

The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175 Vol. 23.18, Weeks Of: September 15 and September 22, 2019

NOTABLE NOTES FROM...

PASTOR GREG

Dear First Presbyterian Church family:

Each week when I stand in the pulpit to give the announcements, I say, "There is a lot happening in the life of our church!" And that statement is so true. I want to challenge you this Fall. Enclosed in the Home Page is a booklet entitled "Exploring the life of Faith, 2019-2020." This booklet highlights many of the amazing ministries of First Presbyterian Church. My challenge is that you pick one new ministry to get involved in for the year.

In a church with 700 members, it is easy to get lost in the crowd or just come to worship on Sunday. While much of our church life does revolve around Sunday morning, our church is busy with Christ-centered activity all week, and we want you to be a part of that and get to know more of your church family.

A few opportunities to get involved that you will find in the booklet include

- Bible Study with me on Tuesdays at noon. We study the scripture that I will be preaching on the following Sunday, so this is a chance to dig deep into the stories of the bible and think about how they intersect with our lives.
- Bible at Breakfast on Wednesday at 7am. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh is spending a year walking us through the Old and New Testaments.
- Retreat in the Real World on Thursdays at 7am. Kili Wenburg will lead us through unique prayer practices that help us develop deeper intimacy with God.
- Heirs Apparent bible study and book group on Sundays at 9:15am. This is an adult small group that meets together, prays together, and reflects on their faith together.
- Knit Wits (knit and crochet group) on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm and Quilters every Tuesday at 1pm.
- Soup Group on Thursdays at noon. A multigenerational women's fellowship group.
- Presbyterian Women: Meets in "Circle Groups" for bible study twice a month and for lunch the first Tuesday.
- Walkers: Monday-Thursday at 8am. A group that meets for light exercise, conversation, and coffee.
- Chancel Choir: Rehearses on Wednesday at 6:45pm, sings 2-3 Sunday mornings per month at 10:30am. The choir not only makes beautiful music together and helps lead worship, but it also functions as a supportive small group ministry.
- Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30pm, rings 1 Sunday morning per month at 10:30am. There is also an opportunity for brand new ringers to learn to play with the youth handbell choir on Wednesdays at 6:20pm.
- United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry. We need 70-100 volunteers to run this ministry. Come volunteer any time between 9am-1pm on the third Saturday of every month.
- Volunteer with our children and youth ministries. These opportunities abound, including teaching Sunday School or volunteering on Wednesdays. You will be rewarded immensely through your interaction with our vibrant children and youth.
- In addition to these opportunities, we have committees that can always use help including Adult Christian Education, Children/Youth Christian education, Congregational Life, Mission, Worship Arts and Music and more. While "committee work" might sound boring, these committees help keep our church running and also help you get plugged into the life and activity of the church.

This is just a small sampling of the many things happening in the life of our church. Pick one of these great ministries or another activity to get involved in so that you can get to know your church family better and help support the ministry and mission that God is doing through First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

Indeed, there is a lot happening in the life of our church! We are a vibrant community of faith, and we hope that you will find a way to get involved in the coming year.

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Greg

Gretchen Lainson

Celia & Wayne Ganow

Norm Giesler Jim Harrenstein

Darrel Llovd Starla Rethorst Jim Cooke

Jane Horton

Zachery, Nobel, Cole Henderson Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)

FPC Prayers for:

Family of Keith Meyer (Al Meyer's brother) Dean Wallace & family (father of Kaela Pumroy)

Nancy Grams and family

Family of Linda and Terry Hall

Family of Joan Shaw

Family of John Harrington Family of Darleen Howard

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 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
- > on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the 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

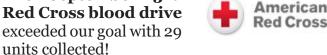


On the first Sunday of every month, please bring items to place in the blue bins in the Memorial Room for the Hastings Food Pantry. Nonperishable foods and paper

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.

The September 3rd Red Cross blood drive



Thank you to volunteers Georgie Evans, Marnie Soderquist, and Mary Fisk. Donors included over 25 members of our congregation. Your time is greatly appreciated!

The next blood drive is Monday, January 6, 2020 from noon to 6pm. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Erica **Brooks** at ericalynn128@gmail.com. If you would like to donate, go to redcrossblood.org.

