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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:

Can you believe we are already midway through the summer! The last month and half have just flown by. Our church has been hard at work this summer sharing the light of Christ in big and small ways.

We were blessed last Sunday, 7/14, to have Rev. Adam White return to First Presbyterian Church. Together we shared the song "Shine" by Collective Soul and then preached on the sacred messages found in the song. We reflected on Isaiah 60 and Matthew 5:

Isaiah 60:1-2

*Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.*

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Adam and I shared some reflections on the motifs of light and darkness in scripture. There was line that Adam said in the sermon that particularly resonated with me:

"When I think about what kind of light we are as the church, I have this image that we are like a neon arrow in the desert, pointing to the source of the light... We are the sign, the thing that testifies to the light coming into the world. When we are that light to the world, we make visible the ministry of God."



As we start the second half of the summer, I invite you to reflect on the ways that you can help shine the love and light of God into the world. There is a lot of darkness in the world and in our lives. How can you testify to God's light through your own life? May we all strive to SHINE!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

FPC Prayers for:	The Family of Darleen Howard	Starla Rethorst
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Russel Hilger (Ashley Mullen's father)	The Family of Laurie Loftquist
Linda Vollweiler	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)	Darrel Lloyd
Eric Smith	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** or the church office at **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**.

Thank you from Proteus Thank you all very much for your generous donations of over 150

shirts and hats that will be given to the migrant farm workers de-tasseling corn in Hastings. They often travel from Mexico with very little in the way of belongings. Those shirts will keep them safe from pesticides and heat. The workers have told me through the years how welcome they feel and it's because of people like you.

-Sincerely, Jody Stutzman, Proteus

Congratulations...

- ❖ Bo Adam Malouf joined our family on July 3rd in Denver, CO. Parents are Chris and Heather Malouf of the Denver area. Proud grandparents are Monte and Karla Malouf of Hastings. Heathers parents live in Doniphan, NE.
- ❖ Proud parents Jeff and Ashley Herman and excited sister Tenley welcomed Owen Lee Herman who was born on July 7, 2019. Grandparents are Gaylon and Kim Hermann.

In memory of...

- ❖ Darleen Howard passed away June 28, 2019. Services were held July 3, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church.
- ❖ John Harrington passed away June 10, 2019. Memorial services were held July 5, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church.
- ❖ Susie Frerichs passed away June 14, 2019. Memorial Service were held July 12, 2019, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, in Kearney, NE.

August Communion Offering is Food4Thought – Fighting hunger; One backpack at a time. The Food4Thought Program is a local community donation-based food assistance program wherein bags of food are sent home with elementary-school children whose families qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. The intention of this program is that these children, who may not have anything (or enough) to eat all weekend – will have some or additional nourishment so that they will not feel hungry, and will be ready to focus on Monday morning when they return to school.



Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation

Thank you for your very generous contribution. Your donation of \$200 will go a long way to helping us provide educational and revitalization opportunities to pastors and seminarians in the coming years. We are so grateful that you continue to see OPSF's mission as worthy of your generosity.

The Foundation is now in its 128th year of service and support to Christian leadership through PC(USA). Your willingness to support Presbyterian clergy is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to you, the foundation was able to scholarship 23 new seminary students in 2018 and continue support of 13 others. We also co-sponsored 18 Lifelong Learning events, subsidized Pastoral Coaching and Spiritual Direction for 22 pastors, awarded 15 Educational Debt grants, scholarshipped a variety of webinars, and much more.

We continue to evaluate current programs and sample new ones to help meet the needs of pastors and CREs in the OPSF 13-state region. Coach mentor training and mentoring scholarships have been added to the financial assistance program list as well as Pastoral Coach Training. Pastor's School, which is a combination of Summer and Winter Pastor's Schools, recently concluded in Okoboji, IA, with attendees from all over the OPSF service area. The school will continue to serve a variety of geographical areas offering more accessibility for a greater number of people. Your affirmation of the Foundation's various programs encourages lifelong learning and pastoral support through a variety of ways and the Board of Directors will continue to seek items that match the Foundation's vision:

Trusting God and with commitment to ongoing stewardship, together we boldly move forward seeking, developing, and supporting excellence in Christian leadership for the PC(USA).

May you be blessed as you continue seeking to serve our Lord God through your community, congregation and beyond.

-Peace and Grace, Gary Eller, President

June Giving Update

June Budget	General Fund Giving	PC(USA)	Communion Offering
\$47,917	\$41,317	\$146	\$806.

Dear Partners in God's Mission,

We give thanks to you for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ. By participating in special Offerings, your congregation joins other churches to change lives around the world through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, peacemaking, Christian formation, education, and witness.



We received \$674.69 for the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and \$1,551. For the Christmas Joy Offering. Your congregation's giving, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

Each of the Special Offerings is grounded in God's loving presence with us. They provide opportunities to reflect, theologically, on how God's compassion is made known to us, how the Holy Spirit ignites our inspiration, how Christ's peace draws us into partnership, and how the Incarnation provides a model for servant leadership in our churches and for our world. We share stories of ministries brought to life by God's grace and our giving. They are ways the church becomes *the church*.

