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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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NOTABLE NOTES FROM...

SUE MEDSKER-NEDDERMAN,
MODERATOR OF PWSCT

The following is an excerpt from The Sower, a newsletter for Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Lakes & Prairies. (The full report from The Synod Gathering Committee can be found in the newsletter.)

Thoughts on community

I have just gotten back from attending the 2019 Synod School of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. It is a week-long educational event held annually by our synod. All ages of people come to learn, worship, and have fun together. I have been attending this event since 1991 and look forward to it eagerly every year. This year 639 people - adults, teens, children, babies and toddlers - came together for a wonderful week to learn about having civil conversations in uncivil times.



Synod School 2019

Cultivating Civil Community

Why do they Keep returning to Synod School?

- Christian fellowship
- Inspiring worship and song
- Growth in knowledge and faith
- Personal and spiritual renewal
- Fun for families and singles of all ages

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July 21-26, 2019
Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

Discover Synod School!
www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool
800-328-1880, ext. 207

One of the reasons I and others come back to Synod School year after year is the sense of community that we have with one another. One extended family makes Synod School their family reunion every year. They are a group of 18 or 20, depending on the year and who can attend. I have made friends that will be life-long, and we joyfully greet each other every year. If someone can't attend one year, others tell them how much they are missed. The community also is intentional about enfolding those who come for the first time, making sure that they feel included in the traditions of Synod School.



Sue Medsker-Nedderman, newly installed; past PWS moderators include Sue Kimball, Marilyn Stone, Elizabeth Swec, LaDonna Fay

The community eats together, prays together, sings together, learns together, and even mourns together when someone from the community dies. We each need a community like this in which to ground ourselves so that we can have support during our trying times and mutual rejoicing during our joyful times. Presbyterian Women is this kind of a group for me, and I hope it can be such a community for each of you, too. It takes work and intentionality for that to happen, but I know that it can be a reality. I challenge each of you to think about your local group, and if it isn't a welcoming community, what can you do to make that happen?

Sue Medsker-Nedderman



FPC Prayers for:		
Don Canady	Jim Cooke	Eric Smith
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Russel Hilger (Ashley Mullen's father)	Family of Lois Hahne
Norm Giesler	Gretchen Lainson	Family of John Harrington
Jim Harrenstein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Darleen Howard
Darrel Lloyd	Frank and Kay Georgianna	Family of Delores Levander
Starla Rethorst		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.

July Giving Update

July Budget	General Fund Giving	PC(USA)	Communion Offering
\$47,917	\$47,589	\$143	\$550

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!

Hastings Food Pantry-Donations Needed

On the first Sunday of every month, please bring items to place in the blue bins in the Memorial Room for the Hastings Food Pantry. Non-perishable foods and paper products are always needed to keep the Pantry resupplied. Deacons will deliver the items to the pantry supply center.

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).

Paying it Forward We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Will and Ginny Lock for letting Mom uses Alice's electric lift recliner. Mom and Alice were good friends. Previous to Mom using the chair, the Evanses borrowed it. Currently Bob Poppe is storing the recliner and has kindly done some minor upholstery repairs. The Lockes wish to continue loaning/donating the lift chair at no cost. If you know of someone in need, please contact the church office.

-God Bless, Jeff and Vicki Howard

One Great Hour of Sharing Update

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. On July 9, 2019, we received \$1,484.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your congregation's giving, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need. With gratitude to God for our Shared mission, Bryce Wiebe

