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NOTABLE NOTES FROM... (The following is an excerpt from the 2018 Annual Report)
Greetings from staff member **Kili Wenburg**, *Director of Adult Education* (January through Mid-November) and *Parish Associate for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Formation* (beginning in December).

Education continues to be a guiding priority of FPC-Hastings, but not just education for the sake of education. At FPC-Hastings, we seek education that leads to spiritual formation and service for the sake of the Kingdom of God. One particular Forum class stands out as encapsulating this approach. It was the first class of the fall. We met on a beautiful Sunday morning not at the church but at the Hastings Middle School Garden. Walking through that beautiful space, we recalled how God walked through the Garden of Eden with the first humans in the cool of the day. Jayson Stoddard, founder of the HMS Garden helped us to understand how this small corner of Hastings provides a place of learning, a place where hungry people find food, and a place where both adults and youth find purpose and connection. We gave thanks for the fertile Earth God created and found inspiration to, like Jayson, glorify God by serving our community.

Regular educational opportunities for adults in 2018 included the following:

- **Bible Study** (Tuesdays at noon, Wednesdays at 7 a.m.). These were mostly led by Pastor Greg and addressed scriptures for the following Sunday's worship. For Fall 2018, the Wednesday morning group studied a book by Marcus Borg, led by members of the group.
- **Sunday School** (Sundays, 9:15-10:15 a.m.). Adult Sunday School offerings included two classes: *Heirs Apparent* and *The Forum*. The *Heirs Apparent* class, led by Curtis Reimer, utilized DVD-based curricula to study topics such as happiness, Moses, and living with courage and hope in uncertain times. The *Forum* class featured weekly guest presentations on a wide variety of topics including ethical shopping, Christianity in the Middle East, the mobile phone's impact on the human spirit, and the plight of rural churches. Remember, you can find video recordings of most past Forum classes on the church web site!
- **Presbyterian Women**. This organization provides many educational, service, and fellowship opportunities. My role with them included providing briefings for monthly Bible study leaders.
- **Spirituality Lab** (2nd/4th Thursdays at 7 a.m.). Begun Fall 2018, this group learns and practices a new form of prayer or meditation at each session, followed by discussion of an interesting spiritual topic.
- **Other**. Many other educational opportunities for adults were available through the generous gifts of time and talent of volunteer leaders...THANK YOU!
 - **Soup Group** (1st/3rd Thursdays at noon) led by Jessica Allen-Pickett and Laurie Lofquist.
 - **Grief Group** (8-week Monday afternoon series) for men, led by Pastor Greg and Dale Behrens.
 - **Financial Peace University** (9-week evening series) led by Tim and Deb Johnson.
 - **Memoir Writing Group** (3-session series) led by Mary Ann Shorey.
 - **Spanish Class** (Thursday evenings at 6 p.m.) led by Bertha de dios Salvador.
 - **New Member Classes** (3-session series) led by Pastor Greg.

In addition to the more direct educational offerings I helped with, I also offered one-on-one spiritual direction sessions, occasional preaching, and I administered the Taize services.

Finally, I enjoyed continuing to work with the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, serving as staff liaison to the coordinating team, and contributing to the formalization of the mission through creation of a "Joint Venture Statement," legally describing the structure of the relationship between FPC and FUMC.

Jim Cooke
Zelma Fobben
Celia & Wayne Ganow

FPC Prayers for:

Jim Harrenstein
John Harrington
Jeff & Ashley Hermann
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)

Sharon Harvey
Levi Kaiser
Danna Wolford & family
The Family of Lois Hahne

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 Joan Shaw at [402-460-8195](tel:402-460-8195) 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

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!

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).

Donations Needed for Crimson Cupboard at Hastings College

LocalGlobal is hosting a food drive for the month of April to collect donations for the Crimson Cupboard at Hastings College. The Crimson Cupboard is the college's food pantry for food insecure students. It has been a highly used resource this year and is running low on supplies. They are most in need of peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup (canned or packaged), canned beans, canned meat, and any other nonperishable items. If you'd like to support this endeavor you are welcome to drop items in the collection bin in the Memorial Room any time between now and April 28th. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

March Giving Update

March Budget	General Fund Giving	PC(USA)	Communion Offering
\$47,917	\$54,184	\$101	\$914



Confirmation Cake Reception

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MEMORIAL ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY 5

FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE

May Communion Offering goes to United Harvest, the traveling food pantry delivering food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution on the 3rd Sat. of each month at the FPC P.E.A.C.E. Center.

