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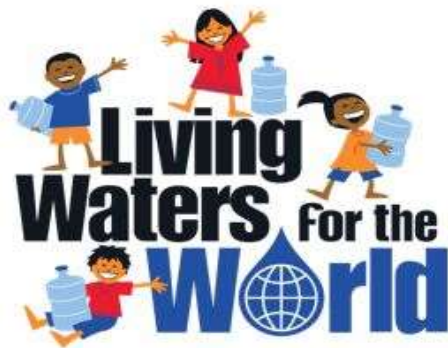
First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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## **Special Attendance Recognition**

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. Two children will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their faith growth to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

- Acolyte (if under 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Usher
- Music soloist
- Call to Worship leader
- Prayer leader
- Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of March, twenty (20) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-five (25) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for March's recognition are Olivia Canady (Sunday School) and Moses Rhodes (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!



## 2018 VBS

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**May 21-25 9:00am-12:00pm**

**\*\*Early drop-off option at 8:00am by pre-registration ONLY.**

Everyone welcome! Pre-school (must be toilet trained) through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Register now at <https://fpchastings.org/vbs/> for the best week of the summer!



**Clean Water for All God's Children!**

**Please join us for**

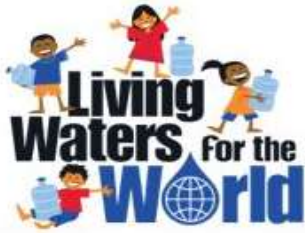
**Special-Needs VBS**

**May 22-24**

**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Hosted by: First Presbyterian Church**

**Volunteers are still needed:**



**2018 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up**

First Presbyterian Church--Hastings, NE

We are preparing for another great Vacation Bible School! This year, we are using Living Waters for the World's VBS curriculum. It is designed to help children experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. It will also give children an idea of the world water situation, and some suggestions about ways they may help.

**Our VBS will be held May 21-25, 9:00am-12:00pm.**

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/vbs/>. Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

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**2017/2018 Christian Education Volunteer Recognition**, Sunday, April 29, @ 10:30 am worship

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*Confirmation Cake Reception*

