



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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“Dear First Presbyterian, **Thank you so much for your donation** to The ARC of Adams-Clay. What a wonderful surprise when I opened your envelope. Our ARC is a very busy organization and we try to serve our community through education, legislatively, and by helping individuals in need of physical things, anything from a stove to a communication board. We also enjoy several social activities. We help sponsor Halloween and Christmas parties. Along with that, we have a Valentine’s (Day) Party and a Spring Fling. This month we will have a Rootbeer Float Party and our group will be able to sign up for our Summer Rec Program, which includes swimming, fishing, miniature golf, bowling and a movie. Without your help, The ARC would not be as effective!” – *Debbie Bartel, Treasurer*
(FPC remitted \$168.00 to The ARC on 4/18/2018 from overage collected for Easter lilies.)

“Dear First Presbyterian Church Congregation, **Thank you** for your generous donation to the Adams County Sixpence Program. I’m happy to say that seven of our parents graduated from high school this year and one from CCC. The future looks positive for these young parents. Thank you!” -- *Wendy Keele, Home Visitor*

“We want to send a letter to thank you for your generous donation of 5 bags – 35 items given to the Hastings Food Pantry on May 7th. So many people will be blessed with this donation! It is going to such a wonderful cause as it is helping needy people in our community! God bless in all you do!!” – *Board of Directors*

Our Pentecost Offering ...May 27

From our pcusa.org website: A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. (Note: This year we will support the Teen Reach Adventure Camp. T.R.A.C. is offered for “at-risk” young people in Central Nebraska. It serves youth who are older than those attending Royal Family Kids Camp.) The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Young Adult Volunteers (like our own Kailen Soncksen who will be serving in Austin, Texas, beginning in the fall), Ministries for Youth, Children-at-Risk.

June Communion Offering will be donated to our local **Habitat for Humanity** chapter.

A Minute for Mission will be given on Sunday, May 24; the offering will be received Sunday, June 3 and thru the month. Additional information about Habitat for Humanity may be found at:

<https://www.habitat.org/>

GO & SERVE Needs Your Help/Stuff!

The Go and Serve Mission Team will be holding a Garage Sale June 1st and June 2nd in the FPC Annex. We would LOVE your donations of gently used items! We will take donations NOW until the days of the sale (June 1-2). Drop your items off in the church common office area or contact the church office to have a Go and Serve Team member pick up the items from you. Items we are not able to accept include TV’s, computer monitors, child car seats and cribs.



Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, July 2, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.

Summer Bible Study Schedule

FPC offers two regular weekday Bible studies: Tuesdays at noon and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. During the summer, the Tuesday noon group will continue to meet as they have throughout the year. The Wednesday morning group will continue with their regular schedule through May. Beginning June 6, the Wednesday morning Bible study group will change time and focus: instead of meeting at 7 a.m., they will meet at noon; instead of studying the Bible, they will study a book (for details on the book, see the following article in this newsletter about "Summer Book Club").

Coming Soon: FPC Summer Book Club

Do you know anyone in the so-called "Church Alumni Association," that growing organization filled with former church members who are no longer motivated and inspired by traditional explanations of spiritual truth?

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JUNE

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| John & Sharon Brooks | 06/01/1980 |
| Paul & Lynette Krieger | 06/02/1973 |
| Jim & Rogene Wenburg | 06/02/1973 |
| Stan & Chanda Essink | 06/02/2000 |
| Ethan & Lindsey Stout | 06/02/2012 |
| Will & Ginny Locke | 06/03/1961 |
| Ed & Cheryl Lockwood | 06/06/1970 |
| LaVern & Connie Franzen | 06/07/1964 |
| Eric & Laura Bishop | 06/07/2003 |
| Mads & Sarah Anderson | 06/08/2013 |
| Curtis & Kathy Reimer | 06/10/1989 |
| Kenton & Bonnie Grams | 06/11/1977 |
| Chad Murrell & Patty Kingsley | 06/11/1994 |
| Rob & Michelle Kerr | 06/12/1993 |
| Brent & Erica Brooks | 06/14/1997 |
| Francis & Norma Vineyard | 06/16/1951 |
| Wiyual & Nyabuok Dieth | 06/17/2003 |
| Nkuma & Chinedu Uche | 06/18/1986 |
| Abdul & Suellen Bruguera | 06/18/2011 |
| Louie & Kristen Eckhardt | 06/19/2010 |
| Justin & Nikki Miller | 06/20/2009 |
| Jeremy & Kaela Heneger | 06/21/2003 |
| Ken & Bev Stein | 06/22/1979 |
| Dave & Linda Cooke | 06/23/1984 |
| C L & Sandra Wimer | 06/24/1967 |
| Doug & Diane Phelps | 06/24/1978 |
| Mike & Rachel Florek | 06/24/1984 |
| Jerry & Mary Seiler | 06/26/1976 |
| Jim & Mary Lewis | 06/27/1964 |
| Gary & Carol Grummert | 06/27/1965 |
| Bryant & Melissa Allen | 06/27/2009 |

Or do you sometimes yourself feel like a "believer in exile," a spiritual seeker struggling to straddle two worlds, one with modern concepts, symbols, and science, and another with confusing creeds, unmoving liturgies, and archaic language?

