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Decoding the Liturgical Color Scheme

Within the life of the church, color has long been used to give a visual indicator of what is happening in the life of the church. Whether is it a marking of the rhythm and movement of the liturgical season, or the noting of a special celebration within the life of the church, the colors that we use in worship, whether it is in the cloths covering the tables or the stoles that the Pastor and the choir wears, have deep meaning.

Please note that the following descriptions are based off of Presbyterian tradition and the working tradition of Southern Heights Presbyterian Church. We recognize that there is a variety of Christian practice and understandings of all things, including liturgical colors.

Purple = Preparation

Purple is the color that is used during our seasons of preparation: Advent and Lent. During both of these seasons (the four Sundays before Christmas and the 40 Days before Easter, respectively), we are to dedicate ourselves for the preparation of our hearts and minds for welcoming Christ.

Purple is also the traditional color of royalty, and so some give nod to this as a reason why we use purple during these seasons.

In some tradition, the color Blue is used interchangeably with purple during the season of Advent.

Red = Spirit

The color red can, traditionally, only be found on one Sunday during the liturgical year: Pentecost, where the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church as tongues of fire.

Since the color has so closely come to be associated with the Holy Spirit, red vestments are also appropriate for the celebration of the sacrament of baptism.

White = Holiness

We use white any time we are celebrating days that emphasize the divinity of Christ: Christmas, Easter, Baptism of the Lord, Christ the King, and so on. For the most part, if you find white paraments in the sanctuary, you are worshipping on a day that has great significance to our understanding of Jesus as God.

Also, since white has come to symbolize holiness, it is also often used for the celebration of both sacraments (baptism and communion).

You will also often see a pastor wear a white stole when officiating a wedding. Although there is no theological or liturgical reason, some pastors choose to do so as the colors white and black are so often associated with weddings. However, any color of stole is deemed appropriate based on the season.

Green = Presence

During the majority of the church year, which is commonly called "ordinary time", the color that you will find is green. Because the color green is so often associated with life, the use of green during the seasons and the times when there is "nothing special" going on in the life of the church (no big festivals or holidays) reminds us that God is present among us, breathing life into us and into our church.

Ryan Barker	FPC Prayers for:	Andy Barrows
Ramona Shetler	Betty Siemoneit & family	(Lynn passed away 1/11/19)
Sharon Harvey	John Harrington	Zelma Fobben
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Dwight Marsh and family	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Katharine Davis	Arlene Kort
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)	Judy Brown
	Betty Siemoneit and family	Jim Harrenstein
		Richard & Wanda Langer

Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.

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!

2019 Offering Envelopes are in. You may pick yours up from the glass shelf in front of the church office or on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room.

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 at 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

❖ Jan 17 – Topic to be determined.

Mission Committee Update

- ✓ Delivered 110 diapers to Catholic Social Serviced on January 10th.

Save the Date!!

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 27th in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 service. Plan to stay and participate in the life of our church. Printed reports will be available soon.

January Communion Offering goes to Healthy Beginnings

Healthy Beginnings offers help and encouragement for parents and families while lessening the opportunities for abuse and neglect.

The Mission of Healthy Beginnings is to provide a cost effective nurse home visitation program that will improve pregnancy outcomes, child health, growth and development, and self sufficiency for program eligible families. The effects of this program will benefit generations to come as these parenting skills are passed from generation to generation.

We provide weekly home visits for families prenatally and these visits continue until the youngest child in the home turns three years old. We also provide referrals to other agencies and resources when families have need for them.

Spirituality Lab

Learn and practice 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. 7:00 a.m., *The Upper Room Classroom (upper level Memorial Room)*.

❖ The next meeting will be in February, the date to be announced.

Upcoming Forum Class

❖ January 20: *The mind Inside*

One of the most pressing and complicated issues in public education today is mental health. More than ever students need social, emotional and behavioral support. A new film series has just been created by Nebraska Loves Public Schools about how to show empathy, support, and understanding for the students in our community.