RETURN OF THE SUMMER SERMON SONG SERIES!

Have you ever heard a secular song and thought that it would make a great sermon? Now's your chance to make that happen! This summer, Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen will continue the Summer Sermon Song Series where they preach sermons looking for sacred, theological and biblical themes in secular music. Perhaps you remember sermons over the past two summers on *Let it Be* by the Beatles, *Sound of Silence* by Simon and Garfunkel, *Awake my Soul* by Mumford and Sons, *Viva la Vida* by Coldplay, *Blowin' in the Wind* by Bob Dylan, *Simple Man* by Lynyrd Skynyrd and many, many more!

They need your suggestions for songs! Please send them to Pastor Greg by *May 10* so that he can put together the preaching schedule for the summer!



Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School

A new study series, "Joy Stealers: Overcoming Obstacles to Hope and Happiness" began April 7. Via streaming video and conversation, Pastor Rob Refroe offers five transformational decisions, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that will offer us a clearer path to joy. *Grab a cup of coffee and join us every Sunday morning in the Anderson Conference Room located in the Educational Wing at 9:15am.*



The Forum

❖ **April 28 "Mission & History of Pacha Soap"** Pacha (rhymes with cha-cha) means "Earth" in Quechua, the language of the Peruvian people. While working alongside them on a service project as a student at Hastings College, Andrew began to wonder what he could do to help them develop a source of income.

Presenter: Andrew Vrbas

❖ **May 5 "What Can We Learn from the Early Church?"** Similarities abound about what we are facing as Christians today and the challenges of our ancestors worshipping in homes. We will explore those experiences in a two-part series.

Presenter: Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey

❖ **May 12 "What Can We Learn from the Early Church Part 2?"**

Presenter: Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Bible @ Breakfast (Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor) The current study is on the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. Come join this class with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying from scripture in the Old and New Testaments.



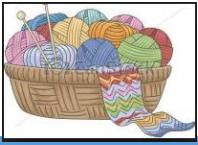
Soup Group Lunchtime Conversations for Women have been cancelled for the rest of the semester.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Monday, July 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.



**American
Red Cross**



Knit Wits. Join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on, or stop in for pointers on how to get started. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!

Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Campbell, NE invites the ladies of FPC and the Community to the 66th Annual Spring Tea, Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 2:00p.m. The program, Didgeridoo and Dulcimer, Too will be given by Phyllis and Robert Dunne of the Humanities of NE. Following the program enjoy refreshments and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Register NOW for 2019 Summer Camp Grades 3 - 12,

PLUS Intergenerational & Family camps for Adults/Children age 5-12!



Benefits of Christian Camping... ☑ Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment. ☑ Camp is an extension of your local church

ministry program ☑ Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally, and physically. (Supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association)

Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are available on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office. Scholarship

Applications are also available. Contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org with any questions.



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; Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 to 8:00pm. 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.



A sermon series about our astonishing God and God's astonishing acts through some astonishing events and people!

April 28: Seriously Sent, John 20:19-31

May 5: Awesome Ananias, Acts 9:1-20

May 12: Tremendous Tabitha, Acts 9:36-43

May 19: Fabulous Food, Acts 11:1-18

May 26: Loving Lydia, Acts 16:9-15

June 2: Amazing Ascension, Acts 1:1-11

Work Shirts Needed 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 contact Denny Storer for details.

Flood Relief Volunteer Opportunities



**Come and
Join Us!**

Wishing you could help more but don't know where to turn? Here is your chance. We will be traveling to Wood River, NE on **May 4 and 5** to lend a hand as they continue the clean-up process from the flooding.

Supplies to bring: tools, ladders, shop vac's, sheet rock tools, power screwdrivers, etc. We have the use of a trailer to transport everything.

Please notify the church office at 402-462-5147 by Wednesday, May 1st if you plan to participate.

