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NOTABLE NOTES FROM...

KATHY DUVAL

With Gratitude and Thanks...

When thinking of First Presbyterian Church and counting the blessings that have been brought to each of us I wonder if anyone thinks of the Nursery and the special care that is being provided and has been provided for decades to family members. I sure do. I know that my experiences in some ways are quite unique and in other ways very universal, it's all about being a mom and having support given with love.

I raised my three children in this church home and knew that all my children were welcomed to the Nursery whenever we needed it, which we did. Our church Nursery enabled me to have a break by giving the time and space I cherished to attend fully to Sunday morning church services. As each child grew they joined us in worship; they learned the importance of prayer, community and making a joyful noise of praise through our glorious music. But I always knew that there was a safe and fun place for them to go if the need should arise.

However, what makes my story a bit unique is because of my wonderful and very special middle daughter, Laura. Rules were bent for her special needs so that she could attend our Nursery though all her growing up years, as well as still being a choice for her. ALWAYS love and welcome have been extended to her in our Nursery so that she knew that she was an important member of our church family. Because of her hearing and cognitive difficulties attending Sunday church services were difficult, not always a meaningful experience and occasionally a trying experience for this mom as I tried to find ways to keep her engaged, somewhat on task and not upset. But the Nursery was always open to Laura, it was a place that she could be herself and could help others. Laura loves seeing the babies come and little ones play, she knows their likes and dislikes and is delighted by their antics. She knows their family members and is happy to be a small part of the lives of those who come to this special place. It is such a delight to see the staff and children welcome Laura and include her on Sunday mornings, and the heart of this mother is continually filled with gratitude.

So, I would gently suggest that when you take the time to begin counting the many blessings of our church, remember the Nursery and it's staff – unsung heroes of love. Thank you for your service to all the children of our church.

Kathy Duval

November Communion Offering goes Crossroads Mission, Hastings, NE.



Crossroads Center is excited to celebrate 35 years of ministry in Hastings! God has been so very faithful to the ministry as we strive to "Bring glory to God" through the helping of people, making an impact in the lives of men, women, and families who experience homelessness.

We are in the process of a remodel to make more space in our lobby and dining area. This year Crossroads has experienced many breakdowns in our facility with the security system, the heating and cooling system, including when a tree fell through the roof of the family wing. We are in need of funds to help cover the costs of these repairs.

November 15th we will be hosting an open house at the Hastings Facility, 702 west 14th Street. The open house will be from 9am - 5pm and all are welcome to come tour the facility, see the exciting upgrades, and learn about the 4 phase PRP program.

In the evening from 6:30 - 8:00pm we will host a concert at the Hastings Auditorium with Christian band VODA. Please prayerfully consider a free will offering.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Call Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at [402-469-4805](tel:402-469-4805) or the church office at [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).

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.

"When working with your attorney to **update your will and estate plan**, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation.

--Dave Dirks, Moderator of the Foundation

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact the church office at [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).

HOSPITAL REMINDER

Due to hospital privacy regulations, if you would like the church to know that either you or a family member will be hospitalized or have been admitted, please take a moment and call the church office at [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147). Remember... we don't always know what's happening unless you tell us!

Don't Forget - Daylight Savings Time Ends November 4th

Global Mission and Local Social Witness Committee Activity Report

- ✓ The Coat drive was a huge success! Out of the 350 coats collected, only 40 remain. Those 40 coats will be available at the November United Harvest. There were a lot of hugs and some tears of appreciation exchanged on Saturday, 10/20.

Thank you to the middle school youth for hanging and organizing the coats during their lock-in, and thank you to the congregation for your giving hearts.

- ✓ The Food pantry delivered 32 items of groceries for a total of six bags during the week of October 14th.

Presbyterian Women received the following note from Nancy Langford:

"I always knew the women of First Presbyterian Church were special and that in leaving Hastings, it would be the people I would miss. On my counter is a basket filled with the most amazing cards and notes from you all!"

Nancy is undergoing treatment for some severe health concerns. As the above says, cards and letters of prayer and encouragement are appreciated. They can be sent to Nancy at 605 Tuttle Road, Durham, NC 27703.


