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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 wanted to open this note with a bold “HAPPY SUMMER!” But as I look out my office window at overcast skies and people walking by in coats, it doesn’t quite feel like summer yet.

Even though the weather may not feel like summer, our church is rolling into summer mode quickly! Here are a few highlights:

We will be celebrating Vacation Bible School (VBS) this week. For the third year, we will host a traditional VBS in the mornings and a VBS for children with special needs in the afternoon. Typically more than half the kids that come are not members of our church, so this is a way for us to reach out and share the love and light of Christ with children and families in our community. Huge thanks to Steph Brader and her team of volunteers for running this great outreach ministry of love!

We have switched to our summer worship schedule, so we will only have one service each week at 10:30am, and our Sunday School for adults and children is on hiatus for the summer.

Pastor Damen joins us full-time starting July 1, and we are so excited about that!

Finally, we have the return of the Summer Sermon Song Series! For the past three summers, I have invited the congregation to suggest secular songs to me that they think could make a great sermon. We do some research on the song and artist and find a scripture that it connects with, and then we have a lot of fun. I love to be reminded that there are sacred and scriptural messages, even in our secular world.

One of the joys of the Summer Sermon Song Series is that it is a great opportunity for you to invite your neighbors and friends to join you at church! If a song is coming up that you think they would be interested in, this series provides a great low-pressure way for you to share the joy of worship at First Presbyterian Church. On the next page you will see the list of songs that we will be preaching on this summer. Read through the list, share it with your family, neighbors and friends, and use this as an opportunity to invite others to join you at church this summer.

Church growth experts report that 85% of people joined a church because they were invited by someone they knew. You all are doing a great job of sharing the joy of FPC Hastings and inviting others; we have added 80 new members in the last 2 years! Let’s keep that growth going and continue to share the love of Christ with our neighbors and our community. I hope you can use the Summer Sermon Song Series to do just that!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

P.S. If you don’t see a song you suggested on the list, I’m sorry! We had more than 50 songs suggested this year. However, you may still get to hear a theological reflection on your song. Pastor Damen and I are going to come up with a radio broadcast/podcast to reflect on suggested songs that didn’t make the list, so stay tuned!

Summer Sermon Song Series

May 26: *Jesus is Just Alright* - Doobie Brothers

June 2: *Fight Song* - Rachel Platten

June 16: *I still haven't found what I'm looking for* - U2

June 23: *To Sir, With Love* - Lulu

July 7: *Coming to America* - Neil Diamond

July 14: *Shine* - Collective Soul

July 21: *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* - Simon and Garfunkel

July 28: *This is me* - Greatest Showman (Musical)

August 4: *One Voice* - Wailin' Jennys

August 11: *I Hope* - Dixie Chicks

August 18: *Man in the Mirror* - Michael Jackson

August 25: *Come from Away* (Musical)

September 1: *Better Boat* - Kenny Chesney

September 8: *Beautiful Messes* - Hilary Scott



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!!

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

FPC Prayers for:
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)
Pine Ridge Flood Relief Team

VBS
Go& Serve Mission Team
Levi Kaiser
Nancy Zimba and family
The Family of Lois Hahne
The Family of Chuck Bauer
The Family of Kay Georgiana

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).



Work Shirts Needed for Proteus There is a great need for long-sleeved work shirts for migrant workers this summer.

These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. If you have 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. To date, 46 shirts have been collected!

To participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, contact Denny Storer.

Dear Church Family and Pastor Greg,
Thank you so very much for your prayers during this time of healing for my son Chris. Through the power of your prayers, he continues to improve. God is so good. Carol Wheeler and family

Dear Church Family,
In the life of the church we often talk about family. During my recent surgeries with my broken shoulder, Pam and I have certainly felt the sense of family from the church. Thanks to all who reached out in love and prayers. May God bless our family. Don and Pam Canady

June Communion Offering is the Pentecost special offering which helps our youth begin life with a strong start - a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood. A portion of the offering will stay with our congregation and go to the Mexican Dance Troupe.

PLEASE NOTE:

A new lock has been installed in the Kitchen Door. The previous code is no longer valid. If you are in need of the new code, please come to the office and fill out the form.

In memory of...

❖ Rev. Dr. Henry E. Fawcett, 86, passed away 04/11/2019 in Dubuque, IA. He was a much beloved pastor for the Hanover and Fairfield congregations and a close friend of Si Kessler. Memorials may be given to University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Student Scholarship Fund 1342.