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

FPC --- August 18, 2019 – August 31, 2019

Sun, Aug 18	9:00a-9:45a 10:30a	Sunday School Kick-Off Traditional Worship Service
Mon, Aug 19	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Aug 20	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 1:30p-4:00p 5:30p-8:00p 6:45p-7:45p	Staff Meeting Bible Study in Anderson Room Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym Deacons Meeting in Anderson
Wed, Aug 21	12:00p-1:00p 4:00p-8:15p 6:30p-9:00p	Summer Book Club in Anderson WNL Kick-Off Wood Carvers
Thurs, Aug 22	5:30p-6:30p 5:30p-8:00p 6:00p-7:00p	Session in Anderson Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
Fri, Aug 23	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Aug 25	9:15a-10:15a 10:30a 11:30a-11:45a 11:45a-12:15p	Sunday School Traditional Worship Service 4th Sunday Fellowship in Memorial Room Go & Serve Informational Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Mon, Aug 26	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Aug 27	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 1:30p-4:00p 5:30p-8:00p 7:00p-8:00p	Staff Meeting Bible Study in Anderson Room Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym Knit Wits in the Parlor
Wed, Aug 28	4:00p-6:00p 6:00p-6:45p 6:20p-6:50p 6:30p-8:00p 6:45p-7:30p 6:50p-7:30p 7:30p-8:15p 7:30p-8:15p 7:30p-8:15p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL) WNL Family Meal Time <i>All are welcome!</i> WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School <i>Bells</i> Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement Chancel Choir WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School <i>Choir</i> Chancel Bells WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group</i> WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group</i>
Thurs, Aug 29	5:30p-8:00p 6:00p-7:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
Fri, Aug 30	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room

Looking Ahead...



GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW MUSICIANS!

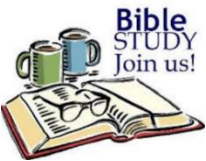
As August begins and the end of summer vacation becomes day-by-day closer, I invite you to the CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal of

the year...(yes, it has to happen...ready 😊 or not 😞 ,...come

rain ☁️ or come shine ☀️)! If you love to sing and enjoy Fellowship with fellow vocalists, come join us! Plan to be in the FPC Choir Room (still located in the basement) on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:45 p.m.!

Robin Koozer, Director, Chancel Choir

Knit Wits. Join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on or stop in for pointers on how to get started. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Bible @ Breakfast is starting again on September 11th, Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will be leading a study on the "Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination." There is no specific study book designated at this point.

Soup Group for Women is Back starting September 5th and will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. *Bring a sack lunch if you wish.*

❖ September 5 – Lunch and Fellowship

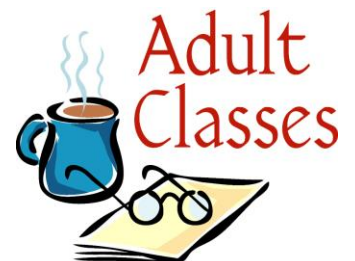


Retreat in the Real World

Kili will be leading this new study beginning Thursday, September 12th and continuing every other week. We will meet at 7:00am-7:45am in the Library. This study is an extended, modernized version of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. The study is based on work from Creighton University.

Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School

This adult Sunday School class begins on Sept 8th. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Anderson Conference Room.



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)



PRES FEST/ KIRKIN' O' TH' TARTAN – SEPTEMBER 15

A great way to start the year with bagpipes, tartans, bounce houses, yard games, a delicious meal, and much more! Fun for the whole family! Plan to stay after church. Watch for more information!

Upcoming Forum Class

- ❖ Sept 8: *Adult Enrichment Preview* - Come learn about what is coming for the semester
- ❖ Sept 15: *Pres Fest* – PEACE Center Tours and review of how that building is being used
- ❖ Sept 22: *Retreat in the Real World* – Kili will lead exercises designed to be a sampling of her class
- ❖ Sept 29: *Holy Land Trip Preview* – What does our delegation seek to do/understand/experience on their upcoming trip?

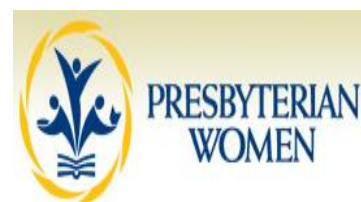


The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.