If these questions, both framed by phrases coined by Episcopalian Bishop John Shelby Spong, trigger either a positive response or serious curiosity, consider participating in FPC's Summer Book Club as it discusses Spong's new book *Unbelievable: Why Neither Ancient Creeds Nor the Reformation Can Produce a Living Faith Today*. With the boldness of a modern day Martin Luther, Bishop Spong calls for a new reformation within the church, posing twelve challenging theses ranging from the need to reimagine the nature of God, to why original sin is an inadequate way to understand human behavior, to how resurrection has more to do with spiritual wholeness than unthinkable biology.

Facilitated by John Harrington, this discussion group will meet each Wednesday noon, June 6 - July 18 in the Parlor. Feel free to bring a sack lunch. Participants should obtain a copy of the book through their preferred book outlet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE

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| 06/01 | Peter Lainson | 06/12 | Ruth Caldwell | 06/22 | Kaela Heneger |
| 06/02 | Cathy Mitzelfelt | | Kaleena Fong | | Neil Kerr |
| 06/03 | Billie Abbott | | Erika Nielsen | 06/23 | Zane Baldwin |
| | Dick Christensen | 06/13 | Charles Hafer | | Adelaide Ehrich |
| | Dick Rasmussen | | Laurie Lofquist | | Rachel Florek |
| 06/04 | Wyatt Davis | 06/14 | Victoria Anderson | | Doug Oakeson |
| | Ashley Hermann | | Dylan Croon | | Claire Schwarz |
| | Wanda Williams | | Tenley Hermann | | Don Whitcomb |
| | Hazel Zajack | | Janna Johnson | 06/24 | Jan Schawang |
| 06/05 | Chase Johnson | | Erika Nielsen | 06/25 | Connie Hansen |
| | Amy Pettit | | Bruce Phelps | | Golter |
| | Ashley Thomsen | 06/15 | Atticus Heneger | | Tom Kreager |
| 06/06 | Ingrid Ehrich | | Arlene Kort | | Bree Robbins |
| | Pamela Lainson | 06/16 | Julie Asmus | 06/26 | Jim Boeve |
| | Jaxlyn Murphy | | LaJeanne Boehler | | Carol Harrenstein |
| | Bev Stein | | Courtney Junker | | Jill Kramer |
| | Neal Sunderman | | Nathan Kerr | | Colleen Schukei |
| | Norma Vineyard | | Lorri Oakeson | 06/27 | Rory Stout |
| 06/08 | Andrew Barrows | | Libby Smith | | Jim Lewis |
| | Dave Cooke | 06/17 | Hugh Shoemaker | | James Miles |
| | Jeni Howard | 06/18 | Eric Brader | | Julia Rippe (V) |
| 06/09 | Alexis Longshore | | Ian Erickson | 06/28 | Jodie Phelps |
| | Chris Petroff | | Katie Phelps | | Terra Phelps |
| 06/10 | Delys Hall | | Leah Ratzlaff | 06/29 | Dianne Christensen |
| | Deb Johnson | | Sally Smith | | Emma Ellerbee |
| | Gennavieve Little | 06/19 | Tim Peterson | | Joe Matticks |
| | Joyce Ore | 06/20 | Mike Shaw | | Don Reynolds |
| | Tut Ruei | | Logan Smith | 06/30 | Karla Malouf |
| 06/11 | Jesse Grimmett | 06/21 | David Ellerbee | | Ruth Nielsen |
| | Tommy Toms III | | Keira Erickson | | Gabriel Snell |
| | | | Rebecca McPherson | | |



In honor and in memory of our father's on **Father's Day** this year, the Presbyterian Women will be collecting donations for Living Waters for the World (LWW), a global ministry that provides sustainable clean water and fosters long-term, mutually beneficial relationships between volunteers and communities in need.

LWW is a program of the Synod of Living Waters, Presbyterian Church (USA). Participation of churches of all denominations and civic organizations in this life-changing work is encouraged. LWW trains volunteers to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with international communities to implement water purification systems and health education. International Networks support partners throughout every phase of a water project and support sustainable water systems that produce clean water for a generation.

Please make your donation of any denomination by June 14th payable to "Presbyterian Women" and include the name(s) of who you'd like to honor or memorialize. Checks may be given to your circle leader, be dropped off in PW's mailbox in the common office area, or mailed to FPC. Contact Mary Fisk with questions: 402-460-7880 or maryjanefisk@gmail.com.