Again, thank you for giving to enable all people to know God's life-giving welcome in Jesus Christ.

With gratitude to God for our shared mission,

Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings and Appeals

Living Waters for the World

Dear Children,

Thank you for your gift of \$173.74 to Living Waters for the World that you collected through your 2019 VBS offering. Because of your generosity, children and their families have sustainable clean water to drink.

I am sincerely grateful for your gift to Living Waters for the World and for you continued investment in the people we serve.

May the blessings of Christ be yours,

Seth Guterman, President Living Waters for the World Board of Directors.



This Week at FPC --- July 21, 2019 – July 27, 2019

Sun, July 21	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30a	Open Table Lunch Assembly in Fellowship Hall
Mon, July 22	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	1:00p-3:00p	Open Table Meal Prep/Cook
	5:30 p-6:30p	Foundation Board Meeting in Anderson
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, July 23	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, July 24	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club in Anderson
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, July 25	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
Fri, July 26	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room

This Week at FPC --- July 28, 2019 – August 3, 2019

Sun, July 28	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30a	Open Table Lunch Assembly in Fellowship Hall
Mon, July 29	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	1:00p-3:00p	Open Table Meal Prep/Cook
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, July 30	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, July 31	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club in Anderson
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, Aug 1	4:30p-5:30p	Pooh Corner/FPC Liaison Meeting in Anderson
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed meet in Parlor
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
Fri, Aug 2	9:30a-12:00p	Church Women United in Fellowship Hall
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room



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!!!

Open Table Sack Lunch Assembly began Sunday, July 7th, following Church and will continue the entire month of July.

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 Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 beginning July 8th.
5. Volunteers to help serve the special meals on Tuesday 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.

Questions? 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.



Mark your calendar! The **Summer Book Club** meets at noon every Wednesday, *July 17 through August 21*. We will discuss David Galston's book *Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity*.

Project Homeless Connect (July Communion Offering) is a one-day, all-volunteer led event to connect homeless, near homeless, or those who are struggling to needed resources and services, and to raise public awareness of homelessness and the needs of those who often may go unseen. The mission of PHC is about welcoming all as neighbors into the life of the community, changing the way resources are accessed, and offering positive results for those in need.

Project Homeless Connect-Hastings will be 10-4pm, Thursday, July 25 at 1st St Paul's Lutheran. Last year we served 432 guests, including 212 children. This year we anticipate serving 450. We'll have 40 vendors, with increased emphasis on geriatric and pediatric services.

Volunteers are the foundation of our event! We are seeking at least 150 volunteers, but more welcome! Navigators to assist people as they visit vendors are a high priority, as are interpreters. Please visit phchastings.org for more information about volunteer opportunities, to sign up, or to learn more about the event. Volunteer forms can be completed online, printed out and returned by mail to **PHC, 835 S Burlington, Ste 106, Hastings, NE 68901**. As well, volunteer forms will be available soon in the church office.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Set-up day before event/clean-up after event
- Navigators
- Runners/Greeters
- Food Service
- Registration table
- Interpreters, including Spanish, Sudanese, Vietnamese

email: phchastings@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/phc.hastings>

text or call (new!): 402-224-0021

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT 2019 VOLUNTEER FORM

July 25, 2019
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 First St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 501 N. Burlington Avenue
 Hastings, NE 68901



Volunteer Information:

First Name	
Last Name	
Street Address	
City, State & ZIP	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Area of Interest for Volunteering: (Check all areas you are interested in)

Navigator (Most needed volunteers)	Volunteer will assist a guest in filling out a basic in-take form and navigate the guest throughout the process of accessing professional services offered at the event.
Setup/Cleanup	Volunteer will help setup for Project Homeless Connect and/or cleanup after the event.
Runners/Greeters	Volunteer will assist with agencies, staff and participants as needed.
Food Service	Volunteer will assist with kitchen duties and dining area cleanup and restock throughout the event.
Other	List any other areas of interest:
T-shirt size	

Please return completed form to the Project Homeless Volunteer, agency representative, the Church Office, place in the Offering Plate or register online at: www.phchastings.org

Disclaimer: I waive and release CASA, First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Project Homeless Connect and their officials, volunteers, workers and any and all sponsors, agencies and their representatives from any and all rights and claims for any damages I may have arising out of any injuries and illnesses I suffered by me at the event.

 Signature Date

 Print Name



Coming this Fall!

Financial Peace University.

Details are still being finalized, but we will let you know as soon as the information is available!

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, September 3, 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.