First Presbyterian Church

Memorial Room

Sunday, May 6

following the 10:30am service

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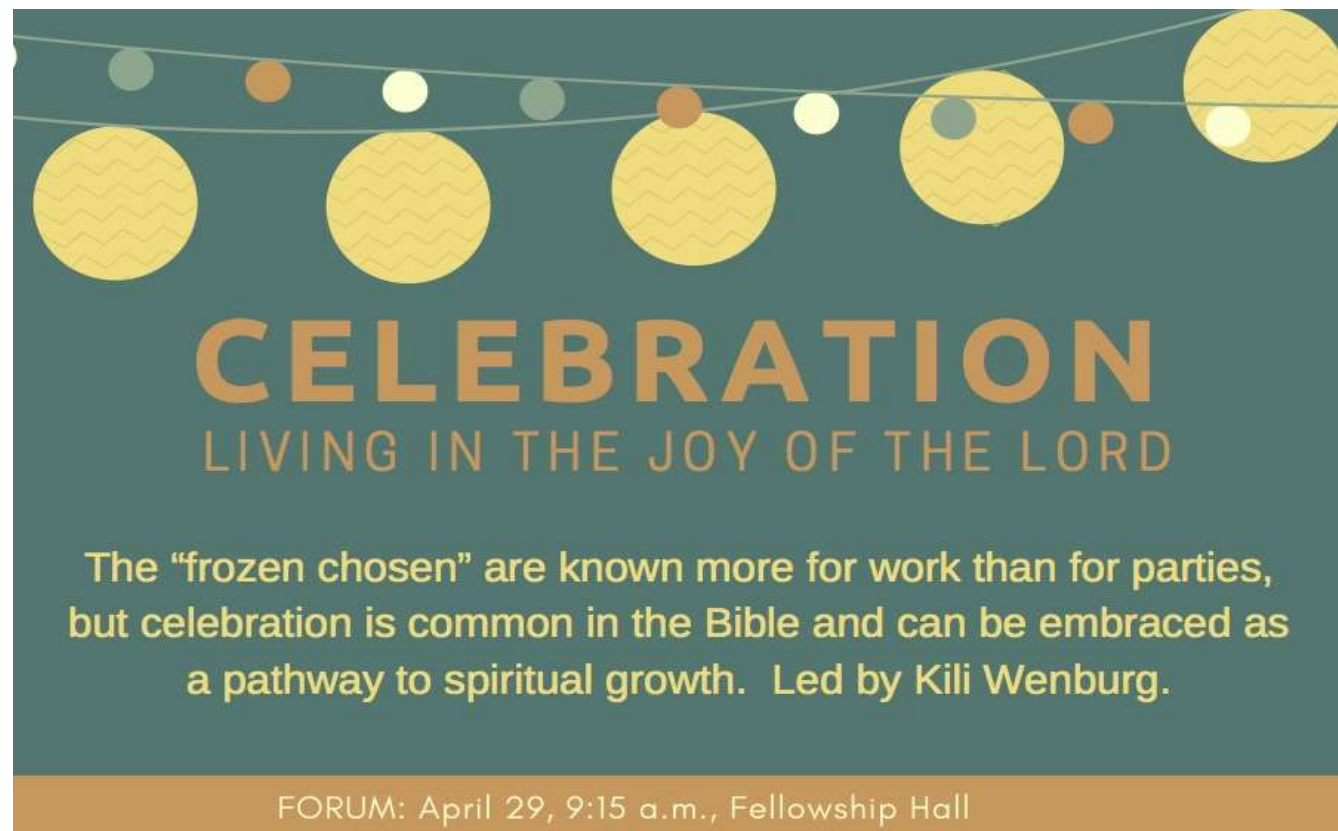
**Ann L. Binfield and Chip Essex Memorial Scholarships** are now available. Applications may be found on the glass shelf in front of the church office, or online at: [www.fpchastings.org/scholarships/](http://www.fpchastings.org/scholarships/). Deadline is May 11, 2018.

## **Moms Group: Information, Encouragement, Support**

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Library, noon-1.

May 3: Celebration of Parenting

\*Free Childcare. \*Bring a sack lunch if you like.



**CELEBRATION**  
LIVING IN THE JOY OF THE LORD

The "frozen chosen" are known more for work than for parties, but celebration is common in the Bible and can be embraced as a pathway to spiritual growth. Led by Kili Wenburg.

FORUM: April 29, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

## **"Life as a Preacher's Kid During the War Years"**

**FORUM: May 6, 9:15 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Jane Marsh, Presenter**



World War II was a time of anxiety and sacrifice for many on the home front, but it was also a time of laughter, hope, and learning. Sharing both humorous and poignant anecdotes from her childhood in the war years, Jane Marsh will lead the Forum on May 6, providing a story-rich conclusion for our 2017-18 "Hear the Story, Share the Story, Live the Story!" theme.

## Adult Sunday School interest survey

*\*Please check the boxes for items that would make you want to come to an adult Sunday School class.*

*\*If you feel neutral about an item, leave it blank.*

- **FORMAT**

- Location of class is not at the church (eg. at a coffee shop or Russ's)
- Class includes time for small talk
- Refreshments are served
- Class includes time for discussion of the topic
- Class meets only 3 or so weeks at a time and then takes a break
- There is reading or other suggested reflection between Sunday sessions
- Nothing is required of participants between Sunday sessions

- **CONTENT**

- Class is a serious Bible study
- Class studies/discusses a book (non-scriptural)
- Each week has its own topic
- Topics are addressed more deeply through a series of classes

- **PARTICIPANTS**

- Class is designated for people in your age range
- Class is only for women or only for men
- Class includes diversity of age, gender, and perspective

- **LEADER**

- Same leader each Sunday
- Variety of individuals take turns leading the class
- Class is led by an expert
- Class leader is similar in knowledge to class participants

- **OTHER**

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If you currently participate in adult Sunday School, why do you do so?