American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Adams County

Friday, June 1, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Hastings High School Track

Relay for Life is the nationwide, signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is a community event in the fight against cancer, and as part of the ceremonies, volunteers and survivors line the track with luminaria (lighted candles in weighted, white bags) inscribed with an individual's name. At sunset, everyone is invited to participate in the incredibly moving Luminaria Ceremony and observe a heartfelt moment of silence as the candles are lit. Each luminaria is lit in honor of someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has lost his or her battle to cancer. Donations for luminaria are \$10 each. All money goes to the American Cancer Society mission to help others Stay Well, Get Well, Finding Cures and Fight Back. First Presbyterian Church Team again will be participating this year. Luminaries are available each Sunday in May at a table in the Memorial Room or in the church office during the week until May 31. Donations can also be made via the website: www.RelayForLife.org or phone Susie Graham at 402-469-2638.

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 1st 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 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 26, 10-3pm

email: phchastings@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/phc.hastings>

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE



Join the fight against cancer!

Relay For Life of Adams County

June 3, 2016

6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Hastings High School Track
1100 W 14th Street
Hastings, NE

Contact us at 402-469-1261
www.relayforlife.org/adamscone

Visit relayforlife.org for more information.

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Work Shirts Needed for Proteus

According to Jody Stutsman, program coordinator for Proteus, there is a great need for long sleeve work shirts for migrant workers this summer. These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. While you are doing your spring cleaning, if you find long sleeve shirts you are no longer using, please bring them and place them in the specially marked tub outside the Hands Around the World Store. If you would like to participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, please email Denny Storer (cdstorer@inebraska.com) for details. Then feel free to browse the fine selection of fair trade coffee, chocolate, textiles and jewelry in Hands Around the World Store.

Prayers for: Lynn Barrows, Henry Black, Judy Brown, Sharon Chapel, Fiona Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Michael & Marcia Hogan, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's mom), Arlene Kort, Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Teresa Luther, 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.

Sylvia Spearman, former counselor at FPC Hastings, died Thursday, May 17, 2018. She and her husband, Bill, have been living in Loveland, CO, since about 1993. Bill had been the chaplain at Hasting College for about 10 years. She had been in the hospital for what they thought was stomach problems. Prayers for Bill and family!

Correction to May Birthdays: Dee Toms' birthday was listed as May 11, but it is February 8.

Directory Corrections:

FOBBEN, Zelma, p.7: Lancaster Rehab, 1001 South St. Rm 129, Lincoln, NE 68502

GRAMS, Kenton, p.8, cell: 402-462-0298

JOHNSON, Tim & Deb, p.12: Tim's cell: 402-463-4430; Deb's cell: 402-469-5847

KUMMER, Scott, p.14: email: remove to replace scottk_38@yahoo.com

MULLEN, Diane, p. 18: email: mullen1204@gmail.com

NORTHROP, John, p.19: remove home phone to replace with cell: 402-461-8180

SHARDELOW, Scott, p.24: scott.shardelow@bosselman.com

THOMSON, Barry & Margaret (Peggy), p.26: remove to replace 402-499-3795

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

WARNING

**Heart pacemaker is not compatible with magnetic name tags.
Please use lanyard to hold a tag instead!**

The radio broadcast airs during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.

Sunday's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 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 in the office.

FPC remitted May 15th \$49.74 of food pantry offerings collected in March & April to First United Methodist Church for United Harvest food distribution.

*"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*

HOW TO TRANSFER GIFTS OF STOCK IN THREE EASY STEPS

The First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, NE currently has an account with TD Ameritrade that receives all stock(s) for immediate liquidation. This account is served by TD Ameritrade Representative Douglas Oakeson of Oakeson Steiner Wealth & Retirement. If your stock(s) is held in certificate form please contact Doug at 402-461-3000 to have him assist you in the handling of your gift. If your stock(s) is held in a brokerage account at another financial institution, you need to authorize your financial institution to transfer that stock(s) to TD Ameritrade. Here is how:

1. Write a short "authorization letter" addressed to your financial institution or stockbroker that is holding your stock. Your financial institution will not transfer stock without your written authorization. Please use the following example to write your letter:

(Date)

Dear xxxxx Brokerage House:

Please transfer ____ shares of my _____ stock held in my account # _____ with your firm, to TD Ameritrade via DTC per the following information.

DTC Clearing #: **0188**

For further credit to TD Ameritrade Account #: **939579723**

For further credit to TD Ameritrade Account Name: **First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, Nebraska**

Thank you.

(Jane Doe's signature)

Jane Doe

2. Contact your financial institution to see if they will accept a fax copy of your letter or if it is necessary to mail the original. Please confirm that they receive the letter.
3. Contact the Administrator at First Presbyterian Church to let him or her know that your stock is being transferred. He or she will contact Doug Oakeson to alert him to expect the transfer.

First Presbyterian Church will be notified by Mr. Oakeson when the stock has been transferred. The church will authorize TD Ameritrade to sell the stock(s) immediately. You will receive a confirmation from First Presbyterian Church.

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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 the Friday prior to publication. Submissions may be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: fpc@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