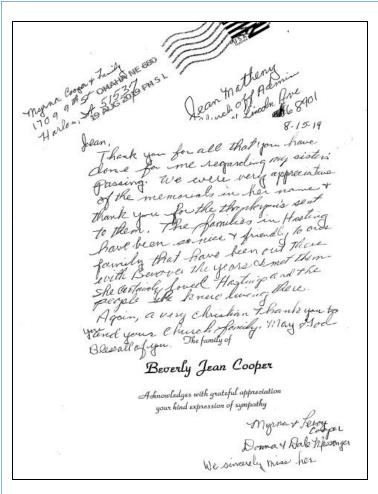
Paying it Forward We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Will and Ginny Locke for letting Mom use Alice's electric lift recliner. Currently, Bob Poppe is storing the recliner and has kindly done some minor upholstery repairs. The Lockes wish to continue loaning/donating the lift chair at no cost.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

-God Bless, Jeff and Vicki Howard

Hastings Food Pantry

Thank you for your generous donation of 5 bags and 1 box of food given on August 20th. So many people will be blessed with this donation.

September Communion Offering is Happy Nappies. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated for the collection of diapers. Please bring a box and place in the basket outside of the Hands Around the World store. They are collected and distributed to those in need in the community, currently through Catholic Social Services. The congregation is encouraged to bring diapers to help those most vulnerable.



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!!

Looking Ahead...



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.

	September 21, 2019	
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	9:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM

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



The <u>next</u> Red Cross Blood Drive will be <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 6</u>, <u>2020</u>, 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 <u>402-469-9285</u> or sign up at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u>.

FPC --- September 15, 2019 – September 28, 2019

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Sun, Sept 15	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé Style Worship in the Chapel
	9:00a-9:45a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan/Traditional Worship
	11:30a	All Church Potluck in Fellowship Hall
		(Main dish provided, Folks with last name A-L please
		bring a side dish or salad; M-Z please bring fruit or
		dessert.)
	11:30a-2:00p	Pres Fest!
		Bouncy Houses for kids, Tours of the PEACE Center,
		Pickleball Tournament, Cornhole Tournament
Mon, Sept 16	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
· -	6:30p-8:30p	Financial Peace University in the Parlor
	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls
	7:30p-8:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Sept 17	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
, 1	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-7:00p	Deacon's Meeting in Anderson
Wed, Sept 18	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in Parlor
, 1	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle I
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle II
	1:15a-2:15	Circle III in Library
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5 th Grade Bible Study, Recreation
	4	Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	5:30-6:30p	New Member Class in Adult Ed Room
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime
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	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster
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	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and
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	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>Middle School</i>
	Anth Anth	(6th – 8th) Youth Group
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>High School</i>
	Anth Anth	(9 th - 12 th) Youth Group
Thurs, Sept 19	Noon-1:00p	Soup Group in the Library
	5:30p-6:30p	Session in Anderson
	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
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
Fri, Sept 20	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Sept 20	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest
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Sun, Sept 22	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Style Worship Service in the Chapel
Sun, sept ==	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
Mon, Sept 23	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
,	6:00p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center
	6:30p-8:30p	Financial Peace University in the Parlor
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Sept 24	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
	7:00p-8:00p	Knit Wits in the Parlor
Wed, Sept 25	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5 th Grade Bible Study, Recreation
		Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	5:30-6:30p	New Member Class in Adult Ed Room
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal Time
		All are welcome!
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster
		High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and
	_	Westminster High School Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School
		(6th – 8th) Youth Group
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School
m1		(9 th - 12 th) Youth Group
Thurs, Sept 26	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in the Library
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
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Fri, Sept 27	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room





GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW MUSICIANS!

If you love to sing and enjoy fellowship with fellow vocalists, come join us at CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal! See you in the FPC Choir Room (still located in the basement) on Wednesday's, at 6:45pm!

Robin Koozer, Director

September, 15

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

9:15 FORUM

10:10 BAGPIPE PROCESSIONAL

10:30 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

11:30 POTLUCK

11:30 - 2 INFLATABLES

11:30 - 2 PICKLEBALL AND BAG TOSS

TOURNAMENT

12:30 PEACE CENTER TOURS

All are invited to wear tartans or family crests to worship.

Potluck main dish will be provided. Folks with last name A-L please bring a side dish or salad. Folks with last name M-Z please bring fruit or





Calvin/Westminster Handbells is for students in grades six through twelve. It is led by Byron Jensen, who leads a bell choir program at Hastings College and also directs the Chancel Bells. Ideally, students should have some music reading ability, but anyone willing to work at ringing handbells is welcome.