Presenter: Video with discussion

❖ January 27: *Mentoring Our Youth*

January is National Mentoring Month. A newly-designed local program is tailoring our community needs with its significant resources. Learn about "CareerConnect" and "SchoolConnect".

Presenter: Executive Director of Mentoringworks

Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School A six-week series, "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why." It is a study of historic Christian faith and how the Apostle's Creed matters in lives today. The study asks questions such as: How does belief affect us? What is the source of our belief?

Bible @ Breakfast will resume on Wednesday, January 23 at 7 a.m. We will be starting a new series with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. It will begin with the early prophets like Amos, moving on through Enoch, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Gospels and finally the Book of Revelation.

December 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 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 December, twelve (12) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-seven (27) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for December's recognition are Laura Kate Oliver (Sunday School) and Porter Ourada (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, **April 1, 2019**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.

The January 8 Red Cross blood drive was a success with 27 units of blood collected! There were 20+ FPC members who participated in one way or another. Thank you to all who gave of their time by either donating or volunteering.

Parenting Workshop

Saturday, January 26, 1-5 p.m.

1st Presbyterian Church, 7th and Lincoln Ave.
FREE Workshop! FREE Childcare!

Community Welcome!!



Children don't come with instruction manuals,
but help is on the way!

Workshop will provide expert advice, instruction, and encouragement from Dr. Nancy Foster, University of Nebraska Medical Center professor and clinician specializing in pediatric psychology.

Especially suitable for
parents with children ages 0-12.

Perfect Practice Makes Perfect: Parenting with a Purpose

Saturday, January 26, 2019

1st Presbyterian Church, Hastings

1:00-5:00 PM

Nancy Foster, PhD and Megan Schmittel, M.S.

1:00 PM	Introductions and Overview
1:05 - 2:00 PM	Part 1: <i>Why Do Children Do What They Do?</i> (Nancy) Overview of development + Formula to solve behavioral concerns
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Part 2: <i>Parenting Solutions that Work</i> (Nancy) Strategies to encourage desired behavior
3:00 - 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 - 4:15 PM	Part 3: <i>Age-specific tools</i> Breakout Group 1 (Megan): Navigating the Early Years (ages 0-7) Breakout Group 2 (Nancy): Thriving in the 'Tween Years (ages 8-12)
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Part 4: <i>Putting It All Together</i> Maintaining progress + addressing future problems Wrap up / questions + answers

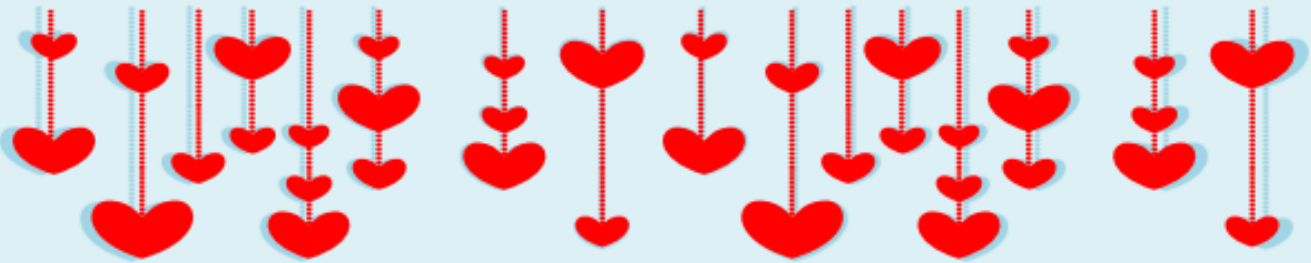


Photo Booth

Hannah Jensen on piano
for listening pleasure

Giveaways

Spaghetti or Cordon Bleu Dinners

VALENTINE'S DINNER

February 14th, 2019

6 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Hastings

\$20 per person



JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT (PROCEEDS SUPPORT GO & SERVE YOUTH)!
Space is limited: Reserve by Feb. 7th (can also contact office at 462-5147)

