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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:

Before coming to Hastings, I worked in Louisville at the Presbyterian Church headquarters. I was the general manager of Presbyterian World Mission, which meant that I helped to oversee and support all of our Presbyterian mission workers serving around the world. When I was there, we had approximately 200 mission workers serving in over 40 countries.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings is no stranger to Presbyterian World Mission and supporting mission workers around the world. I was reading some old Session minutes from the 1900s and realized that this church has a history of more than 100 years of support for mission workers. Some of our Go and Serve trips have also been to international destinations, where we had the opportunity to interact with mission workers and to be mission workers for a week!

Not all of us can be mission workers that serve overseas, but as a church we recognize how vital and important that work is. It allows us to support the work that God is doing around the world, and it helps us to fulfill the Great Commission: *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

We have had a number of missionaries come to visit us here in Hastings over the years. Since I started more than two years ago, we have met missionaries from Malawi, South Korea, and Lebanon. We are blessed with two upcoming opportunities to meet more of our Presbyterian mission workers.

On Monday, August 5, Charles and Melissa Johnson will be with us. They serve as agricultural and education workers in Zambia. Jessica and I will host a potluck at our house that evening, and we invite you to join us. You can find more details about this in the Home Page.

The weekend of October 26, we will have a visit from Mark and Miriam Adams-Maldonado. They serve on the US-Mexico border as our Presbyterian mission workers. They will join us in worship and then for a potluck after worship on Sunday, October 27.

I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to meet our mission workers and learn about the work that God is doing through them in different parts of the world. We are blessed to be part of a denomination that supports global mission work, and we are blessed that these global mission workers can come visit us in Nebraska and share their stories.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

FPC Prayers for:		
Don Canady		Family of Susie Frerichs
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Jim Cooke	Eric Smith
Norm Giesler	Russel Hilger (Ashley Mullen's father)	Family of Lois Hahne
Jim Harrenstein	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law)	Family of John Harrington
Darrel Lloyd	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Darleen Howard
Starla Rethorst	Frank and Kay Georgianna	Family of Delores Levander
		Family of Galen Finley

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).

Project Homeless Connect (the July Communion Offering) was held on July 25th. First Presbyterian Church was well represented on the coordinating committee with Lenae Hall, Jan Ham, Denny Storer and Sharon Brooks as a navigator. There were 183 families served with 496 registered individuals. Of those, there were 194 youth, ages 0-16, and 119 adults (family/roommates), 25 and over.

August Communion Offering is Food4Thought, a non-profit food assistance program run by Hastings College students and assisted by campus and community volunteers. Each week, volunteers pack and deliver bags of food to Hastings Public elementary schools. These bags are then sent home on Fridays with students whose families qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Currently, Food4Thought provides supplemental meals designed to feed a family of six for two days to over 100 local families.

In memory of...

- ❖ Galen Finley passed away July 19, 2019. Services were held Saturday, July 27th with Rev. Damen Heitmann presiding. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, NE, or the National Rifle Association (NRA).



Christianity in Action in Zambia
Join us Monday, August 5th at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
for a presentation and barbecue at the
Allen-Pickett Home

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear first hand about Christianity in action in Zambia from Mission Co-Workers, Charles and Melissa Johnson.

Charles and Melissa Johnson have been invited to help the Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian Synod of Zambia, expand its ministry of community development and food security. A major focus of Charles's position as Development Specialist is teaching sustainable agriculture to students at Chasefu Theological College and developing Chasefu Farm. The farm feeds the students, trains smallholders in sustainable agriculture, and generates revenue to support CTC and the farm itself. Melissa serves in the Health Department as Health Education Programs Facilitator. She is responsible for working with health-related stakeholders to identify important needs and gaps in the general population's health education and to facilitate training programs. "We pray that our work in Zambia will see new partnerships created that will benefit those we serve alongside," say Melissa and Charles.

- **Attendees are asked to bring a side dish for the barbecue.**
- **A free will donation will be taken for the presenters.**
- **Please RSVP by contacting Jean in the church office at 402-462-5147 or by signing up Sunday in the Memorial Room.**

All are welcome.



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.

August 17, 2019		
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	9:30 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
S, T, U	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.

This Week at FPC --- August 4, 2019 – August 10, 2019

Sun, Aug 4	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
Mon, Aug 5	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Aug 6	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
	5:30p-6:30p	WAM Meeting in Anderson
Wed, Aug 7	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club in Anderson
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, Aug 8	4:30p-5:30p	Global Mission in Parlor
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel in Kessler
	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 9	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room

This Week at FPC --- August 11, 2019 – August 17, 2019

Sun, Aug 11	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
Mon, Aug 12	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Aug 13	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-6:30p	Congregational Life in Parlor
	5:30p-6:30p	Trustees in Anderson
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, Aug 14	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club in Anderson
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, Aug 15	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 16	9:30a-12:00p	Church Women United in Fellowship Hall
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Aug 17	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest



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 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!

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*.

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

Coming this Fall!

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey created Financial Peace University nearly 25 years ago after learning how to pay off debt, save and spend wisely, and build wealth. Today, millions have used the same principles to transform their lives. You shouldn't feel overwhelmed and powerless over your money. You can be in control of your money and your future.

Nine Week Class: September 9 - November 4, 2019

Monday's at 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Cost: \$129.99

Register at: www.fpu.com/1093853

Questions? Call Deb Johnson at 402-469-5847

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.



**American
Red Cross**

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

New Member Class Coming in September

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or simply curious about what membership might mean? You are invited to attend our three-session New Member course, which will cover Presbyterian history and theology, as well as local structures and involvement opportunities. Classes will take place from 5:00-6:30pm on three Wednesdays, September 11, 18, and 25, in the Adult Ed Classroom (by the church office). Each session includes complimentary meal and child care.

Please contact the church office to RSVP (402-462-5147)



Wednesday Night Live Family Time

Do you have the gifts and talents to serve as a Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Table Parent during our Family Time meals?

The goal of WNL Family Time is to provide a joyous, cross-generational celebration of personhood over a shared meal as we experience being the family of God. The role of the table parent is as follows:

- Arrives before 5:55 pm and stays through dinner, approximately 6:45 pm.
- Maintains order and carries on a joyous "family" conversation at the table.
- Works on building relationships with the youth/children assigned to the table.
- Supervises serving and cleaning up the tables.
- Helps the youth/children be responsive to the leadership of the Dinner Dean.
- Participates in and encourages all members of the table to engage in family fun time.
- Serves as a friend to each young person outside of WNL.
- Prays regularly for each person at his/her table.

Is God calling you to serve as a WNL Table Parent?

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Our first WNL for the 2019/2020 ministry year will be August 21. If you feel this is your calling, please contact Stephanie by phone, 402-462-5147 or by email, stephanie@fpchastings.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:15-9:30: All gather in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School & Wednesday Night Live (WNL) teachers' introductions (cookies, coffee, and juice will be served)

9:30-10:15: Age 3 thru 12th-grade students will proceed to their classrooms with their teachers for Sunday School. Parents/Guardians will remain in Fellowship Hall for a Parent Information/Registration Meeting.



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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 or call 402-462-5147.

³⁰ "...Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
³¹ They replied,
"Believe in the Lord Jesus,
and you will be saved
-you and your household."

Acts 16:30-31