FPC Prayers for:

Judy Brown
Celia & Wayne Ganow
Mary Kay LaMaster
Ramona Shetler
Brett & Dana Miller
Elmer Heeren
Richard & Wanda Langer
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)
Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)
Daveta & Dick Brader
John Harrington
Zelma Fobben
Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Arlene Kort
Carolyn Nowka & families
Beth Utley (First Presbyterian Church, 575 Main St,
P.O. Box 966, Stroudsburg, PA 18360)
Jeff & Ashley Hermann
Constance Malloy
Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell,
grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)
Linda Vollweiler
Katharine Davis
Dacia & Launa (Dawna & Brad Whitcomb's daughter
& grand-daughter)
186th M.P. Company stationed in Guantanamo
Bay, Cuba, lost a member of the unit this week.
Prayers for the unit and the family of Matthew
Cox. (Thank you to Susan Hoff for sending a CD of Nick
Hoff's comedy routine to the Unit; it was greatly
enjoyed.)

October is Pastor Appreciation Month:

Please pray for:

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Rev. Damen Heitman



MEN'S BASKETBALL
HASTINGS COLLEGE VS. STERLING COLLEGE

GUYS NIGHT OUT

Monday, November 5. Food at 6:00, Game at 7:00
Legacy Room, Lynn Farrell Arena, Hastings College
All men, all ages welcome.

Kirkin' o' th' Tartan

Sunday, November 11

- Come at 10:15 to join a bagpipe-led parade around the church.
- Bring a swatch of plaid fabric to 10:30 service.
- The plaid pattern will represent your household and will be blessed during worship, signifying a blessing on your household.
- Lunch will follow the service, featuring two catered Scottish dishes: Roasted Top Round of Beef with Whiskey Sauce, and Neeps (mashed potatoes and turnips).
- Catered portion will be covered by free will donations. Meal will be completed by potluck offerings. Please bring a Scottish dish or some other family favorite to share.

Spirituality Lab

This group learns and practices together a different form of prayer or meditation at each gathering. Join us to find the information and support you need for a more interesting and fruitful prayer life.

❖ October 25: Lectio Divina

❖ November 8: Mantra Prayer

7:00 a.m., 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, The Upper Room Classroom (upper level Memorial Room) Questions? Contact Kili.

Upcoming Forum Classes

❖ October 28: 2018 General Assembly Update

General Assembly (GA) is the biennial gathering of commissioners from each of the 173 presbyteries of the PC(USA). Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, decisions are made at GA on behalf of the national church body. This Forum will provide a report on the notable items addressed at this summer's GA.

Presenters: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Sharon Rees

❖ November 4: Presbyterian Border Ministry

Frontera de Cristo is a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, and Douglas, Arizona. At this Forum, Hastings FPC's delegation will share about their October visit to Frontera de Cristo.

Presenters: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Denny Storer, Jeni Howard, Margaret Marsh, Jeanne Hastings, Jan Ham, Sharon Brooks

Soup Group Lunchtime Conversations for Women

All women of the church are welcome to join in casual lunchtime conversations on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The Fall 2018 "Soup Group" sessions feature viewing of a TED talk followed by conversation on topics related to self-care.

❖ November 1: Understanding Stress

❖ November 15: Slowing Down

Free childcare provided with reservation by the Tuesday preceding each gathering. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. Noon-1, Church library.



World Community Day November 2, 2018 Hosted by Hastings Church Women United at Grace United Methodist Church (1832 West 9th Street) at 10:00.

The overall theme of "Reaching Toward Wholeness," reflects the idea that being wholeness requires feeling safe, cared for, valued and connected within our local community and the larger world. With these aspects present, there is harmony. Like many voices coming together in a chorus, people of many cultures and nations can come together to lift humanity beyond the brokenness of discord, violence, and war.

World Community Day began in 1943 from discussions at a meeting of denominational presidents and executive secretaries asking that a day be set aside in the fall for the study of peace by church women. WCD continues to emphasize peace but has been broadened to include justice, a vital partner of peace. The once clear categories of "domestic" and "foreign" were consciously blurred so the global scope of the wide range of problems could be emphasized on World Community Day.