RESERVATION CONFIRMATION:

Reservation Last Name _____

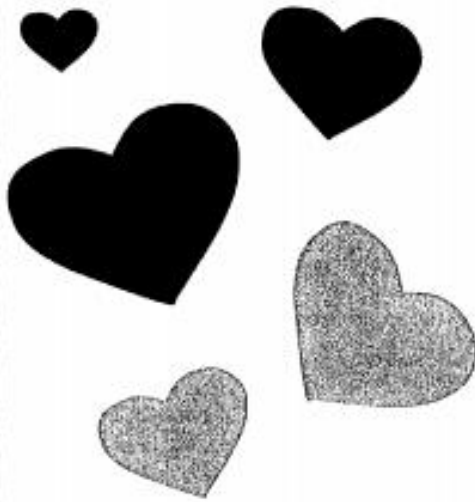
Number in Party _____

Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinners _____

Spaghetti/Meatball Dinners _____

Total Due \$ _____ Paid/Owes





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



INVITES YOU TO OUR VERY FIRST EVENT TO

CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF FRIENDSHIP

WE WILL CREATE A
STRING ART PROJECT
(CHOICE OF A CROSS OR FLOWER)

**All are welcome: Bring Family or friends
who are non-members & ½ dozen cookies
to share.**

\$20.00 PER PERSON PER PROJECT

HOT COCOA AND COFFEE PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH

Free will donation for child watch- going towards youth
mission trip.

February 17th

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

in Fellowship Hall

SIGN UP AT TABLE IN MEMORIAL ROOM OR OFFICE BY
JANUARY 27. STARTING JANUARY 6, 2019.

Contact person
Julie Thomsen 402.984.8754





Pickle Ball?!! Anyone interested in learning the hottest sport in America?!! FPC Hastings is starting a FREE Pickle Ball group. You are invited to come to the FPC Annex located at 7th and Lincoln Ave. every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00. Pickle Ball is a fun blend of ping pong, racquetball, and tennis. It is designed for all ages; a healthy activity for young and old alike. It is much lower impact than tennis, but just as fun! All equipment is available, you just need to show up. You will be excited to learn a new sport for the New Year! We promise you will not be disappointed.



Presbyterian Women's (PW) luncheons. *The next meeting will be February 6. Circle 2 will prepare the lunch. Circle Three will do the devotions, centerpieces, etc.*

The program will be about Hospice presented by Penny Price.

- ✓ Circle I will meet February 20-9:30am (Hostess-Lynette Krieger; Lesson Elaine Specht)
- ✓ Circle II will meet February 20-9:30am (Hostess-Mary Jeanne Cooke; Lesson-Mary Lewis)
- ✓ Circle III will meet on January 16-1:15 pm (Hostess-Katharine Davis; Lesson-Jane Marsh)

*Top Ten Reasons to Become Involved in PW**

1. To use your time in meaningful ways.
2. To meet new people and make new friends.
3. To give direction to the future of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
4. To learn marketable skills, gain valuable experiences, and share these with others.
5. To transfer your Christian belief into action.
6. To discover new outlets for creative expression and feel a sense of accomplishment.
7. To gain a sense of making a contribution to the lives of others.
8. To enjoy the fellowship and fun of working with others for a common Purpose.
9. To grow and develop personally as a Christian woman and disciple of Jesus Christ.
10. To be challenged by Christ's call to be servant leaders.

* Linda Hora, Leadership Enhancement Coordinator, as published in the Sower, the newsletter for PW of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits. *Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.*

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction.
- Areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Grants are limited to one per child.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.
- *DEADLINE FOR THE Spring 2019 GRANT PROGRAM IS February 1, 2019.*
- **ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

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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.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Luke 4: 13-14