- ❖ Bev Cooper passed away on 4/16/19. Services were on 5/24 in Council Bluffs, IA. Memorials may be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

Presbyterian Mission PC(USA)

Dear Partners in God's Mission,

Thank you 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.

As we enter the season of Pentecost, Christians celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit, which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the name of Christ (Ephesians 1:10). A spirit-filled community of faith opens its eyes to the needs in

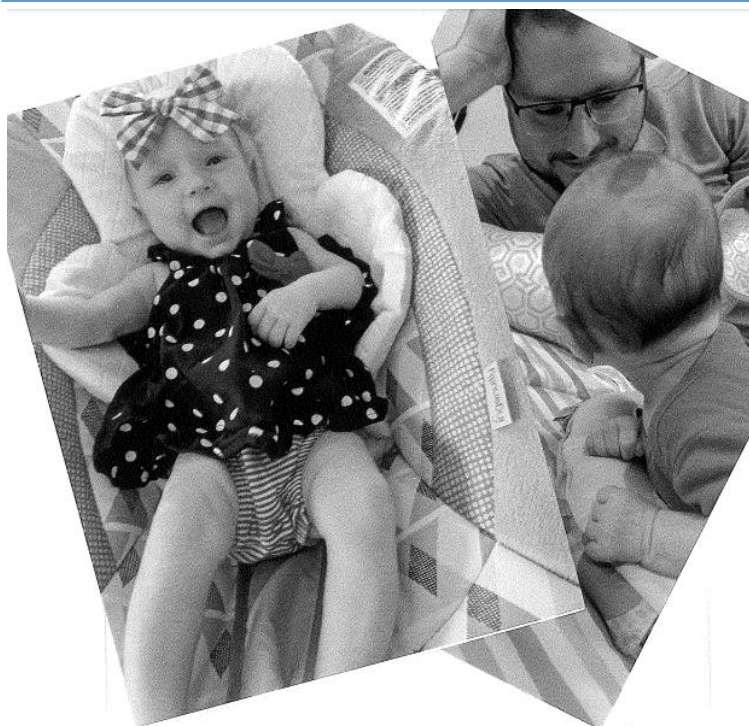
the world and sees its mission as God's new people.

We encourage your support of the Pentecost Offering to share God's love with people experiencing need. The Pentecost Offering is unique in that congregations direct 40% of what they receive for ministries which benefit children at risk. The remaining 60% supports mission through child advocacy, youth ministry, and Young Adult Volunteer opportunities.

We are most thankful for the generosity your congregation has provided in the amount of \$4,397.

Thank you again for your support, dedication, and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner.

-Rev. Rhonda Kruse, Mission Engagement Advisor, Office of Mission Engagement and Support



Sharon,

Thank you so much for the lovely rose for Audrey. We enjoyed it very much while we were home those first weeks. We've been overwhelmed by the support of our first Pres. family and feel truly blessed to be a part of such a loving community.

Thank you,
Brett, Dana, & Audrey

Where are they now????

Greetings from the Howards – of Lincoln! Not yet entirely settled, but making progress.

“Want to make God laugh?

Tell Him you have a Plan!” (Read Jeremiah 2911)

Finding ourselves where we envisioned to be, perhaps sooner than expected. A home that suits us well. Downsizing is HARD! (but necessary). Blessed to be near ‘children’, and grandchildren; brother, moms, nieces and nephews; extended family (so dear). Huge adjustment, also, for Mom. Move to assisted living, confused but content. Comfortable and cared for. 93rd birthday, April 26th. Perked up. Fun.

We most appreciate church services on Facebook. Exploring church home. “Home” will always be 1st Pres-Hastings.

God's speed. God bless.

-Jeff & Vickie Howard

UPCOMING EVENTS



Mark your calendar! The **Summer Book Club** will begin meeting on Wednesdays, *July 17-August 21* at noon. John Harrington will lead our discussion of David Galston's book "Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity."

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



The **PW Father's Day** Offering this year will go to *The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World*. There will be a table in Memorial room for donations May 26, June 2, and June 16. You may also take donations to the church office during the week.

More than half of Guatemala's population lives below the poverty level, with nearly a quarter living on less than \$2/day. Many people lack a source of safe drinking water, which has a multiplying impact on poverty. Currently, there are over 210 Living Waters for the World filtration systems installed across Guatemala, providing each of the surrounding communities with an opportunity to live longer, more healthful lives because they are finally free of water-borne illness and disease.