November PW meeting and luncheon is on November 7. The program will be given by Sarah Nottage-Tracey on her experiences in China. Sounds interesting, doesn't it? Please RSVP to the church office by Monday November 5th. *FYI... The Circle meeting dates are a little different this month:*

✓ *Circle I will meet on November 14th (Hostess-Gayle Fandy, Lesson-Pam Lay)*

✓ *Circle II will meet on November 28th (Hostess-Shirley Gass, Lesson-Alice Throckmorton)*

✓ *Circle III will meet on November 28th (Hostess-Mary Northrup, Lesson-Jo Seiler)*



Ashley Mullen



Brett and Dana Miller



June Nielsen



Sally Hatcher



Jean and Bob Matheny



Grant Hunter



Kris Norris (with daughter
Sydni Johnson)



Heather Gosda



Dora Horsley



Stephanie and Doug Ourada
Caroline & Porter



Jan Bolliger

New Members: Names & Addresses

Heather Gosda	2405 Stagecoach Rd., Grand Island 68801
Stephanie and Doug Ourada	1123 Sumner Ave., Hastings
Kris Norris	400 E. 2nd St., Hastings
Dora Horsley	315 S. 1st Ave., Hastings
June Nielsen	721 S. 1st Ave. #310, Hastings
Jan Bolliger	1245 Sheridan Dr., Hastings
Ashley Mullen	2415 W. 10th St., Hastings
Dana and Brett Miller	1334 N. St. Joseph Ave., Hastings
Bob and Jean Matheny	814 Madden Rd., Hastings
Grant Hunter	P.O. Box 1264, Hastings 68902
Sally Hatcher	514 W. 10th St., Hastings

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/04/1972	Dave & Barbara Fisher
11/10/2001	Justin & Stephanie Brader
11/11/1989	Frank & Kay Georgiana
11/12/2011	Brad & Dawna Whitcomb
11/15/1974	Jim & Deb Freeburger
11/22/1974	Tim & Deb Johnson
11/23/1979	Roger & Karen Doerr
11/23/1991	Mark & Stephanie Bliss
11/25/1951	Don & Marie Rasmussen
11/26/1960	Arnold & LaJeanne Boehler
11/29/1968	John & Cathy Pershing

HAPPY Birthday

11/01	Bill Nottage-Tacey	11/09	Ken Stein	11/19	Stuhrling Osborne
11/02	Grace Brader		Matthew Welton		Peter Ratzlaff
	Linda Cooke	11/11	Cory Telecky		Joy White
	Evan Turner	11/12	Dennis Asmus	11/20	Chuck Bauer
11/03	Megan Launchbaugh		Gary Bauer		Judy Brown
	Virginia Malouf		Travis Feezell		Mary Parks
	Jackie Marymee		Marcia Hogan		Ethan Stout
	Katherine Sachtleben		Laurie Johnson	11/21	Kim Graviette
	Flossie Sanderson		Erikka Rhodes		Melissa Karloff
11/04	Kraig Lofquist		Kevin Sass		Roger Sunderman
	Lorie Paustian		Lori Wright	11/22	Colleen Adam
	Charlie Ratzlaff	11/13	Sydney Kerr		Bonnie Grams
11/05	Lanae Hall		Lexi Lofquist		Rich Portwood
	Neil Jurgena	11/14	Jean Barber		McKain Ratzlaff
	Mary Kay LaMaster		Lily Black		Marcia Sovereign
	Monte Malouf		Kay Robbins		Raegan Welsch
	Moses Rhodes		Sarah Snell		Wilson Welsch
11/06	Lauren Bliss		Julie Thomsen	11/23	Lois Hafer
	Malcolm Eckhardt	11/15	Greg Allen-Pickett	11/24	Delia Miles
	Troy Essex		Sue Medsker-Nedderman		Duang Tang
	Susie Graham	11/16	Maxx Miller		Gwen Weber
	Betty Kooy	11/17	Sherry Behrens	11/25	Thomas Freetly
11/07	Vernon Groves		Tammy Lay		Willy Kummer
	Stacy Kerr		Jane Tushaus	11/26	Shaylee Stroyek
	Tim Williams	11/18	Kiptyn Miller	11/28	Deborah Miles
11/08	Pat Kern		Mary Northrop	11/30	Heather Behrends
	Teresa Luther		Megan Stahr		Eric Bishop
	Eldon Mitzelfelt	11/19	Sarah Burling		Mark Bliss
	Sion Odom		Jim Hoffman		Ron Wissing
11/09	Bob Baker		Kruzann Osborne		

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Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens
and the earth by your great power
and outstretched arm.
Nothing is too hard for you.

Jeremiah 32:17