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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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NOTABLE NOTES FROM...

PASTOR GREG

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I want to invite you to a special worship service we will be holding on Sunday, November 11 at 10:30am. It's called the "Kirkin' o' the Tartans."

If you are like me, you may not know what a "Kirkin" is, or a "Tartan" for that matter. Allow me to explain. Our Presbyterian church traces its roots to Scotland. In Scotland, the "Church" is called the "Kirk." When you turn Kirk into a verb – "Kirking" or Kirkin' it means "Blessing." Tartans are the plaid the Scots wear that represent their clan or their family. So the service next Sunday will be a blessing of the families and a celebration of the Scottish roots, heritage and culture of the Presbyterian Church. Now you know: Kirkin of the Tartans - Blessing of the Families – Scottish style!

Here are the details you need to know about worship next week:

We won't have an early service at 8:30, just our 10:30 traditional worship. We will still have our Christian Education hour at 9:15am with Sunday School for all ages including an Adult Education forum with a panel of military veterans talking about their faith and military service in honor of Veteran's Day.

At 10:15, if the weather cooperates, we will gather in the parking lot and march with bagpipes around the block; we wouldn't want the Methodists or Episcopalians to miss out on the bagpipes! The bagpipes will process into our church to start the 10:30 service.

You are invited to wear your family tartan, if you have one, otherwise you can bring something else that represents your family as we will say a prayer of blessing of our families. Men, you are invited to wear your kilts, if you have them.

The bagpipe band will help lead us in worship throughout the morning. The service will include a celebration of the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church, and we will do a "Blessing of the Families" liturgy for all of our members, friends and visitors, whether you have Scottish heritage or not.

At 12:00, following worship, we will have a church-wide potluck. The church will provide the main course with a Scottish theme, and you are all invited to bring a side dish to share.

This is one of those services that you may want to invite family, friends or neighbors to, particularly if they have an affinity or appreciation of Scottish culture.

I'm grateful for our church's joyful energy and desire to celebrate our heritage and our families. I hope to see you in worship next week!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

The Kirkin' o' The Tartans

FPC Prayers for:

Judy Brown
Celia & Wayne Ganow
Mary Kay LaMaster
Ramona Shetler
Brett & Dana Miller

Constance Malloy
Steve Thelen (Pamela
Lay's brother-in law)

186th M.P. Company stationed in Guantanamo Bay,
Cuba, lost a member of the unit last week. Prayers for
the unit and the family of Matthew Cox.

Sharon Harvey
Family of Jack Osborne
Elmer Heeren
Richard & Wanda Langer
John Harrington
Georgette Smidt (Ted
Schroeder's sister)
Linda Vollweiler
Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim
& Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev &
Ken Stein)

Katharine Davis
Mary Jeanne Cook
Zelma Fobben
Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Arlene Kort
Carolyn Nowka

Beth Utley
Jeff & Ashley Hermann

Dacia & Launa (Dawna & Brad
Whitcomb's daughter & grand-daughter)
And Dawna & Brad Whitcomb

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. Remember... we
don't always know what's happening unless you
tell us!

Congratulations to David Ellerbee and Josie
Goldberg who were married on Saturday,

November 3, in Estes Park, CO. David is the son
of Linda Johnson and the late Michael Ellerbee
and the step-son of Richard Johnson.

**Did you miss the photo sessions for the
new pictorial directory? NO PROBLEM!**



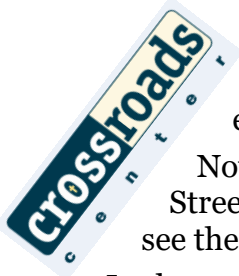
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directory! Just email
your snapshot to
kili@fpchastings.org.
Horizontal orientation
preferred. Please, no
copyrighted photos.
Digital pictures are
preferred, but we can
scan a hard copy, if digital is not an option.

**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.

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.

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.

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.

- ❖ November 8: Mantra Prayer
- ❖ November 29: Centering Prayer
7:00 a.m., The Upper Room Classroom (upper level Memorial Room) Questions? Contact Kili.

