



September 29, 2019
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Toccata on D Minor”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

Johann Jacob Froberger

(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Seek and You will Find”

Natalie Sleeth

Praise & Alleluia Children’s Choir, Directors Tim and Teresa Canady

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 79, Jeremiah 8, Luke 16)

Damen Heitmann

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

They will say of the Lord, “God is my refuge;

God is my fortress, the one in whom we trust.”

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

Will abide in the refuge of God’s wings.

“Those who love me, I will deliver,” says the Lord.

O Lord, we call to you now. Come, let us worship the God of our salvation!

*HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of difficulty, we can lose hope in our future. When enduring suffering, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we can become blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions to contemplate:

How has God called me to a life of generosity?

When have I ignored that call?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s loving presence never abandons us,

Not even when we abandon God.

God delivers those who seek and love the Lord.

All we have to do is call, and God answers us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Thanks be to God! Amen!

*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)
The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

ANTHEM

“How Firm a Foundation” *American folk Melody/arr. Grothnhuis*
Chancel Choir; Sarah Wolf, flute; Director, Robin Koozer

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? ***I do.***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? ***I do.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? ***I will.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? ***I will, with God's help.***

PROMISE FROM THE CHURCH

To the members of this church: Do you promise to help these new members and their families find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need? ***We promise, with the help of God.***

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We joyfully welcome you and your families into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we read your Holy Word, may we see the clear call that you have placed on us to serve you, O God, by serving others: the poor, the needy, the least, the lost, and the lonely. Help us hear anew your Word that we may become more faithful stewards of the gifts you give us each day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 Sung by Robin Koozer and Linda Johnson
“On Eagle's Wings” *Michael Joncas*

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Timothy 6:6-19

SERMON

Disciples Practice Generosity
(Part of a 3-week series, “What Disciples Do”)

*HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Know No Ending”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Written by Revs. Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill, 2004

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC (USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY "O Jesus, I Have Promised" arr. John Innes

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

COMMISSIONING OF HOLY LAND PILGRIMS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

QUESTIONS FOR THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMS:

Holy Land Pilgrims: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love and will you approach this journey with humility, curiosity and joy?

I will with God's help.

As you walk in the footsteps of Jesus, will you treat everyone you meet and your traveling companions all as children of God? ***I will, with God's help.***

When you return from your journey, will you share what you learned so that others may grow in their faith and in a deeper relationship with God? ***I will, with God's help.***

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Congregation: Do we, the members of this church, agree to pray for these pilgrims, to encourage them, to support them, and to love them as they journey to the Holy Land?

We do, with God's help.

Will we seek to learn from them and grow in our own faith when they return by asking about their pilgrimage and authentically listening? ***We will.***

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering all of us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these pilgrims to go on this journey. Establish them in your truth and grace, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that as they sojourn, they may grow in faith, hope, and love. May they share your love and light with all who they come into contact with on their trip.

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May they return renewed in their faith and prepared to share what they learned so that others may grow in their faith. Grant them safe travels. Empower us all to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer you the gifts in the offering plate, and we offer you our lives of service. Accept these gifts and our lives that we may all be your servants in the world. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN "God of the Fertile Fields" (vs. 1 & 2) 714

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "God of the Fertile Fields" (vs. 4) 714

POSTLUDE "Toccata in A Minor" *Jan Pieter Sweelinck*
(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

8:30 – Taizé Style Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15 – Sunday School for children, youth, and adults
10:30 – Traditional Service with Children's Choir and Chancel Choir

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873***

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
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Ministries: Stephanie Brader
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann
Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Bryon Jensen
Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
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September 29, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

Today'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, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

September Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht, Lorna Zajack

October Ushers (Team #2): Al Meyer – Captain, Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Clyde Sachtleben, Carter Wenburg

Greeters Today: Eleanor Jorgensen, Brian & Laurie Johnson

Acolytes: Kennick Pumroy, Madalynn Redline

Nursery: Kim Bogan

FPC Prayers for:

Holy Land Travelers	Zachary, Noble, Cale Henderson	Irina Erickson's Mom
Alden Talbert (Bill's Dad)	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Jane Horton
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Family of Keith Meyer (brother of Al Meyer)	Jim Cooke
Norm Giesler	Linda & Terry Hall and Family	Lee Kreager
Gretchen Lainson	Nancy Grams and Family	Joan Shaw and Family
Jim Harrenstein	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Jim Hahne
Darrel Lloyd	Kaela Pumroy and Family	

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.