Questions? Contact Tim Johnson at 402-463-4430
timjohnson5353@gmail.com or Deb at 402-469-5847

debjohnsonflute@gmail.com

→ **Saturday, May 4**

For those who want to work hanging drywall and other "construction" type labor:

- ✓ Meet in the Church Parking Lot at 7:30am to drive out to Wood River
- ✓ Return to Hastings around 6pm

→ **Saturday, May 4**

For those that don't want to do construction (or can't), but want to help:

- ✓ Gather at church at 10:30am to get food together
- ✓ Depart church at 11am for Wood River
- ✓ Help serve lunch to our work crew and other residents of Wood River
- ✓ Return to Hastings around 2pm

→ **Sunday, May 5**

For those who want to work hanging drywall and other "construction" type labor:

- ✓ Bring your work clothes to church! Depart from church parking lot at 12pm after worship.
- ✓ Return to Hastings around 6pm

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church
and First United Methodist Church
would love to receive your gently used
winter coats for our coat drive that
will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for
Men, Women and Children.
(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at
these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,
First United Methodist Church, YMCA
and [Pershing Orthodontics](#).

Thank you in advance!!



You Are Cordially Invited

to celebrate the Work of the Spirit in Harvard at the

Ordination of Pastor Dave Johnson

Saturday, May 11 at 2:00P.M.

Harvard United Church of Christ

206 S Adams Ave.

Harvard, NE

Rev. Darrell Goodwin Preaching

Coffee/Reception to Follow Worship



VBS 2019 - Monday, June 3- Thursday, **June 6 9:00am-12:00pm.**



We are preparing for another great Vacation Bible School! This year, we are using Living Waters for the World's VBS curriculum: *Water All Around the World*. It is designed to enable children to understand the importance of access to clean water for health, and to make them aware of the way in which this access (or lack of access!) affects the lives of children

in other countries. It also teaches the value of water in our own lives.



2019 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

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 SOON as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

To register your child to attend VBS go to <https://fpchastings.org/children/> for the best week of the summer! **Early drop-off option at 8:00am by pre-registration ONLY. Everyone welcome! Pre-school (must be toilet trained) through 4th Grade

Special Needs VBS 2019 will be held Tuesday, June 4 – Thursday, June 6 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Our ecumenical Special-Needs VBS will be staffed by volunteer special education teachers and others familiar with children who have special needs...maybe even a teacher, para, or parent you know.

Registration is open to elementary-aged, special-needs children and siblings. Registration is limited so sign-up now at <https://fpchastings.org/children/> . If you would prefer a printed registration form, please contact Stephanie at the email or phone listed below. *All registrations must be received before May 29.*

Can't wait to see you there! For more information, e-mail stephanie@fpchastings.org or call Stephanie at 402-462-5147.

Presbyterian Women.

The monthly luncheon, May 1, is open to all Presbyterian women. Please call the office to add your name to the reservation list. Circles, please RSVP to your circle calling person if you plan to attend.

Circle I will prepare lunch and act as Kitchen helpers. Circle II is in charge of setting the tables, centerpieces, devotions, nametags, cashier, and Hunger Cups. The program will be given by Karen Parde on the State Refugee Program



- ✓ Circle I will meet May 15-9:30am
(Hostess-Flossie Sanderson; Lesson-Flossie Sanderson)
- ✓ Circle II will meet May 15-9:30am
(Hostess-Gayle Fandry; Lesson-Betty Kooy)
- ✓ Circle III will meet May 15- 1:15 pm in the Library
(Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)

United Harvest, a monthly no-questions-asked food pantry, will be held on May 18. Volunteers are always needed: 9:30-12:00 & 12:00-2:00.

Happy Anniversary, May 2019

Kris & Shawn Norris	5/2/2008
Duane & Georga Ochsner	5/6/1956
Robert & Nancy Grams	5/6/1972
LeRoy & Caroline Echternach	5/9/1969
Mary Kay & Jim LaMaster	5/14/1983
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings	5/18/1974
Jeremy & Deborah Miles	5/19/2001
Tyler & Stephanie Adam	5/19/2007
Beth & Mark Funkey	5/20/1988
Lori & Bert Wright	5/22/2010
Rich & Karen Portwood	5/24/1980
Mary & Dick Plock	5/24/2003
Charles & Lois Hafer	5/26/1973
Don & Phyllis O'Dey	5/27/1967
Carver & Billie Abbott	5/27/2006
Christian & Sarah Fruehling	5/28/1994
Jim & Kathy Duval	5/29/2013
Mary Jeanne & Jim Cooke	5/31/1955

Happy Birthday, May 2019

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

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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.

This is how God showed
His love among us:
He sent his one and only Son
into the world that
we might live through him.

1 John 4:9