hunger Walk, Register, Join a team, or start your own team. Follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

Join in on the fun. Please plan to walk and donate.



It was a busy day at the **September 5 Blood Drive**. We collected 40 units of blood which was 11 over our goal! This was a great time to exceed our goal with all the natural disasters going on in our nation. **Thank you** to all of our

# **Kids Eat Free**





2525 W 2nd St Hastings, Nebraska 68901

Monday—Friday\* 5:30pm-6:30pm

All Children Ages 1-18 are Welcome!



### Love to Sing?

Do you have a heart for ministry to those in palliative or hospice care? Do you love to sing? Combine those two and join a new ministry being offered in Hastings, the Hastings Hospice Choir.

We are an inter-denominational, non-auditioned choir comprised of hospice volunteers. Our mission is to bring peace, comfort, solace and enjoyment through sacred and secular a Capella choral music to those receiving hospice care, their loved ones, and caregivers.

We welcome new members who love singing and wish to be of service to the terminally ill and their families.

wonderful donors and volunteers!

The next blood drive will be Wednesday, January 3. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, go to **redcrossblood.org** or call Erica at 402-469-9285.

"We want to send a letter to **thank you for the generous donation** of 7 bags of groceries – 54 items given to the Hastings Food Pantry. It is only because of the donations of caring people like you that we are able to meet the needs of the hungry in our community. God bless in all you do!!"

-Hastings Food Pantry, BOD

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER

Glenn & Nadine Hunnicutt	10/01/1950
Richard & Linda Johnson	10/01/2005
Bryce & Sara Knaub	10/04/2014
Denny & Carole Storer	10/06/1962
Bill & Javae Redinger	10/11/1997
William & Amy Hermes	10/11/2003
Kim & Jeremy Borrell	10/12/2013
Kirk & Karen Dielman	10/12/1985
Kevin & Chris Junker	10/12/1984
Roger & Cheryl Schukei	10/15/1966
Nick & Melissa Ferguson	10/16/2004
Matt & Kaleena Fong	10/27/2007

-Regular rehearsals once a month - the 2nd Thursday - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. -Rehearsals held at various care facilities in Hastings -Singers who complete the volunteer training with Mary Lanning Hospice may be called on to sing at the bedsides of those in hospice care.

For more information, contact Tom Michalek, 402- 699-2342, tmichalek0@gmail.com

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER

10/01	Frank Medsker	10/16	Nyabong Duang
10/02	Dwight Marsh		Laura Katt
	Laura Kate Oliver		Carter Wenburg
10/03	Luke Brooks	10/17	Will Reimer
	Karen Dielman	10/18	Tyler Adam
	Cooper Feezell		Cindy Fricke
	Jason Hafer		Susan Hoff
	Paxton Rhodes		Chris Schukei
10/05	Jim Donohue	10/19	Linda Hall
10.00	LeRoy Echternach		Bev Rader
10/06	Vonda Essex	10/20	Margaret Hermes
	Emma Redinger	of The Contract of State	Robert Pankratz
10/07	Steve Cropley	10/21	Richard Johnson
10/07	Virginia Davis	10/21	Sabrina Pontine
	James Freetly	10/22	Justin Wenburg
	Emily Johnson	10/11	Craig Williams
	Scott Snell		Nancy Ziemba
10/08	Clark Ehrich	10/23	Zachary Henderson
10,00	Elmer Heeren	10/24	Paige Redline
	Kris Horton		Jeanne Reynolds
	Sue Horton		Ding Tut
	Junko Jurgena	10/25	Stella Thomsen
	Landon Kidd	10/26	Craig Balnicke
10/09	Kathy Davis		Jane Pollak
	Vicki Howard		Selah Wenburg
	Patty Kingsley	10/27	Ruei Duang
10/10	Pat Anderson	10/2/	Adair Hall
10/10	Scott Kummer		Amy Hermes
	Beckman Onken		Zeppa Kreager
10/11	Roger Doerr	10/28	Mary Creigh
10/11	Jeff Hermann	10/20	Matt Fong
	Ben Ore	10/29	LaVern Franzen
	Lorna Zajack	10/25	Kristen Eckhardt
10/12	Tanner Lay		April Kaul
10/13	Janice Ham		Tim Redline
10/14	Ryan Barker	10/30	Milrae Korb
10/14	Nathan Jensen	10/31	Stephanie Brader
10/15	Lexi Dettwiller	10/31	A J Ellerbee
10/13	Lucy Nielsen		Gary Johnson
	Madalynn Redline		Gary Jourson
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#### MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF SESSION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HASTINGS, NEBRASKA August 17, 2017