Presbyterian Women. The monthly luncheon, September 4, is open to all Presbyterian women. Please call the office to add your name to the reservation list. Circles, please RSVP to your circle calling person if you plan to attend.

Circle II will prepare lunch and act as Kitchen Helpers. Circle III is in charge of setting the tables, centerpieces, devotions, nametags, cashier, and Hunger Cups. The program will be given by Kili Wenburg as she introduces a new Bible Study.

- ✓ Circle I will meet September 18-9:30am
(Hostess-Alice Throckmorton; Lesson Elaine Specht)
- ✓ Circle II will meet September 18-9:30am
(Hostess-Marilyn Nielsen; Lesson-Bonnie Grams)
- ✓ Circle III will meet September 18– 1:15 pm
(Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Jill Kramer)





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

Langenburg Lesson Program You are invited to participate in a very exciting program offered by the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instructions. Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parents must be members of FPC, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms will be available in the church office and on the church website starting August 12, 2019. DEADLINE FOR THE FALL 2019 GRANT PROGRAM IS OCTOBER 1, 2019. ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER. Questions? Call the church office at 402-462-5147. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this wonderful program!



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

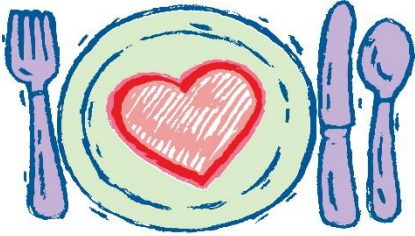
August 25: *Come from Away* (Musical)

September 1: *Better Boat* - Kenny Chesney

September 8: *Beautiful Messes* - Hilary Scott



Pickle Ball?!! 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 as a healthy activity for young and old alike. It is lower impact than tennis but just as fun! Equipment is available; you just need to show up!



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.

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.



Go & Serve Informational Meeting: With the approach of a new school year comes the approach of another program year for Go & Serve. We're already starting to gear up for next year's adventure so if you are a parent of a child (or are a child) in 9th-12th grade please join us for an informational meeting following worship on Sunday, August 25. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for about 30 minutes and share a little bit about what we have up our sleeves for Go & Serve 2019-2020. See you there!

Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering
Homestead Presbytery
Registration form for non - Homestead use
September 13-14, 2019
Calvin Crest, Fremont Nebraska

Tentative Agenda

SATURDAY:

- 9:30 Registration, fellowship & coffee
- 9:50 Gather with music
- 10:20 Devotions
- 10:35 Keynote Speaker
- 11:00 Music Break
- 11:15 Racial Equity Committee
- 12:00 Lunch / 1:00 Gather with Music
- 1:15 Camp report & offering
- 1:30 Synod Gathering Report
- 1:45 Communion and closing



FRIDAY EVENING – Optional Gathering:

- 5:00 informal welcome with greetings
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:15 A conversation with Jenny Lee

Jenny Lee, Churchwide Moderator

Danelle Crawford-McKinney, Racial Equity Committee member

One Form Per Person

Print Name _____
(Please print – this will be on your nametag)

Church Name _____
 Presbytery _____
 Home Town _____
 Home Phone _____

Fees: (choose one)

	Registration fees
Friday evening only – meal (provided by PW officers) and conversation	\$.00 _____
Saturday only – breakfast (PW provided) and lunch included	\$15.00 _____
Both Days – Includes your sleeping room (2 / room) and all meals	\$65.00 _____
<i>(Let us know of any special needs or accessibility accommodations that you may have)</i>	
Total Enclosed	Total Enclosed \$ _____

To ensure accurate Meal Counts and sleeping room reservations, please **return by September 1st**.

Make checks payable to PWPH.

Mail to:

Joan Berglund
 545 S 28th St
 Lincoln NE 68510

For more information:

Terri Sherman
 402-466-0063

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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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.

⁷Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
⁸For everyone who asks receives;
the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks,
the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8