



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
Vol. 23.09, Weeks Of: May 12 and May 19, 2019

## *NOTABLE NOTES FROM...*

KILI WENBURG

This past year I led FPC's "Spirituality Lab," which is a group that met every other Thursday morning to learn about and practice a different form of prayer with each gathering. The group is called a "lab" because it's a place to *experiment* with prayer to find out what works for you.

For the final spring Spirituality Lab gathering, we visited the HC labyrinth. The flat stones you see embedded into the ground in the picture below form circuitous pattern known as a labyrinth. The labyrinth, created by HC Christian Ministry students in 2005, is meant to provide a place of prayer for the community.

A labyrinth differs from a maze in that there is only one way in and one way out. Labyrinths have one continuous path that twists and turns, eventually leading to the center. There are no dead ends and nothing to figure out as you walk. The inherent hope built into the labyrinth is that there are no false turns, but that by putting one foot in front of the other, we will arrive at the goal of life. A maze is designed to make you lose your way, a labyrinth is designed to help you find your way.

In this photo (from photographer John Brooks), you see Tim Redline and Lanae Hall walking and praying....individually...together. (Note that Lanae is wrapped in a beautiful prayer shawl made by Sue Medsker-Nedderman.)

Praying with a labyrinth might be a good fit for you if:

- you tend to fall asleep while praying (can't fall asleep while walking!);
- you enjoy symbolic rituals (such as walking to the center to "leave behind" a grudge [for example] so that you can walk back into the world with freedom and forgiveness);
- your current prayer style could use some fresh air (literally or figuratively);
- you are an active person and feel your time is best spent when *doing* something;
- you are feeling confused, in need of inspiration, or needing to "unwind".

You can pray the labyrinth alone or with others. It can take just a few minutes, or you can walk slowly for as long as you wish. MANY different ways of praying can be engaged while walking the labyrinth. If you are interested in trying it out, I created an instructional packet, some copies of which are available in the church office. Another labyrinth available to the whole community is located on the property of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (near Hastings High School).

The spring weather invites us outside....God invites us to prayer...why not put the two together and try out labyrinth prayer sometime this week? You'll be glad you did!

Blessings,

*Kili*



**FPC Prayers for:**

Susie Frerichs  
Celia & Wayne Ganow  
John Harrington  
Jeff & Ashley Hermann  
Jim Harrenstein  
Don Canady

The Family of Bev Cooper  
The Family of Leah McCrady  
The Family of Laurie Loftquist  
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)  
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)  
Georgia Ochsner

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

*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.*



**From Hastings Public Schools Foundation**

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1500. We use your contribution to help strengthen the learning community for over 3500 students and 300 teachers.

**From PC(USA) Mission, April 10, 2019**

Thank you for your recent gift to Presbyterian World Mission. Our ministries focus on three critical global initiatives: alleviating poverty, sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ, and working for reconciliation.

We are stewards of a Presbyterian mission legacy that began nearly 180 years ago, and through the world and the way we do mission have changed, our commitment to sharing the gospel in word and deed remains the same.

God continues to call us to be faithful witnesses in our world, and your support of \$1,500 to US Coordinators for Border Ministry, Frontera de Cristo, helps make this possible.

**From PC(USA) Mission, April 11, 2019**

Thank you, so much for your congregation's commitment to the ministry of Jesus Christ through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Gifts from congregations, like yours, make a difference in the lives of people here in the United States and abroad in over 70 different countries. We are encouraged by God's faithfulness, signaled by the recent support we have received from you. Because of you, the world is waking up to new possibilities in Jesus Christ.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: On March 6, 2019, we received \$2,500 for Jim & Jodi McGill.

**Mission Committee Update**

The mission committee delivered 92 diapers to Catholic Social Services on April 22.

**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](http://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).

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



**Church Women United Outstanding Young Women 2019** Every year Church Women United nominate Outstanding Young Women in our Community. This year's list included our own *Teresa Canady*. The following is the article about her as it appeared in the program for the annual luncheon.

Teresa has been an active member of First Presbyterian Church since 2007. She and her husband Tim have been the directors for the praise and alleluia youth choirs for eleven years. She also has sponsored three Go and Serve Mission trips and is currently on the Go and Serve Committee. Teresa served three years on the Christian Education Committee and was a Deacon for two years. She also serves on the board for South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale for the past six years.

Teresa is the mother of four daughters, wife to Tim and owner of two dogs. She has been a Special Education teacher for twenty-two years and has worked part-time at Southern Hills Golf Course. Teresa enjoys gardening, golf, spending time with family and always has a smile and gives lots of hugs.

**Annual YWCA 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Tribute to Women 2019** Their purpose is the celebrat4e and Honor the "GEMS" of Hastings. The following were honored on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Included here are the articles about our church women.



