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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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FPC New Members 2017

Two classes of new members joined the church this year:

one class in June (19 members),
and one in September (11 members).

Please warmly welcome these new friends!!



Kelly Willicott
Children: Bryce (8), Brady (6)



LaJeanne and Arnold Boehler



Peggy and Barry Thomson



Ben and Jenni Welsch
Children: Harrison (8), Raegan (5),
Lincoln (4), Truman (2)



Todd and Tammy Lay



Rachel Lay



Tyler and Jamie Lay

Child: Claire (3 months)



Phyllis and Don O'Dey



Tanner Lay



Don Buhr



Shaina Lay



Joyce Harrenstein



Nadine and Glenn Hunnicutt



Linda Vollweiler



Kristen and Louie Eckhardt
Children: Malcolm (2), Fiona (newborn)



Travis and Carol Feezell
Children: Jackson (22), Delaney (19),
Colby (14), Cooper (12)



Erin Gastmann
Children: Myah (19), Raegan (14)



Lanae Hall
Children: Adair (13), Baylen (10),
Corle (9), Delys (7)



Jessica (along with Esther and
Greg) Allen-Pickett

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Duane and Georga Ochsner

Living a Life of Gratitude

What we have does not belong to us, and that can be difficult to believe and embrace. Ultimately everything we have comes from God and belongs to God. When we can settle into that reality, it counteracts greed with generosity as we share out of our blessings and abundance. *Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

A three week sermon series on **GRATITUDE** as part of our month-long focus on **STEWARDSHIP** and **GENEROSITY**

Sunday, October 8

Title: "Moving from Worry to Gratitude"

Our call as people of faith is to let go of worry and let our lives be an expression of gratitude for the grace and blessings we have been given.

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday, October 15

Title: "Moving from Entitlement to Gratitude"

The parable of the wedding banquet helps us understand that in God's economy, all are welcome. We are called to live our lives in the same way of welcome and abundance.

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14 and Philippians 4:1-9

Sunday, October 22

Title: "Moving from Greed to Gratitude"

"Thank you for your support of Presbyterian Mission! Your generous and faithful giving allows all of us who work together in God's mission to bring the gospel of Christ to all corners of the world. It provides the funds to help bear the burdens of those in times of crisis, those in poverty, those who are in need. Thank you for partnering with us in that call.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: On 9/18, \$224.47 for the Hunger Fund and \$291.67 for Shared Mission, and on 9/25, \$2,900.00 for Disaster Relief—US Hurricane Response-Harvey.

You are a valued partner in mission. *Grace and Peace,"* --Rev. Rhonda Kruse, MEA, Midwest

*"Dear First Presbyterian Church, the healing starts with a tiny spark and a glimmer of hope, and for individuals who have experienced domestic violence and sexual assault, this hope and healing are because of you. **Thank you so very much for** your recent donation of \$394.76 to SASA. Your kind gift is already **offering hope** by covering bus tickets to free an abusive relationship, changing locks to allow someone to feel safe in their home again, and support groups where individuals discover that they are not alone. With best wishes and our sincere gratitude,"* --SASA Crisis Center Staff

"Thank you for your generous contribution of \$970.00 to the Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity. This will be used to help start a new house at 129 E. 3rd. Thank you," --Paul Larsen, Treasurer

TRICK-OR-TREAT
FOR UNICEF

This year the children of First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, will be continuing the tradition of helping other children around the world by participating in the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign. The annual tradition has helped provide countless children around the world with health care, clean water, nutrition, education, emergency relief, and more. You can visit trickortreatforunicef.org to learn more.

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.

Nov. 2: "Marriage and Relationships" In the midst of parenting, how do we find time to prioritize and develop our relationships with spouse and friends?

Nov. 16: "Aggression vs. Kindness" Sometimes we see aggressive behaviors in our children; how do we instill kindness instead?

"Intro to Yoga" Series Continues on Wednesday Nights

Experience a variety of styles and teachers through this 6-session series of free, 45-minute yoga classes, held at 5:05 p.m. on Wednesdays nights in the Annex. Community welcome! Bring a friend! Upcoming classes include:

- "Yoga Nidra" taught by Jenni Welsch of Grounded Sky, Oct. 18
- "Slow Flow for Strength" taught by Stephanie Ourada of Avani, Oct. 25
- "Vinyasa Flow" taught by Stephanie Ourada of Avani, Nov. 1

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.)