NEW THIS YEAR is that CW Bells will be open to beginning adult players. If there is enough interest, perhaps a beginning bell choir for adults could find a different time. If you have an interest in learning, please contact Byron at bjensen@hastings.edu.

CW Bells meets every Wednesday evening from 6:20 until 6:50. (From there, the CW students attend choir rehearsal.) Questions? Contact Byron Jensen



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 childcare. *RSVP in the church office* (402-462-5147)



Moms of Hastings (formerly MOPS) is a faith-based community of women striving to meet the needs of every mom from expectant moms to moms of adult children. Our group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month during the school year. We embrace the joys of motherhood and encourage each other through the challenges.

General Information for Moms of Hastings

- ✓ Meeting dates 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from September through May
- √Time 9:00am 11:00am
- ✓ Location First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hastings
- ✓ Cost \$2 per meeting + \$10 yearly registration fee (confidential scholarships available). First meeting is free.
- Childcare provided (cost included in dues)
- ✓ Beverages provided at each meeting
- ✓ Breakfast provided at some meetings
- ✓ We will have a devotion each meeting. Some meetings we will have a speaker or craft as well.

2019-2020 Meeting Dates

Location – First St. Paul's Church in Hastings, NE

September 5, 19

December 5, 19

March 5, 19

April 2, 16

Time – 9:00am to 11:00am

November 7, 21

February 6, 20

May 7, 14



Nine Week Class: 9/ 9 - 11 4, 2019 Cost: \$129.99

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.

Monday's at 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the Parlor

Register at: www.fpu.com/1093853

Questions? Call Deb Johnson at 402-469-5847



LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP 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 instruction.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Grants are limited to one per child.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

- <u>DEADLINE FOR THE Fall 2019 GRANT PROGRAM IS October 1, 2019.</u>
- ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

Questions? Call the church office at 402-462-5147.



CROP Hunger Walk October 13

Hastings CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by the local Church Women United with help from Hastings College. The walk event is celebrating its 50th year. It will start at Hazelrigg Student Union and will be in the Hastings College and Heartwell Park area Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1:30 to register and 2:00 to walk.

Crop Hunger Walks began in 1949 under the wing of Church World Services and for many years has raised funds to help provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs both locally and globally.

Twenty-five percent of our Hastings Walk fundraiser will be used locally to benefit our Hastings Crossroads Center Rescue Mission. First Presbyterian Church has a team in this event. Please join our team as you donate to this much needed fundraiser.

A table will be in the memorial room each Sunday until October 13 for your donations and will inform you of the walk event. Or you can donate in the church office. To donate or register online, go to crophungerwalk.org, find Hastings CROP Hunger Walk, register, join a team, First Presbyterian Church, or start your own team. Follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

Join in on the fun. Plan to walk and donate. If you can't join us, or are unable, donations are appreciated.



Pickle Ball?!! You are invited to come to the FPC P.E.A.C.E Center located at 7th and Lincoln Ave. every Tuesday 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!



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.





Presbyterian Women.

Save the date for the Annual Fall Salad Luncheon on October 2nd at First Presbyterian Church at 11:45am. The program on Global Missions will be presented by Sue Ingels.

✓ 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)



Soup Group for Women is Back 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 for lunch and Fellowship.



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!



Upcoming Forum Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:15am in the Adult Ed Room

❖ <u>Sept 15</u>: *Pres Fest* − A celebration of all things First Pres with tours of the PEACE Center

❖ <u>Sept 22</u>: *Retreat in the Real World* − Kili Wenburg leads us in contemplation and spiritual practices

❖ <u>Sept 29</u>: *Holy Land Trip Preview* − Hear from our traveling delegation on what they're learning and what they hope to experience



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:15am in the Anderson Room. This adult Sunday School class began on Sept 8th. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



Bible @ **Breakfast** meets every Wednesday 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.



Retreat in the Real World

You don't have to leave home to experience the benefits of a retreat! Take your spiritual growth to the next level this fall by joining weekly with others learning to incorporate easy but focused spiritual practices into busy daily life. Led by Kili Wenburg, Thursday mornings in the church library, 7:00-7:45am.

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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 Thursday 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.

12When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12