If you currently do not participate in adult Sunday School, what do you do instead from 9:15-10:15 on Sunday mornings?

Topics you'd be interested in addressing through an adult class:

Other comments about the adult education program?

How do you prefer to get info about upcoming classes? (Circle all that apply.)

Home Page  
Bulletin

Facebook  
Fliers on church doors

Weekly "Learn, Grow, Serve!" email Kili sends out  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Prayer Walk Joyce Schiffler Service Award

**Sunday, April 29, 2018 2:00pm-3:30pm**

**Details:**

The Walk begins in front of St. Cecilia High School, park in StC parking lot.

Participants will walk together for 35-45 minutes in central downtown Hastings.

The Walk ends at the St. Cecilia Health Ministry Office, 200 yards from the StC parking lot.

Immediately after the Walk, the Joyce Schiffler Service To Others will be awarded at the St. Cecilia Health Ministry Office, 415 N. Kansas. Award given by Sunrise Rotary Club.

For those with **limited mobility**, a modified "Prayer Walk" will be set up at the Health Ministry Office, 415 N. Kansas. Handicapped parking and entrance is located on the west side of the building.

## **Walking together in groups, or as families, is a great way to participate!**

This Community Prayer Walk and Award commemorates

Joyce Schiffler

a well-known community walker, who lived a life of selfless service to others.

The Community Prayer Walk also:

- Promotes physical and spiritual activity.
- Encourages faith communities on their spiritual walk with God.
- Brings faith traditions together in prayer.
- Honors Joyce, who walked everywhere and inspired people to serve.

A collaboration between Rotary, First Presbyterian Church, St. Cecilia Health Ministry, and the Hastings Health Ministry Network.



Hastings Health Ministry  
Network



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## MAY

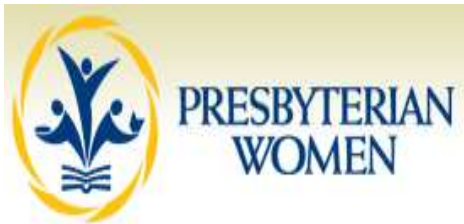
<b>05/02</b>	Bev Cooper Lydia Meyer	<b>05/12</b>	Edith Farnham Rob Kerr	<b>05/24</b>	Morgan Abbott Deborah Damrow Jane Horton
<b>05/03</b>	Woodrena Washington - Dogvevia (F) Tim Johnson	<b>05/13</b>	Preston Ferguson  Jeremy Miles		Reid Nunley
<b>05/04</b>	Mads Anderson Ginny Locke Clyde Sachtleben		Eldon Rhodes Rob Shoemaker		Ethan Kerr Barb Suck
<b>05/05</b>	Michael Boeve Shannon Canady Alexis Grimmett William Oliver	<b>05/15</b>	Sara Babcock	<b>05/25</b>	Yvonne Ziemba
<b>05/06</b>	Ben Reimer	<b>05/16</b>	Wihlma Price	<b>05/26</b>	Lyla Adam Gale McDonald
<b>05/07</b>	Autumn Stahr	<b>05/17</b>	Kim Borrell Ashton Essink Lily Kingsley Susan Oliver	<b>05/27</b>	Molly Johnsen Dick Kleiber Brooke Lofquist
<b>05/08</b>	Vernon Kooy Marnie Soderquist		Vivienne Turner (V)	<b>05/28</b>	Paula Crozier George Dielman Sarah Fruehling
<b>05/09</b>	Travis Thomsen	<b>05/18</b>	Olivia Canady		Chris Fruehling
<b>05/10</b>	Anne Bohlke Nikki Miller Oluchi Uche	<b>05/19</b>	Dawna Whitcomb	<b>05/29</b>	Brian Grams Inde Wissing
<b>05/11</b>	Nicholas Burling Susie Pettit Dee Toms Sarah Wolf	<b>05/21</b>	Bill Beck Avery Essink Campbell Schukei	<b>05/30</b>	Jack Howe Paul Nuss Tabby Ross (F)
		<b>05/23</b>	Chuck Hastings Nick Hoff (F) Fritz Mountford John Northrop Ellen Orchard (F)	<b>05/31</b>	Elianna Robbins Brad Whitcomb