Harvest Dinner on Hiatus for 2017

As many know, FPC usually hosts a "Harvest Dinner" in mid-November. This year, all members and friends of FPC are invited to attend our "German Feast/Potluck" instead. This special event, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, will take place following worship on Sunday, October 29. (See flyer in this newsletter for more details.)

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Heirs Apparent

"Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More" DVD lesson and discussion led by Curtis Reimer.
Anderson Conference Room,
9:15-10:15 a.m.

"Reflections on Giving"

How do individuals navigate questions about financial giving: How much should I give? To whom? Why? This Forum will present personal stories as well as statistics and scriptures related to this important aspect of lived faith. Brian Johnson and Mike Karloff, panelists
Oct. 22, 9:15, Fellowship Hall

"500th Anniversary of the Reformation"

Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church in 1517, setting off a chain of events that led to the diversification of Western Christianity. This class will recall the history of that era and consider how the Reformation trajectory continues to impact the church today. Dr. Rob Babcock, Hastings College Professor of History
Oct. 29, 9:15, Chapel

"Money and Possessions"

This Forum will present a summary of Walter Brueggemann's important work "Money and Possessions," which was the selection of FPC's summer book club. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College Professor of Religion
Nov. 5, 9:15, Fellowship Hall



FPC welcomes two-time Grammy-nominated ensemble Sones de Mexico for a

mini-concert and

"talk back" with the musicians

Wednesday, October 25
7:30 p.m., Memorial Room



FPC CELEBRATES THE
PROTESTANT REFORMATION'S

500th *Anniversary*

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Forum, 9:15 a.m., Chapel

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Dr. Robert Babcock, Hastings College
Professor of History

Worship, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

- German-style accordion music
- Scriptures read in French and German, the languages of the Reformation.
- Lederhosen optional!

German Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Catered portion (covered by free will donation) includes:

Roast Leg of Ox
Potato Pancakes
Spaetzel

Pot luck portion rounds out the meal!
Please bring your favorite German dish!

Examples include:
Sausage, Sauerkraut
Strudel, Pretzels



MENS BASKETBALL: HASTINGS COLL. VS. KS WESLEYAN

GUYS NIGHT OUT

Thursday, November 9. Food at 6:00, Game at 7:00
Legacy Room, Lynn Farrell Arena, Hastings College
All men, all ages welcome.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH PRESENTS

INTRO TO YOGA

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

CLASS STYLES & TEACHERS

SEPTEMBER 27

GENTLE YOGA
Kim Borrell, Avani

OCTOBER 18

YOGA NIDRA
Jenni Welsch, Grounded Sky

NOVEMBER 1

VINYASA FLOW
Stephanie Ourada, Avani

OCTOBER 4

RESTORATIVE YOGA
Kim Borrell, Avani

OCTOBER 25

SLOW FLOW FOR STRENGTH
Stephanie Ourada, Avani

NOVEMBER 8

YIN
Lanae Hall, Avani

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

Prayers for: Judy Brown, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Nancy Langford, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, John & Mary Northrop, Audrey Watson and families.

"In difficult times, we realize how much our FPC members are truly a church family. I cannot thank you enough for the cards (my basket overfloweth), calls, delicious meals, flowers from both the altar and your gardens, and especially your prayers. I have truly felt uplifted by your love and support. Recovery is right on track despite my impatience. I am finally leaving home for short periods and hope to be back among you very soon. Blessings to all," --Mary Lewis



Congratulations to Rachel (McPherson) & Privat Guiai of Kearney on the birth of Jade Susan Raissa Guiai-Lou, born Tuesday, October 10; 9lbs., 9oz., 21-1/4" long. Congratulations also to new granddad, Dennis McPherson!

Louie and Kristen Eckhardt (and her little brother Malcolm) welcomed Fiona into the world last week. **Let's share some love and hospitality** as the Eckhardts adjust to life with a newborn! You may go online to sign up to deliver a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/0nry05>

Congratulations to LaVern Franzen for the honorary plaque presented last Friday at CCC for 50 years of service!

CORRECTION to Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings for October 18, 2017: Circle 1 will meet in Gayle's home at 1214 North Minnesota in Hastings, NOT the church parlor.

Circle 1 – Hostess – Gayle Fandry – 9:30am in Gayle's home
Lesson Leader – Pam Lay

Circle 2 – Hostess – Jane Bauer – 9:30am in Jane's home
Lesson Leader – Jane Foote

Circle 3 – Hostess – Katharine Davis – 1:15pm in the church parlor
Lesson Leader – Jill Kramer

Surviving the Holidays--a companion to GriefShare

For those who are grieving the death of a loved one, the holidays can be a difficult time, and may have questions like these.

