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NOTABLE NOTES FROM...

PASTOR GREG



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A Holy-Spirit Filled Pentecost Week at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings!

I am bursting with holy pride and gratitude for our church family after this week. The Holy Spirit is alive and well at First Presbyterian Church, and it is moving in some beautiful and unexpected ways.

On *Monday* morning, we started our traditional Vacation Bible School. We opened it up to the whole community, and more than half the kids who came are not members. All the kids who came experienced the love of Christ because of an incredible group of volunteers and staff who made it happen. We had a group of middle school students from Hope Presbyterian Church in Omaha come and help us run our VBS as well. The Holy Spirit is at work!

On *Tuesday* afternoon, we started our Vacation Bible School for children with special needs for the third year. A few creative and compassionate church members realized that some kids don't always have the opportunity

to attend VBS, so we started this. Imagine 10 children with special needs and at least 20 volunteers learning bible stories, singing songs, dancing, playing, and praying together. The Holy Spirit is at work!

On *Thursday* night, a team of 5 men from Living Hope Community Church in Vancouver, Washington arrived. On Friday morning they joined up with two members of First Presbyterian Church to drive up to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to do flood relief and recovery work. We had flood relief supplies donated by a church in Kansas city. We had funds donated by a church in Colorado and donors from all over the United States. The team spent the weekend sharing the love of Christ in tangible ways to the people on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Holy Spirit is at work!

On *Saturday* morning, our Go and Serve Youth Mission Team drove away from the First Presbyterian Church parking lot to spend a week helping to repair homes in Appalachia. 12 intrepid youth and 4 brave adult volunteers all gave up a week of their summer to help share the love and light of Christ with people in need. This continues the Go and Serve tradition that stretches back 50 years at First Presbyterian Church, an effort supported by the whole church through gifts and prayers. The Holy Spirit is at work!

On *Sunday* we hosted a spirit-filled Pentecost worship service. We joined with the Episcopalians and the Baptists for a joint worship service to rejoice in the unity that the Holy Spirit brings. We even

celebrated communion together with a bi-lingual, ecumenical communion liturgy. And we were joined by Raices de mi Pueblo, a Mexican folkloric dance troupe who shared their dances with us. The Holy Spirit is at work!

That all happened in just one week this summer. We will have many more weeks like it, including the United Harvest food distributions this summer with our Methodist sisters and brothers where we will serve 400-500 food insecure families. Every Sunday in the month of July, we will pack sack lunches right after worship, more than 6000 of them, as part of our partnership with Open Table and Catholic Social Services. We hope to run another flood relief and recovery trip up Boyd County in northern Nebraska to support our sisters and brothers there. The Holy Spirit is at work!

One of the creeds in the Presbyterian Book of Confessions is called "A Brief Statement of Faith." It describes the work of the Holy Spirit this way:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit: justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church...

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage:

to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

May we continue to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and may the Holy Spirit guide our church to be a source of love and light in the world.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

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: *Man in the Mirror* - Michael Jackson

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

August 4: *One Voice* - Wailin' Jennys

August 11: *I Hope* - Dixie Chicks

August 18: *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* - Simon and Garfunkel

August 25: *Come from Away* (Musical)

September 1: *Better Boat* - Kenny Chesney

September 8: *Beautiful Messes* - Hilary Scott



FPC Prayers for:

Celia & Wayne Ganow	Russel Hilger (Ashley Mullen's father)	The Family of Laurie Loftquist
Georgia Ochsner	The Family of John Harrington	Nancy Ziemba and family
Don Canady	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	The Family of Lois Hahne
Jim Harrenstein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	The Family of Kay Georgiana
	The Family of Susie Frerichs	

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, for 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 These shirts protect the migrant workers from the summer 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, 62 shirts have been delivered.

Hastings Literacy Program



Thank you so much for your donation of \$532. The program offers adult education classes for GED Test Preparation, English as a Second Language, Basic Education in Math and Reading, and Career Pathways Employability Skills to individuals in our community. Our mission is to give our students the tools they need to achieve their goals and become more productive and contributing members of society and improve their overall life situation. These goals include obtaining employment, improving a current employment status, and/or entering college. It is through donors like you that we can assist our students in achieving their goals. -Anne Cannon, Executive Director, Hastings Literacy Program

The 2019 Relay for Life event was held June 7. Many cancer survivors participated in the walk along with many caretakers and supporters. The FPC team thanks you for your attendance, your generous donations, and purchases/donations of luminaries in honor of or in memory of someone who has battled cancer. Your gifts mean we can bring more hope to cancer patients. Together we are fighting cancer smarter, better and harder than we ever have before.



In memory of...

- ❖ John Harrington passed away June 10, 2019. Memorial services will be held at 11:00, July 5, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church with a luncheon to follow at Lockland Country Club.
- ❖ Robert C. Jones, Sr. passed away June 6, 2019. Services were held June 13, 2019.
- ❖ Susie Frerichs passed away June 14, 2019. Memorial Service will be held at 2:00pm on July 12, 2019 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, in Kearney, NE.

July Communion Offering is Project Homeless Connect, Hastings - a one-day, one-stop event July 24th (10-4pm) where individuals and families who are homeless or near homeless can receive a variety of immediate, on-site services and support. Connecting those in need to medical services, free clothing, a hot meal, and much more.

May Giving Update

May Budget	General Fund Giving	PC(USA)	Communion Offering
\$47,917	\$30,687	\$141	\$753.



Sara Babcock, Young Adult Volunteer

Sara Babcock has been accepted into the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program. The program is an **ecumenical**, faith-based **year of service** for young people (ages 19–30) in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation. Alongside this work, volunteers explore the meaning of their Christian faith and accountability to their neighbors in community with peers and mentors. She will do her year of service in Washington D.C.