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## MAY

Duane & Georga Ochsner	05/06/1956	Mark & Beth Funkey	05/20/1988
Larry & Carolyn Nowka	05/06/1961	Bert & Lori Wright	05/22/2010
Robert & Nancy Grams	05/06/1972	Rich & Karen Portwood	05/24/1980
LeRoy & Caroline Echternach	05/09/1969	Dick & Mary Plock	05/24/2003
Riley & Julie Mullen	05/10/2003	Charles & Lois Hafer	05/26/1973
Jim & Mary Kay LaMaster	05/14/1983	Don & Phyllis O'Dey	05/27/1967
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings	05/18/1974	Carver & Billie Jo Abbott	05/27/2006
Jeremy & Deborah Miles	05/19/2001	Chris & Sarah Fruehling	05/28/1994
Tyler & Stephanie Adam	05/19/2007	Jim & Kathy Duval	05/29/2013
		Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	05/31/1955

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Each Mother's Day, the Presbyterian Women sell Mother's Day cards for a suggested offering of \$10 each. The proceeds go to a mission to help mothers. Usually that mission has been overseas, but this year we are keeping it local. The proceeds will go to the *Sixpence Early Learning Fund* here in Hastings. More than 30,000 of Nebraska's infants and toddlers are at risk of arriving at their first

day of kindergarten developmentally unprepared to learn and thrive. Sixpence is changing the odds in their favor. The *Sixpence Early Learning Fund* is Nebraska's signature effort to put our state's youngest and most vulnerable children on the path to success in school and life. Sixpence promotes high-quality early care and learning opportunities that help parents guide the healthy development of their infants and toddlers.

Women from our church will be selling cards Sunday, April 29, and Sunday, May 6 in the Memorial Room. Cards will also be available for purchase in the church office Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. thru the week of April 30. Please stop by and help us help the young women of Hastings.

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### Presbyterian Women Upcoming Events:

**Apr 28 Spring Gathering:** Minden, NE, 9:00 AM-1:30 PM - \$10 for lunch, register by April 25.

**May 2 Luncheon:** FPC Fellowship Hall, 11:45 AM, \$5.00

Prepare lunch, kitchen workers Circle 3

Set tables, centerpieces, etc. Circle 1

**Program:** Hannah Jensen will be speaking on her work in the Dominican Republic

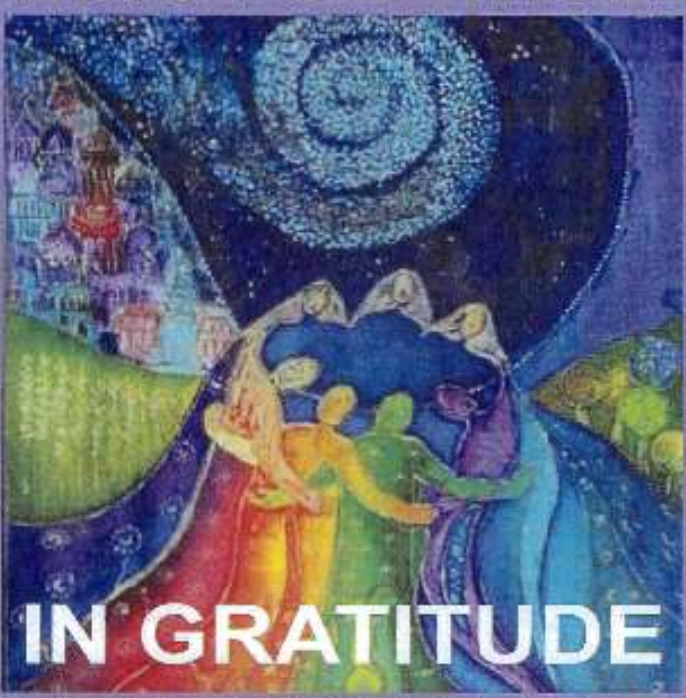
**May 3 Campbell Spring Tea:** 2:00 PM

**May 4 Church Women United May Friendship Salad Luncheon:** 12:00 PM-1:00 PM, \$5.00

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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**  
**2018 May Friendship Day**  
**REACHING FOR WHOLENESS**



**IN GRATITUDE**  
**FOR GOD'S PRESENCE**

**You Are Invited**

**MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION**  
Friday, May 4, 12 pm Noon, Salad Luncheon  
First St Paul's Lutheran Church, 501 N Burlington Ave  
Tickets \$5, Purchase at your church or at the door



## **Volunteers Needed**

**Project Homeless Connect** is a one-day, all-volunteer led event to connect homeless, near homeless, or those who are struggling to needed resources and services, and to raise public awareness of homelessness and the needs of those who often may go unseen. The mission of PHC is about welcoming all as neighbors into the life of the community, changing the way resources are accessed, and offering positive results for those in need.

**Project Homeless Connect-Hastings** will be 10-4pm, Thursday, June 28 at 1<sup>st</sup> St Paul's Lutheran. Last year we served 428 guests, including 287 children. This year we anticipate serving over 450.

Volunteers are the foundation of our event! Last year we had 200+ volunteers; we anticipate needing 225 for this year. Please visit [phchastings.org](http://phchastings.org) for more information about volunteer opportunities, to sign up, or to learn more about the event. Volunteer forms can be completed online, printed out and returned by mail to **PHC, 835 S Burlington, Ste. 106, Hastings, NE 68901**. As well, volunteer forms will be available soon in the church office.

### **Volunteer opportunities include:**

- Set-up day before event/clean-up after event
- Navigator
- Runners/Greeters
- Food Service
- Registration table
- Translators, including Spanish, Sudanese, Vietnamese

Donation drives will be at Wal-Mart on May 5 and May 26, 10-3pm both times.

email: [phchastings@gmail.com](mailto:phchastings@gmail.com) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/phc.hastings>



**May communion offerings** will be donated to the Open Table Sack Lunch Program.

FPC is scheduled to assemble and provide the Open Table lunches through the month of July again this year. More than 5,000 sack lunches were assembled and almost 800 'special meals' prepared last year.

'Special meals' required Wednesday afternoon gatherings, meal preparation and storage, delivery to Catholic Social Services to return Thursday to warm and assemble to serve. This 'above and beyond' effort was opted by the Mission Committee in consideration of those who eat sack lunches regularly.

The cost to fill the total need was \$4,727.40. The Open Table Fund has a 2018 beginning balance of \$301.64. Glory be to God that we are able to fill this need; let's do it again! Your offering makes the difference, thank you

**Prayers for:** Lynn Barrows, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Sharon Chapel, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's mom), Arlene Kort, Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Teresa Luther, Dwight & Jane Marsh (Edie Perdew, Dwight's sister), Carol Medsker, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

  
*In Loving Memory of Pamela J. Osborne*  
*August 15, 1947 – April 19, 2018*  


**Prayers** are also with the Osborne family for the loss of Pamela, who died Thursday, April 19, 2018. A private memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 28 in the chapel. Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorials to First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Sunnyside Foundation, Hastings College Steinhart Plaza Bells, Heartland Pet Connection or Sea Turtle Preservation Society of Indialantic, FL. Book signing is 9-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday (April 26 & 27) at the funeral home.

## Home Page

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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](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org) or call 402-462-5147.

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