Upcoming Forum Classes

- ❖ November 11: Faith and Military Service
On this Veterans Day, a panel of FPC vets will reflect on the impact their faith had on their military service before, during, and after deployment.
Presenters: Rev. Jim Cooke, Dick Kleiber, Rick Matticks
- ❖ November 18: Ethical Shopping
"Black Friday" is one of the biggest shopping days of the year. In anticipation of this annual event, we will explore the ethical questions related to shopping. How much do we really need? How do our purchases impact the earth? How do our purchases impact the workers who made the products?...and more.
Presenter: HC Economic Professor Amy Black

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 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.

November Circle date changes

- ✓ *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)*



Christmas is Coming!

I know, I know, it isn't even Thanksgiving yet. Who wants to think about Christmas already? The thing is, we should be living the spirit of Christmas all year round. So this year, as part of the Christmas celebration at First Pres, we will make available to every family that wants one, an Advent Devotional Guide called SMALL, *Dancing LIGHT*. That's all I'm going to say right now, we'll let you know more as the month progresses.

Youth Special Attendance Recognition - October

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 8th 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 4th grade)
- Usher
- Music soloist
- Call to Worship leader
- Prayer leader
- Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of October, nineteen (19) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-three (23) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for October's recognition are Keaton Redline (Sunday School) and Rwei Duang (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!

LocalGlobal is a student-led service group at Hastings College. Our goals are to educate our campus about food insecurity and other issues of poverty; and to contribute to the needs of our community, state, country, and world. Food insecurity means a person doesn't know where their next meal is coming from or can't afford food for their next meal. We participate in National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week every year in November by organizing events at the college to get the campus and community involved in the fight against hunger.

LocalGlobal would like to invite members of the First Presbyterian Church congregation and anyone from the community to come help us pack meals.

Our meal packing event will be held on November 9th from 8 am to 5 pm in Hazelrigg Student Union, Rooms A, B, and C. We will partner with Hearts and Hands of Hastings to pack 100,000 meals in these 9 hours.

We also have a *sandwich making event on November 13th from 5 pm to 8 pm in Hazelrigg Student Union, Room C. These sandwiches will be given to the Catholic Social Services Open Table sack lunch program and our goal this year is 3,000 lunches. See you there!*

Kirkin' o' th' Tartan

Sunday, November 11

Bagpipe-led parade! (10:15)

Bring a swatch of **plaid fabric** to worship! (10:30)

Scottish lunch! (11:30)

Catered: Roasted Top Round of Beef with Whiskey Sauce,
and Neeps--mashed potatoes and turnips
(free will donations appreciated)

Potluck rounds out the meal: bring a Scottish dish or
another family favorite

Fearless Generosity . . .

Gifts of Love

A three week sermon series on the gifts of love
 November 4: *The Greatest Commandment – Mark 12:28-34*
 November 11: *The Greatest Gift – Mark 12:38-44*
 November 18: *A Community of Love – Hebrews 10:11-25*

Updating the Flower and Radio Memorial Lists for 2019

There are still opportunities for 2019 to support the radio and flower ministries. (See dates below.) You can fill in either or both with a memorial. Please call the church office and let Jean know which Sunday you would like for flowers, what kind and color (if you have a preference) how you want the memorial listed and/or which Sunday you would like for radio. Also let the office know if you want the memorial to be perpetual or just for the year. Remember you can do both. There is no cost, however contributions to the fund are always appreciated. Any question can be directed to Mary Olsen.

Flowers 2019	Radio 2019		
January 12	January 6	May 19	August 11
January 20	February 10	June 30	September 1
February 17	March 24	July 7	September 5
March 31	March 31	July 14	October 13
September 20	May 12	August 4	October 20

UNITED HARVEST



united harvest **MOBILE PANTRY**
 HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution.

Brought to you by First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

United Harvest this month is Saturday, November 17th.

It's time for the monthly plea: *We need you!* It takes nearly 100 volunteers every month to keep this ministry going. Please consider joining us on the morning of the 17th. Just come to the volunteer sign-in table in the FPC Annex gym (in the lot between the FPC church and United Methodist Church) between 9:15 and 9:30 to receive an assignment. *It's a great thing to do with a friend or social group!* Also intensely needed: workers for the clean-up shift. If you can help, come to the volunteer sign-in table around noon. THANKS!

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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.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good
His love endures forever.

Psalm 136: 1