The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World helps to support teams that go to Guatemala to install waters systems, and provides ongoing support to those systems through local in-country staff. Pastor Greg has served on the US board of Living Waters for the World for the past six years. He also serves on the Guatemala Board of Living Waters for the World. As such, he travels there twice a year to help support the operation.

Donation in honor of _____

Donation in memory of _____

Given by _____



The **Canine congregation** will meet at the Hastings dog park, south of GSV, on *June 16 at 2:00*. This is a time for fellowship among dogs of FPC and their human stewards. There is no cost and no need to make reservation. However, participants must adhere to park regulations dictated by the city of Hastings.

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!





**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.

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

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. (Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.) Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.



Pentecost in the Park Church Service and Potluck June 9 immediately following the 10:30 Pentecost in the Park service (Chautauqua Park Pavilion). *Bring either a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Chicken, beverages, and eating utensils will be provided.* The Mexican Dance Troupe will be performing traditional dances following the service: Raices de Me Pueblo, directed by Carmen Morales. Please feel welcome to join us for food and fellowship even if you didn't bring a dish to share.

2019 Go & Serve Team – June 7-15, 2019



What does it mean to come "Hammer in The Hills"?

It means our youth will have an opportunity to enjoy a week in the heart of Appalachia, where they will experience the culture, the communities, and the people that make this area uniquely beautiful.

It means they will work alongside our professional carpenters to build new homes or repair existing ones. The team won't be bandaging problems; they will be solving housing issues for those who need it most.

It means the work our group provides is important and meaningful. They will witness firsthand the housing situation in our area, and they will be taking steps toward providing long-term solutions.

Our youth are volunteering in the heart of rural Appalachia building dreams and having an unforgettable experience. Please pray for us as we travel and during our sojourn in Hazard, Kentucky.


Youth:

Abigail Kerr
Summer Parnell
Grace Redinger
Chudier Duang
Nyaguor Duang
Meredith Brandt
Hannah Hafer

Sarah Spillinek
Grace Canady
Nyanhial Duang
Eric Brader
Carter Wenburg
Avery Essink

Adults:

Rev. Damen Heitmann
Tammy Nowka
Michelle Kerr
Jason Hafer



**HASTINGS
SODBUSTERS**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NIGHT AT THE SODBUSTERS GAME

WE HAVE A BLOCK OF 50 TICKETS!
DATE: JUNE 23
TAILGATE SUPPER: 5:00 PM
LOCATION: HARMS PARK (SO. OF DUNCAN FIELD)
GAME TIME: 6:35 PM
LOCATION: DUNCAN FIELD
COST: \$10

THE COST OF THE TICKET INCLUDES PRE-GAME TAILGATE MEAL.

STOP BY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BUY YOUR TICKET, OR BUY THEM IN THE MEMORIAL ROOM
AFTER WORSHIP STARTING ON SUNDAY JUNE 2

COME OUT AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY, AND
WATCH THE SODBUSTERS BEAT THE PIERRE TRAPPERS!

OUR VERY OWN CHURCH CHOIR WILL BE SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM!

**HEAVENLY HARP LIVE IN CONCERT:
"ENCOUNTERS WITH HEAVEN"**



Your eyes will be opened in ways you never imagined!

You'll discover

- ~ 3 secrets of the dying that can erase your every-day fears
- ~ The answer to that important question, "Does Jesus still heal today?"
- ~ How to know for sure you're fulfilling your life purpose
- ~ Deep peace & joy as you're wrapped in Jesus' incredible love for you.

All are welcome, so please invite family, friends & coworkers to this FREE concert of beautiful Harp and Vocal music and inspiring "heavenly" stories!

"If I would've known how life-changing this concert was going to be, I would have brought a whole car full of people!" C.M. Minneapolis, MN

Heavenly Harp CDs, DVDs and Karin's book will be available for signing.

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

First Presbyterian Church - 7 pm

Featuring the Hastings Hospice Choir

First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an "APP" for you!

Our directory of names, contact information and corresponding family photos is ready for you to create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You can use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access because only members will be able to create a login and load an app on their phones.

An additional set of information under the Groups tab is forthcoming. It will include lists of members in each of the boards, committees, and organizations that are a part of the life of our congregation. Printed copies of that information will be available soon from the church office.

Watch this space for further details as they become available!



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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.

Wait on Me, I will show you My ways;
I will teach you My paths;
I will lead you in truth;
I am the God of your salvation.

Psalm 25:4-5