*Young Professionals*

❖ *Irina Erickson*: Irena supports women everyday by giving them the platform to shine and succeed at Longfellow elementary. She has shown young girls and women that you can do anything you set your mind to, including moving to another country to pursue a better life. Irina brought the Character Education Program to Longfellow to teach students lessons in respect, responsibility, compassion, and integrity. She is very involved volunteering at her church and participated in Leadership Hastings. She brings in educational opportunities for staff and students to learn about other countries, sharing that children will succeed by knowing and respecting other cultures in our world.

❖ *Jodi Graves*: Jodi's passion shows in her work at the United Way and always has an encouraging word for anyone around her. She witnesses all races and ethniciti4s but always sees a person for who they are, no matter the circumstance, and is willing to help without hesitation. Jodi encourages everyone to get involved and give back to the community whether supporting or volunteering. She serves on the ESU9 board as well as the City's Planning and Zoning Commission.

*50+ Rockstars*

❖ *Stephanie Bliss*: Stephanie has an energy about her that is contagious; she is always upbeat, has a big heart and finds the good in everyone around her. She is compassionate, professional, is attentive to feelings and does not judge or discriminate. Stephanie works at the Hastings Community Foundation, instrumental in developing Give Hastings Day. She has served on many boards including Sunnyside, Spotts Trust, First Presbyterian Church, PEO Chapter G, YWCA, and Hastings Public Schools PTO.



**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.

## **2019 First Presbyterian Church Confirmands**

*Confirmation Teachers: Dave Cooke & Neil Riley*

### ***Shannon Rene Canady***

Confirmation Mentor: Amy Black  
Parents: Tim & Teresa Canady  
Date of Birth: 5/5/2005  
Baptism Date: 6/8/2008

### ***Campbell Thomas Schukei***

Confirmation Mentor: Matt Fong  
Parents: Chris & Colleen Schukei  
Date of Birth: 5/21/2005  
Baptism Date: 10/23/2005

### ***Jackson Andrew Graves***

Confirmation Mentor: Richard Johnson  
Parents: Danny & Jodi Graves  
Date of Birth: 5/27/2005  
Baptism Date: 4/21/2019

### ***Claire Teresa Schwarz***

Confirmation Mentor: Leah Ratzlaff  
Parents: Chris & Kristen Schwarz  
Date of Birth: 6/23/2005  
Baptism Date: 1/16/2006

### ***Eleanor Clara Oliver***

Confirmation Mentor: Kathy Reimer  
Parents: William & Susan Oliver  
Date of Birth: 7/8/2005  
Baptism Date: 1/8/2006



### **Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School**

Transformational decisions challenge us to consider what aspects of our lives stand in our way as we seek change. "Joy Stealers: Overcoming Obstacles to Hope and Happiness" offers suggestions for a positive change. *Grab a cup of coffee and join us every Sunday morning in the Anderson Conference Room located in the Educational Wing at 9:15am.*

**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. Focus for the upcoming week is Ezekiel, chapters 1-4 and 40-43. Come join this class with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying scripture from the Old and New Testaments.





Mark your calendar! The **Summer Book Club** will begin meeting on Wednesday, June 12 at noon. John Harrington will lead our discussion of David Galston's book, "Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity."

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**American Red Cross**

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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

The Relay For Life Walk is Friday, June 7, at the Hastings High School track, 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Once again, we have a First Presbyterian team as we have the past 7 years.

There are several ways you can support the fight against cancer.

1. You may purchase/dedicate a luminary in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love who has battled cancer. The suggested cost is \$10. Luminaries are lit up around the track making a beautiful sight at sunset. Luminaries are now available at a table in the Memorial Room each Sunday or in the church office during the week.
2. Donations may be given on line at [www.Relayforlife.org](http://www.Relayforlife.org).



The Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to end cancer, uniting communities across the globe to finish the fight. Dollars raised help the American Cancer Society save lives by supporting education and prevention efforts, funding groundbreaking cancer research, and providing free information and services for people with cancer who need them.

## 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 or go to [www.centralnepresby.org](http://www.centralnepresby.org) Scholarship Applications are also available. Contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto: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 P.E.A.C.E Center located at 7th and Lincoln Ave. every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 and Tuesday, 5:30-8:00pm. 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.



## 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or call Stephanie at 402-462-5147.

### **Presbyterian Women.**

- ✓ Circle I will meet May 15-9:30am in the Library  
(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)



**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**



It's the end of the 2018/2019 FPC curriculum year. Here's what you need to know...

**Wednesday, May 8:** Last regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Live, Children & Youth Vocal & Bell Choir rehearsals, and Youth Group gatherings. Please plan to attend the picnic on May 15.