Sara was confirmed in our church as a youths. Following her graduation from Kalamazoo, MI with a degree in history, Sara moved back to the Hastings/Grand Island area and has been attending services here. She presented information to our mission committee about her decision to commit to this program. She also briefly shared this information with our congregation during the church service last Sunday.

Although YAVs receive a modest stipend and shared housing benefit, they are required to raise \$2,000 by July. Sara would like to stay connected and communicate with our congregation from Washington DC about what she is doing and learning from this experience.

Please keep Sara in your prayers. If you would like to support her year of service through a financial donation, you can send a check to:

*National Capital Presbytery
11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 1009
Rockville, MD. 20852*

Or you can follow this link and click on Support Sara.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/yav-new/sara-babcock/>

Mark your calendar! The **Summer Book Club** will begin meeting on Wednesdays, *July 17-August 21* at noon. We will discuss 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.

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; Tuesday, 5:30-8:00pm; and Thursday, 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!



Hands Around the World Store will have a booth at Prairie Loft for the Flatwater Music Festival June 28 & 29. We will be open for business, Friday, June 28th from 5:30pm - 10:00pm and on Saturday, June 29th from 12:30pm - 10:00pm.



This is our first year having a presence at the festival and we look forward to lots of sales of our Fair-Trade products. Behind every product is a story of inspiration, hope, and change - of artisans being able to send their children to school, build a first home, and feel the security of becoming self-sufficient. Your purchase not only helps to lift artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty, but also supports United Harvest, a local mission, to which our store donates \$100.00 every month. Your purchase makes a difference!

Open Table Sack Lunch Assembly begins Sunday, July 7th, following Church and continues the whole month.

Come join the fun of working together.

Needed for July:

1. Early birds to arrive at 9:30 Sunday mornings to help set up the assembly tables.
2. Volunteers to stay after church to assemble the sack lunches.
3. People with trucks or large vehicles to help transport the sacks to Catholic Social Services following the assembly and possibly help with other food transportation through the month.
4. A few good cooks (or people who can follow directions) to assist in creating special meals on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 beginning July 9th.
5. Volunteers to help serve the special meals on Wednesday mornings or afternoons at the Catholic Social Service Office. This requires a background check and a brief online information course that Meg or Jeni can lead you through.
6. Last, but definitely not least, prayers and financial support.



With our Appreciation and Thanks, Jeni, Meg, and Lily If you have questions, you may call or text: Jeni @ 402-469-1500 or Meg @ 402-902-9330

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.



Happy Anniversary - July

07/01/1979 Byron & Deb Jensen
07/05/2014 Tyler & Jamie Lay
07/06/1974 George & Jo Anderson
07/10/2010 Tracy & Kenny Brooks
07/15/1980 Teri & Tam Nguyen
07/16/1972 Neal & Susan Hoff
07/18/1998 Tommy & Dee Toms III
07/18/1998 Tim & Teresa Canady
07/24/2010 Harold & Milrae Korb
07/25/1958 Dick & Pat Kleiber
07/26/1980 Jeff & Vicki Howard
07/27/2012 Doug & Marnie Soderquist
07/31/2004 Tom & Leah Ratzlaff

Happy Birthday - July

07/01	George White Cal Johnson Audrey Portwood	07/09	Paige Taylor Sara McPherson Martha Boyd Connie Hultine	07/20	Charlie Stout Cathy Davis
07/02	Pat Jacoby Jayden Propp Cale Henderson Brent Sovereign Jamie Lay Brad Davis	07/10	Bryant Allen	07/21	Chelby Schlichtman Meg Stewart-Magee Mark Hemje Harrison Welsch
07/03	Wallace Dogbevia	07/11	Chris Dinkler Tom Johnsen	07/22	Becky Matticks Grace Redinger Mackenzie Heneger
07/04	Seth Schwarz Mike Meyer Jean Matheny Lincoln Welsch	07/12	Charles Hermes Kay Georgiana	07/23	Dave Fisher Laif Hultine Don Rasmussen
07/05	Bailey Eckhardt Julie McDougal Dave Schawang	07/13	Mary Jeanne Cooke Lynne Friedewald Marc Hultine Jessica Allen-Pickett	07/24	Jordan Norris Kate Hemje Dawn Baldwin Linda Johnson Mary Lewis
07/06	Verna Meyer Adam Welton Stephanie Ourada	07/14	Becky Foote	07/25	Jean Koch Claire Lay Sydni Johnson
07/08	Terry Beahm Caroline Ourada Eleanor Oliver Tammie Nowka	07/15	Nkuma Uche Duane Huber Michelle Kerr	07/26	Susan Benorden Lyndie Eddleman
		07/16	Pamela Lay Rachael Tut Sharon Reicks May Wierenga Annie Mitchell	07/27	Bob Boerigter Mary Seiler Stella Adam Mike Florek
		07/17	Steve Jurgena Susan Roberts	07/28	
		07/18		07/29	
		07/19		07/30	
				07/31	

The logo for the Hastings Sodbusters is displayed in a stylized, bubbly font. The word "HASTINGS" is in a smaller font above "SOBBUSTERS". The background of the logo features a photograph of a baseball field with blue stadium seating.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NIGHT AT THE SOBBUSTERS GAME
WE HAVE A BLOCK OF 50 TICKETS!**

**DATE: JUNE 23
TAILGATE SUPPER: 5:00
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS FOR THE TAILGATE SUPPER
LOCATION: HARMS PARK (SOUTH OF DUNCAN FIELD)
GAME TIME: 6:35PM
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 SOBBUSTERS BEAT THE PIERRE TRAPPERS**

OUR VERY OWN CHURCH CHOIR WILL BE SINGING GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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!!

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And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love him,
who have been called
according to his purpose.

John 8:28