October Communion Offering is the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering. A portion of the offering will benefit peace ministries of the PCUSA and a portion of the offering will benefit Hearts and Hands Against Hunger of Hastings.

In memory of...

- ❖ Sympathy and prayers for Elizabeth Moses in the losses of her grandmother and her father this summer. Cards can reach her at Stone Presbyterian Church, 140 Chestnut St., Watertown, NY 13601
- ❖ Jean Koch, who passed away September 8, 2019. Services were held at Livingston, Butler, Volland Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

This Week at FPC --- September 30, 2019 – October 6, 2019

Mon, Sept 30	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:30p-8:30p	Financial Peace University in Adult Ed Room
	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Oct 1	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, Oct 2	5:30p-6:30p	WAM Meeting in Anderson
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in Parlor
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	11:00a-11:45a	PW Coordinating Team in Library
	11:45a-1:15p	PW Luncheon
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime <i>All are welcome!</i>
	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
Thurs, Oct 3	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group
	7:00a-7:45a	Retreat in the Real World in the Adult Ed Room
	Noon-1:00p	Soup Group in the Library
	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, Oct 4	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
	5:30p	FPC Holy Land Travelers fly out of Omaha, returning on Oct 12 at 9:34p
Sun, Oct 6	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Style Worship Service in the Chapel
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School

WHAT DISCIPLES DO

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES:

Although Christians are often identified with what they *believe*, Jesus also cared about what his followers *did*.

Our *beliefs* matter a great deal, yet what we *do* matters even more.

This three week sermon series will take a fresh look at a few core practices of Christianity.

Disciples Seek Out Those in Need: September 15
 Disciples Resist Greed: September 22
 Disciples Practice Generosity: September 29



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!!



CROP Hunger Walk October 13 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.

A table will be in the memorial room each Sunday until October 13 for your donations and will inform you of the walk event. 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/or donate.



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.*

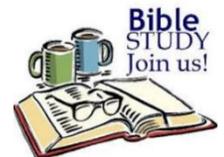
Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School meets during the Sunday School hour in the Anderson Conference Room. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



Retreat in the Real World - Starting September 26

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.

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.



Knitters and Crocheters If you like knitting and/or crocheting, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet 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!

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 will 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.



Despair to Hope

FORUM, OCTOBER 6

During the Spring of 2019 the Midwest was struck by some of the worst flooding in its history. Tim Johnson and Brian Johnson share the good news of how First Pres responded in love and service to others.

9:15 AM, ADULT ED ROOM



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

❖ Oct 6: Flood Relief: Despair to Hope – Brian Johnson and Tim Johnson share the many ways FPC responded to flooding in the Midwest during the spring and summer of 2019.

❖ Oct 13: A Meal of Welcome – Mark and Aida Evans join us to share their experience of offering hospitality to migrant workers in Hastings, NE.

❖ Oct 27: Ministry at the Border – Mark Adams, Miriam Maldonado, and Carmina join us from Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo in Agua Prieta, Mexico, to share about life and ministry on the U. S./Mexico border.



LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

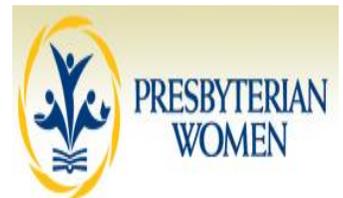
Through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits. Questions? Call the church office at 402-462-5147.

- 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.

- DEADLINE FOR THE Fall 2019 GRANT PROGRAM IS October 1, 2019.
- PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

Presbyterian Women *The Annual Fall Salad Luncheon at 11:45am on October 2nd at First Presbyterian Church. The program, Global Missions, will be presented by Sue Ingels. The monthly luncheon 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. Circle III will prepare lunch and act as Kitchen Helpers. Circle I is in charge of setting the tables, centerpieces, devotions, nametags, cashier, and Hunger Cups.