**Wednesday, May 15:** Wednesday Night Live Picnic @ Lib's Park (16<sup>th</sup> Street & Baltimore Ave). 5:00-6:00 pm: Fellowship & Free-Play. 6:00-7:00 pm: Meal...the main dish, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be NO OTHER GATHERINGS this evening.

**Sunday, May 19:** Last day of Sunday School for 2018/2019 year. There will be a Christian Education Volunteer acknowledgement during the 10:30 am worship service. Hope you can be there!

## WNL YEAR-END PICNIC

Wednesday, May 15

Libs Park—16<sup>th</sup> St. & Baltimore Ave

5:00-6:00pm fellowship & free-play

6:00-7:00pm meal\*

\*The main dish, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



## 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!!



**Days for Girls** is a global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods.

This organization gives direction to provide personal hygiene kits to girls world-wide. Each kit is placed in a draw-string bag and includes reusable cloth menstrual pads made up of colorful shields and liners; panties; a washcloth and soap; zip-closure plastic bags and other items. The kit enables girls to carry their clean and used pads discreetly and to take care of their own hygiene needs. During the distributions, women and girls also receive health education to break stigmas and cultural taboos associated with menstruation.

**DAYS FOR GIRLS**  
Turning periods into pathways

Mother's Day cards will be offered in the Memorial Room this Sunday, April 28, next Sunday, May 5, and Mother's Day, May 12, and in the church office throughout the weeks. The suggested donation is \$10 with the proceeds going to support Days for Girls International. This group helps girls and women world-wide through menstrual care solutions, health education, and income generating opportunities. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please fill in the form below and return to PW or the church office. All women will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 12. **Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.**

Card in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



**Third Saturday of the Month**  
**Annex Building**  
**Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings**

**Sponsored by:**

**First United Methodist Church**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

**United Harvest May 18**

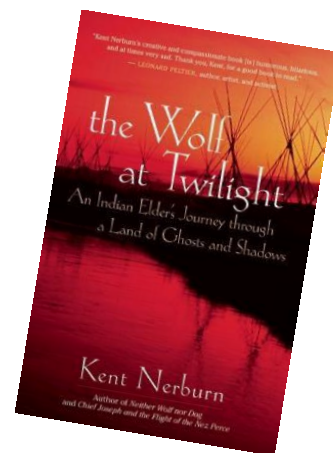
Together with our neighbors at the First United Methodist church, we offer a monthly no-questions-asked food pantry called United Harvest. Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the distribution date and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

May 18, 2019		
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	9:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM



**Join a book study . . .**

*THE WOLF AT TWILIGHT:  
An Indian Elder's Journey through a  
Land of Ghosts and Shadows*  
by Kent Nerburn



This book study is sponsored by Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and led by members of the PWS Native American Concerns Committee.

**It is open to interested women and men across our synod,**  
via Zoom (using computer or phone).

There is no charge to participate nor to use Zoom, yet registration is requested.

**Daytime study begins: Monday, May 20, 2019 at 1:30 – 2:30 PM (CST)**

**Evening study begins: Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:30 – 7:30 PM (CST)**

**Groups will meet every two weeks for five sessions**

~~~~~  
**Synopsis:** A note is left on a car windshield, an old dog dies, and Kent Nerburn finds himself back on the Lakota reservation where he traveled more than a decade before with a tribal elder named Dan. The touching, funny, and haunting journey that ensues goes deep into reservation boarding-school mysteries, the dark confines of sweat lodges, and isolated Native homesteads far back in the Dakota hills in search of ghosts that have haunted Dan since childhood. . . Nerburn brings the land of the northern High Plains alive and reveals the Native American way of teaching and learning with a depth that few outsiders have ever captured. (*The Wolf at Twilight* is the second in this series although one does not have to have read *Neither Dog nor Wolf* in order to participate in this study.)  
~~~~~

Questions, contact Marilyn Stone at [mmstone52@att.net](mailto:mmstone52@att.net)

**REGISTER HERE by May 13, 2019**

Please register by emailing the following information to Marilyn Stone at [mmstone52@att.net](mailto:mmstone52@att.net) :

Name:

Email:

Phone #:

Presbytery:

Afternoon or Evening Study:

**Home Page Newsletter**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**621 North Lincoln Avenue**  
**Hastings, NE 68901**  
**Phone: 402-462-5147, Fax 402-462-6818**  
**Email: [fpc@fpchastings.org](mailto:fpc@fpchastings.org)**  
**Website: [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)**

**Address Service Requested**

### **The Home Page**

A publication of  
First Presbyterian Church  
621 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Hastings, NE 68901

**Senior Pastor:** Greg Allen-Pickett

**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a twice monthly publication for the people and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

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](mailto: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