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held their regular meeting on August 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Room.

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

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
P - Chris Junker	E- Sharon Brooks	P - 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 Do	err
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Moderator was Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett. Devotion was given by Karen Doerr and the opening prayer by Pastor Greg.

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

#### **Board Reports:**

**Deacons**: No action items to bring forward. Communion was served during worship on July 2<sup>nd</sup> with Rev. Don Canady officiating and by Pastor Don at the retirement centers and to several homebound members on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Communion was served during worship on August 6<sup>th</sup> by Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett and at retirement homes and in homes on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> as well.

**Trustees:** No action items to bring forward. Trustees did approve the request by Hannah Jensen to move her piano studio to the Annex where she will teach private lessons. Mary Olsen made one correction to the Trustee minutes: it is the Archive Committee who was approved to spend \$750 for shelving.

**Foundation:** Three new members will be joining the Foundation Board in January; Bill Hermes, Melissa Karloff and Willy Kumer.

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. Kick-off Sunday is August 20<sup>th</sup>; classrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor are being renovated.

**Communication/Technology:** No action items to bring forward.

**Congregational Life:** No action items to bring forward.

**Global Mission/Social Witness:** During a "Summer of Service" members turned in 1300+volunteer hours of service, well over the goal of 1000 hours. The committee is considering the possibility of an adult mission trip.

**Memorial:** Archive Committee is working and will purchase shelving units to store the items. The committee is also working on cleaning up old funds.

**Personnel:** No action items to bring forward.

**PW:** No action items to bring forward.

Scholarship: Did not meet.

**Worship, Arts & Music:** No action items to bring forward. Worship attendance during the summer months has growing and the committee has a number of events planned for fall. Beginning in September, there will be two services each Sunday. The 8:30 service will alternate between a contemplative and a contemporary service. There is a possibility that the Nebraska Brass will hold a concert in the sanctuary on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details are being finalized.

**Moderator's Report:** Request received to baptize Halligan (Hallie) Noelle Little on September 10, 2017. Parents are Andrew Richard Little and Laura Irene (Hoff) Little; grandparents are Susan and Neal Hoff. Motion and a second to accept the request; upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Rev Allen-Pickett distributed a statement of faith that was developed in response to signs of hate that had been posted in the community. It has been shared with other faith leaders in the community. Upon a motion and a second, to approve the statement and a plan to hold a press conference where other faith leaders are present; upon a voice vote, motion carried.

The Rev. Damen Heitmann has been offered and has accepted the position of Associate Pastor at FPC. Pastor Greg proposed the position of Parish Associate Covenant with Rev. Don Canady using available funds for a trial period of one year. Motion and a second to approve the proposal; upon a voice vote, motion carried. Pastor Greg explained the Strategic Planning/Visioning Process that will be conducted over the course of Fall 2017 and early winter 2018. The end result of that process will be a "5 Year Ministry and Mission Plan" for FPC that will center around our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023.

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 September 21, 2017 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Anderson Conference Room.