- Circle I will meet October 16-9:30am (Hostess-Jane Foote; Lesson-May Wierenga)
- Circle II will meet October 16-9:30am (Hostess-Laurie Johnson; Lesson-Betty Kooy)
- Circle III will meet October 16-1:15 pm (Hostess-Marie Rasmussen; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)

New Members

Here's a little more info about our new members. There's lots more we could share, but the best way to learn more is simply to ask. Please greet our new members warmly and kindly. If you'd like to send them a note of welcome, their contact information is available in the office and will be in the directory soon.

Burt John (BJ) and Kaela Pumroy

BJ and Kaela recently moved to Hastings from the Washington DC area. BJ is the Director of Athletics at Hastings College. Kaela is self-employed as an accountant. She spends time reading, walking, and loves to travel. BJ also enjoys travel, especially if it involves fishing. He also appreciates history and has been known to take in a few sporting activities. They are the parents of Kinnick and Maddux, who are in 7th and 5th grade respectively.

Lisa Unger

Born and raised in the state of Georgia, Lisa only recently discovered the joys of Nebraska. As the manager of Anderson-Unger farm in Doniphan, NE, Lisa has truly come to embrace her new home. In her spare time, she enjoys farming (as you might expect), yard work, reading, and cooking.

HeatherMorgan Turner

HeatherMorgan grew up in First Pres as a youth before her family moved away. She has returned to Hastings and works as an occupational therapist for Infinity Rehab. She enjoys reading (especially Harry Potter), movies, and traveling. She also relishes playing with her daughter, Delilah, who is currently in 2nd grade.

Zachary and Erin Runcie

Zach and Erin recently moved to Hastings from Grand Island. Both are Hasting College alums, and both teach in the Hastings Public School system. The family enjoys hanging out with one another and singing. Zach and Erin are the parents of Monroe (currently in 3rd grade) and 3-year-old twins, Pierce and Graham.