Happy Anniversary-August

8/1/1964	Dennis & Julie Asmus	8/14/1976	Robin & Ann Koozer
8/2/2003	Scott & Sarah Snell	8/14/1998	Justin & Kili Wenburg
8/4/1979	George & Jeni Howard	8/17/1990	Travis & Carol Feezell
8/5/1989	Brain & Kim Graviette	8/18/1963	Don & Pam Canady
8/5/2006	Benjamin & Jenni Welsch	8/20/1977	Jim & Cheryl Wray
8/6/1993	Duane & Karen Huber	8/202016	Brad & Virginia Davis
8/7/1987	Rick & Becky Matticks	8/21/1976	Ronald & Shirley Maul
8/7/1997	Erik & Ruth Nielsen	8/22/1948	Galen & JoAnn Finley
8/9/1963	Vernon & Betty Kooy	8/22/1950	Frank & Carol Medsker
8/9/1970	Chris & Linda Petroff	8/22/1986	Ron & Beth Wissing
8/10/2002	Michael & Susan Benorden	8/24/1975	Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey
8/11/1968	Barry & Peggy Thomson	8/28/1976	Bill & Martha Boyd
8/11/1990	Robert & Kathy Amyot	8/29/1954	Darrel & Roberta Lloyd
8/12/1994	Jim & Traci Boeve	8/30/1957	Cal & Jane Johnson
8/12/2000	Chris & Colleen Schukei	8/30/2014	Tom Kreager & Shanda Spurgeon

Happy Birthday-August

08/01	Gregg Lay	08/14	Jamison Murphy	08/24	Justin Miller
	Lindsay Shaw		Sam Matticks	08/25	Jessica Klaassen
	Linda Vollweiler		Jerry Seiler		Dave Stewart
	Alphonse Tako		Denny Storer		Bruce Hoffman
08/03	Kathy Duval	08/15	Corle' Hall	08/26	Sharon Brooks
	Allie Bauer		Tristan Bruguera		Holly Urrutia
	Jim Harrenstein	08/16	Kathy Utter		Ed Lockwood Jr
08/04	Ira Wierenga		Ashley Fitzgerald	08/27	Karen Portwood
08/05	Terry Hall		Beth Wissing		Abigail Kerr
08/06	Roda Tut		Richard Brader		Lindsey Zwiener
	JoAnn Seiler	08/17	Chris Johnson		Rand Parks
	Rick Matticks		Dianne Scheidegger		Brian W. Johnson
	Doug Soderquist		Carol Wheeler	08/28	Dana Miller
	Susan Meeske		Jonah Snell		Faith Brader
	Megan Welton	08/18	Jamie Smith	08/29	Ashley Paustian
08/07	Roberta Lloyd		John Funkey		Camden Mullen
08/08	Kyler Murphy		Chinedu Uche		Todd Lay
08/09	Katherine Creigh		David Tut	08/30	Chris Junker
	Chuck Shoemaker	08/19	Arnold Boehler		Jane Bauer
	Kevin Oakeson		Don O'Dey		Clarence Anderson III
	Vera Zabloudil		Gary Grummert		Rachel Lay
08/10	Nyabuok Dieth		Chudier Duang		Margaret Marsh
08/11	Sharon Chapel	08/20	Alice Throckmorton		Dale Davis
08/12	Tristan Propp	08/21	Connie McClenahan		Duop Duop
	Carolyn McKenzie	08/22	Doug Springer	08/31	Fred Knapple
08/13	Ashley Mullen		Stephanie Bliss		Matt Malouf
	Kim Creech		Celia Ganow		Joyce Mefford
		08/23	Vivian Fong		Marilyn McIntire
			Kingzlee Osborne		
			Lauren Canady		

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

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019, July 16-20, 2019, Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana



Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) which occurs every three years. It is five days of conversation, recreation, learning, worship and fun! Drawing from the rich and diverse theology, history, and education of the Presbyterian tradition – the Triennium experience is packed with the information students long to explore! Digging into faith through a variety of activities and experiences – all focused around the theme “Here’s My Heart”. Participants at Triennium will re-enter their lives with a fresh sense of inspiration grounded in the context of personal and communal worship.

Please pray for the three youth delegates attending from FPC: Nyanhial Duang, Grace Canady, and Carter Wenburg; and the adult sponsor Tarah Davis.



Nyanhial Duang graduated from Hastings Senior High School this spring. I was involved in many sports and activities such as cross country, track, and cheerleading. I was also involved in student council, science club, and key club. I am part of youth group and Sunday school and volunteer at the United Harvest Food Pantry.



Grace Canady will be a senior at Hastings Senior High School. I am involved in many activities, in and out of the church. Some of these include Madrigal Choir, where I am lucky enough to sing alongside many of my close friends. National Honors Society, which is a program for students with high grades as the name suggests, is a service project group that meets once a month, yet I’ve still missed meetings. Girls’ Tennis is probably what I’m the worst at, but may be one of the activities I enjoy the most. I’m also very involved in the Hastings Student Council, and hope to become the President of Student Council next year. Saving the best for last, I’m involved in the very amazing Sunny D’s, which is a HIV/AIDS high school level peer education group.



Carter Wenburg will be a senior at Hastings Senior High School. I am involved in Choir, Band, Debate, Golf, Future Problem Solvers, Quiz Bowl, and a myriad of other school activities. I also was in Hastings High’s production of Grease in May.

Tarah Davis
Adult Sponsor



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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.

¹³May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13