#### MINUTES OF A CALLED MEETING OF SESSION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HASTINGS, NEBRASKA September 17, 2017

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held a called meeting on September 17, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. in the parlor of the church. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with new members. Elders in attendance: P= Present E=Excused A=Absent

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

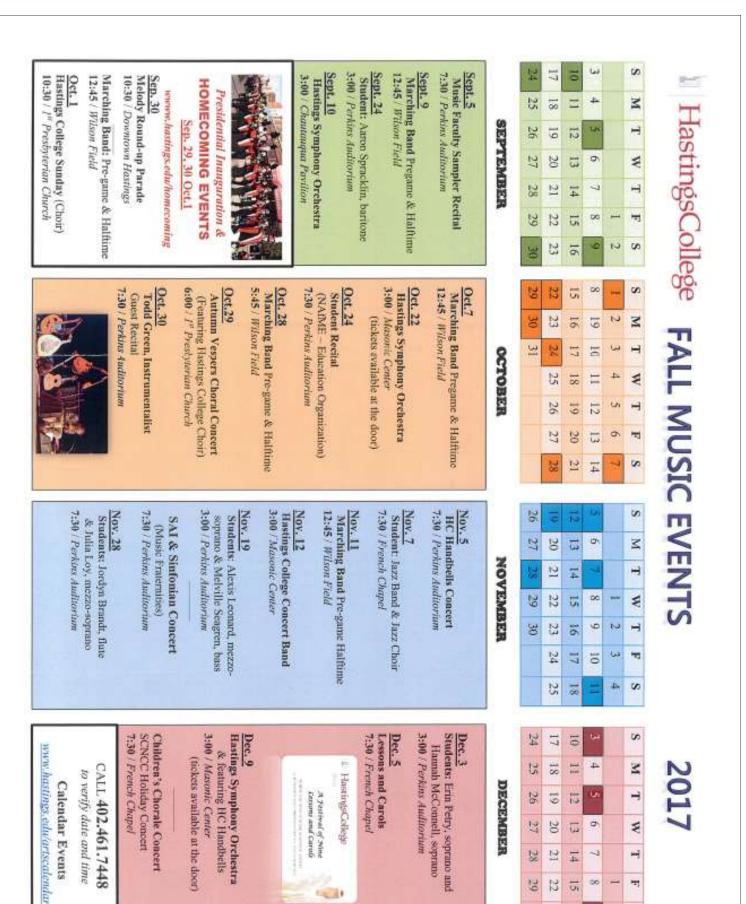
Moderator was Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett.

The Rev. Allen-Pickett called the meeting to order with a word of prayer.

Motion and a second and a unanimous vote, to receive and welcome the following into membership of First Presbyterian Church:

Louie Eckhardt	Glenn Hunnicutt	Barry Thompson	
Kristen Eckhardt	Nadine Hunnicutt	Peggy Thompson	
Travis Feezell	Don O'Dey	Erin Gastman	
Carol Feezell	Phyllis O'Dey		
Motion and a second and vote to adjourn the meeting with prayer.			
Respectfully submitted:			

Karen G. Doerr, Clerk of Session



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**Publishing Guidelines**: The *Home Page* is a bi-weekly publication 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: <u>tarci@fpchastings.org</u> or call 402-462-5147.

#### Financial Corner September 3, 2017

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10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	182	
General Fund (2017)	\$6,766.00	
Plate Collections	\$104.00	
Per capita	\$60.50	
Local Mission-Diapers	\$20.00	
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$24.42	
Comm.–Habitat for Humanity	\$551.00	
Memorial-Wayne Specht	\$35.00	
Memorial-Joan Swan	\$2,240.00	
Pres Disaster Asst (PDA)	\$1,850.00	
Pooh Corner Rent	\$500.00	
Annex Room Use	\$144.00	
September 10, 2017		
8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	42	
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	237	
General Fund (2017)	\$9,097.50	
Plate Collections	\$159.00	
CE Sunday School	\$30.26	
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$35.02	
Comm.–Habitat for Humanity	\$164.00	
Pres Disaster Asst (PDA)	\$550.00	
Worship Enhance (Flowers)	\$50.00	
Pastor Discretionary	\$100.00	
Coffee Donations	\$11.41	
Thanks be to God!		