Holy Land Travelers

October 4-12

Pastor Greg

Andy Barrows

Chuck & Jane Bauer

Dale & Sherry Behrens

Paula Crozier

Vonda Essex

Gayle Fandry

Dave & Barb Fisher

LaVern & Connie Franzen

Neal & Susan Hoff

Les & Janet Hosick

Darryl & Freda Hosick

Pat Hughes

Jim & Elayne Landwehr

Rev. Greg & Carla Lindenberger

Will & Ginny Locke

Teresa Luther

Jean Matheny

Ted & Lori Schroeder

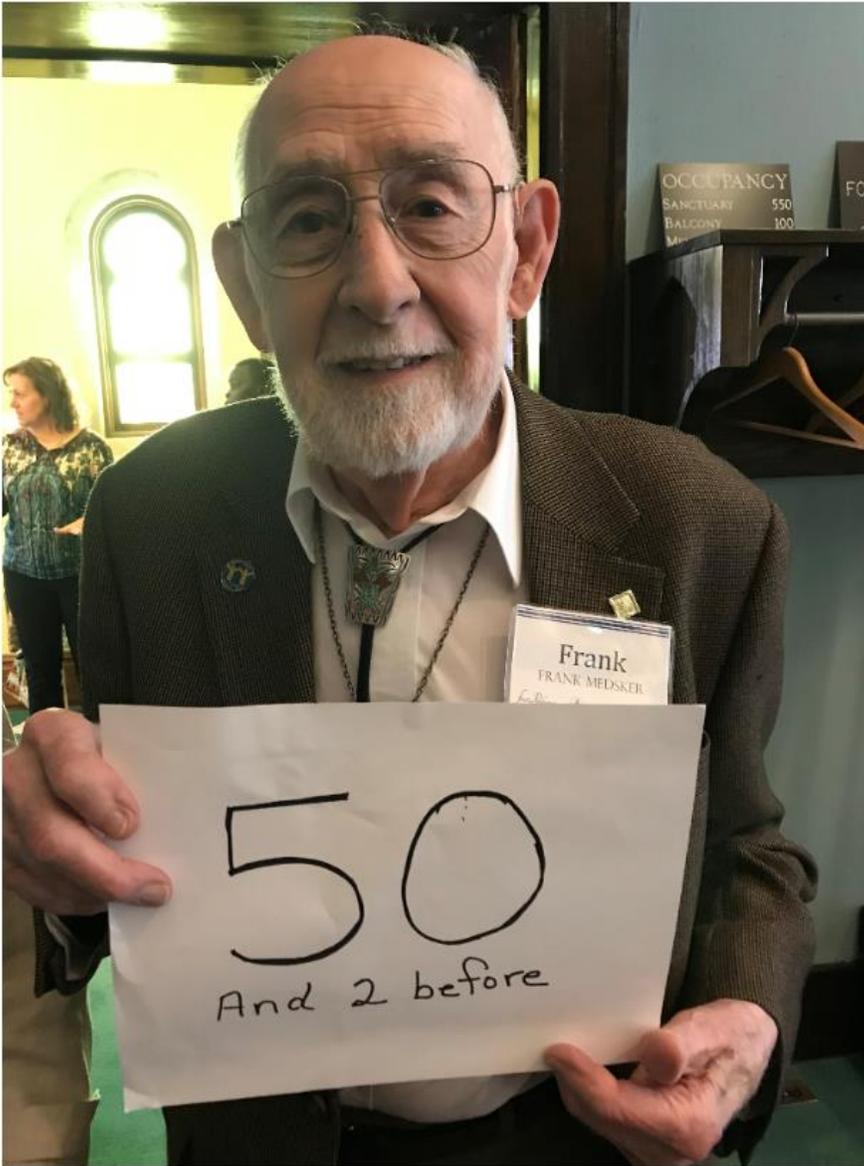
Denny Storer

Kathy Utter

Franc E. Wagner

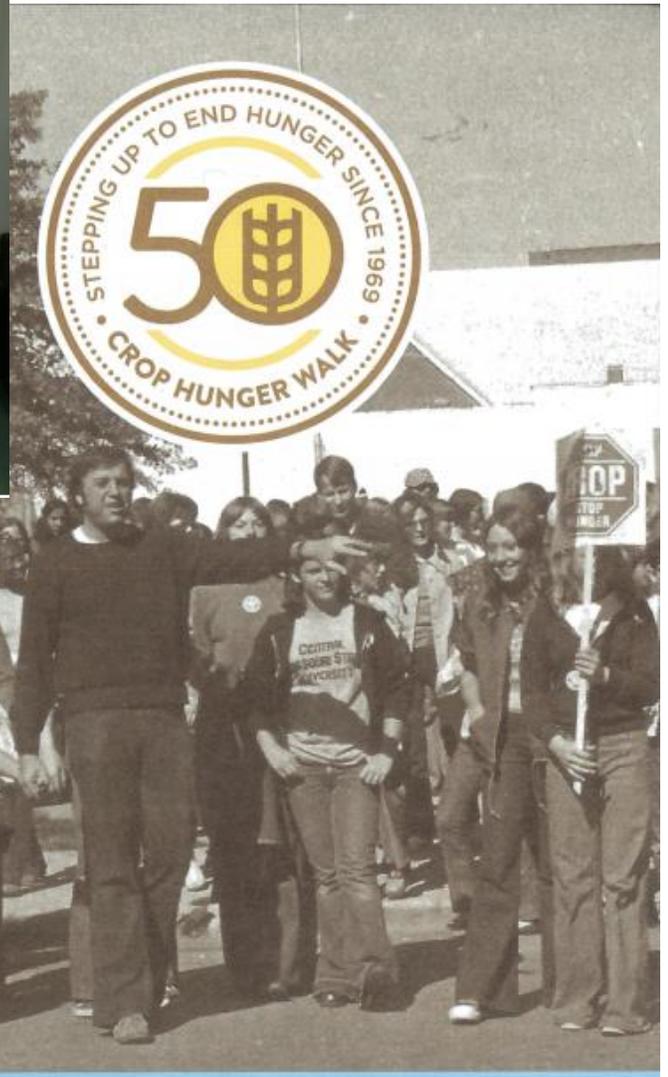
Justin & Kili Wenburg

May Wierenga



Frank Medsker and the CROP Walk Still Going Strong

As Frank celebrates his 94th birthday, please honor him for his longtime participation in the CROP Walk. He not only has walked in 50 of the events, but he also helped in the nationwide effort to send grain to other countries in need for 2 years prior to the CROP Walk in its present-day form.



Hastings CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2pm, 1:30 registration

Hazelrigg Student Union, walk at Heartwell Park

25% of proceeds goes to Crossroads!

Sponsored by Church Women United