- What am I to do when I would love to enjoy the holidays once again, but I can't get past the sorrow?
- How do I find time to grieve and to figure out what I'm feeling when a lot of people are depending on me to continue holiday traditions.
- I get paralyzed at the thought of buying and wrapping gifts. Does anyone know what I'm talking about?

Surviving the Holidays--a companion to GriefShare--can help. The 2 1/2 hour session provides ideas for holiday planning when grieving. Both people who have participated in GriefShare or would like to learn more about GriefShare are invited. The sessions will include a video featuring GriefShare experts, discussion, and each person will receive a guidebook of holiday devotions and holiday planning tips.

To help with scheduling, 3 options are planned--two evening and one morning.

- Thursday evening, November 9, 6:00 pm including a lasagna supper
- Friday evening, November 10, 6:00 pm including a lasagna supper
- Saturday morning, November 11, 9:00 am including rolls, juice and coffee.

There is no cost. Sponsors are First St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center.

Place: Youth & Family Ministry Center, 4th Street and Lexington Ave. (west door)

Space is limited. Please phone reservations to 402 463-1329.

UNITED HARVEST



MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, October 21**
Saturday, November 18
Saturday, December 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.

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CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

First Presbyterian Church, 621 North Lincoln Avenue, Hastings Nebraska 68901

The Congregational Nominating Committee invites your suggestions for persons to serve as church officers for three year terms beginning January 2018. Our church needs **five Deacons, four Elders and three Trustees** to serve the congregation.

Deacons are primarily caregivers, entrusted with the ministry of compassion to the sick, the homebound, and those who are in special need. People who are called to this ministry write cards, deliver flowers, make phone calls, and visit people in their homes, often with the pastor. Deacons also need a desire to share the sense of fellowship, camaraderie, compassion among the Deacons.

Elders who serve on the Session are responsible for the overall ministry of the congregation, including worship, leadership on church committees, establishing priorities for the year, establishing the annual budget, and working with the church staff. Elders are called to provide faithful and non-anxious leadership for the whole church which includes prayerful discernment and discussion leading to shared decision making and support of decisions made.

Trustees are responsible for the physical plant, financial oversight, and the grounds of the church. People with interests and skills in the areas of business and finance and abilities to work on the building and work with contractors and other providers are especially suited to the Board of Trustees. Trustees help the pastor manage the corporate responsibilities of the church.

Church officer training is provided by the pastoral staff so that every member who is called to serve as a church officer is given opportunity to be knowledgeable about the government of the Presbyterian Church, and his or her responsibilities, and so better equipped to serve. As a part of church officer training, new officers are also invited to explore their personal faith.

God has given each of us certain talents and gifts that are to be utilized for the glory of Jesus Christ and for the common good within the church. Please consider the gifts and talents of our church community and recommend those who you feel are qualified for these offices. You may also recommend yourself. All active members of the church are eligible.

Please talk to one of these nominating committee members if you have any questions: Sharon Brooks (Moderator), Kim Creech, Paula Crozier, Mark Hemje, Vonda Essex, Richard Johnson, Al Meyer, Tammie Nowka, Sally Smith

Nominee: _____

Office: (circle any that apply): Session Deacon Trustee

Name of person submitting nomination: _____

Phone number or email where the Nominating Committee can reach you if they have questions:

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

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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: tarci@fpchastings.org or call 402-462-5147.

Financial Corner

October 1, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship Taize Service	25
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	302
General Fund (2017)	\$6,765.00
Plate Collections	\$138.00
CE Sunday School	\$7.75
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$55.53
Pres Disaster Assist (PDA)	\$250.00
Communion-Peace	\$1,040.50
Memorial-Wayne Specht	\$1,055.00
Special Donation-Trustee Disc	\$75,000.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Church Usage	\$45.00
Annex Bldg. Use	\$40.00

October 8, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship w/ Celebrate Band	64
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	201
General Fund (2017)	\$8,235.00
Plate Collections	\$95.00
Per capita	\$30.25
CE Sunday School	\$9.50
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$32.27
Pres Disaster Assist (PDA)	\$210.00
Communion-Peace	\$25.00
Coffee Donation	\$2.50
Food Pantry	\$52.00

Thanks be to God!