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

FROM PASTOR DAMEN

Dear Friends and Family of First Presbyterian Church,

After a forced hiatus last year (thanks, COVID), Go & Serve returns! For Go & Serve 2021, we are headed down by the bay, where we'll spend a week living, working, and learning at **Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi**. Back Bay Mission has a 90-year history of serving and loving the people of Biloxi, and we are thrilled to be able to be a part of it. Today, the work of Back Bay Mission continues as the agency runs a food pantry, a day shelter for homeless and at-risk populations, and a housing rehabilitation program. During our time there, we will be able to participate in all these activities as we seek to live out the gospel of Christ by loving our neighbors.

We are pleased to be able to take nine youth on our trip this year. That group includes three seniors (Avery Essink, Hannah Hafer, and Daisy Kanode), three juniors (Eric Brader, Chudier Duang, and Abigail Kerr), two sophomores (Shannon Canady and Jackson Graves), and one freshman (Tethloach Duang).

As we continue to prepare for our trip, we are consistently strengthened by the love and support of this congregation. We appreciate the financial support we have received (and continue to receive) and also welcome the support you offer us through prayer and words of encouragement. As you well know, it is no small task to try to live out the Gospel, and we are thankful for the love and nurture of this congregation as we attempt to do so.

We are very much looking forward to our endeavor and eagerly anticipate being able to tell you all about it during Go & Serve Sunday on June 27th.

Peace and all good,

Damen Jensen-Heitmann & Jennifer Boeve,
2021 Go & Serve Mentors

FPC Prayers for:

Gayle Fandry
Lois Hafer
Cindy Pickett
Gretchen Lainson
Frank & Carol Medsker
Rich Portwood
Bev Stein

Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)
Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom)
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)
Family of Norris Swan
Family of Dorothy VanBuskirk

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond
Rachael Lay
Pam & Don Canady
Tommy Thomsen
Lanae Hall's mother
The Tut Ruei 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.

In Memory of

- ♥ Norris Swan, who passed away 04/12/2021. Services were held at FPC Hastings, April 16, 2021, with Pastor Greg presiding.
- ♥ Dorothy VanBuskirk, who passed 04/17/2021. Services were held at FPC Hastings, April 21, 2021, with Pastor Greg presiding. Dorothy was Justin Osborne's grandmother.



Sunday's 10:30 In-Person and Stay at Home Worship Service is broadcast

- live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (You don't need to have an account to watch.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM
- 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 11:30 a.m. and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. at College View live on Facebook in the small theatre room, residents and their families are welcome

"When working with your attorney to **update your will and estate plan**, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation." - 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 upon request at no charge. Contact the church office at [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).

Birth Announcements If you would like a rose on the pulpit to celebrate the birth of a new child in your family, please notify the office.



Looking for a way to give during our time of "In-Person and Stay at Home Church?" The church counts on your giving to carry on its work.

No matter how you participate in worship, please take time to:

1. mail your donation in,
2. drop by the church and leave your offering in the locked "tithing box" located on the second brick column under the portico,
3. sign up for electronic fund transfers,
4. or give on-line at

<https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

In the days and weeks to come, the church will continue to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

The June Communion Offering is the

Pentecost offering of which a portion will be donated to CASA.



Dear Presbyterian Church Family,

I have recently had a total knee replacement. I would like to thank the many members of the congregation for reaching out to offer meals, food, rides to physical therapy, and good wishes in general. I would like to also thank the Deacons for the beautiful bouquet of flowers brought to the house. I would especially like to thank the Rev. William Nottage-Tacey for his messages and phone calls of support as I continue to recover. It is wonderful to know I have so many very good friends in the Church.

Thank you all, John Northrop

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for the love and concern that you have shown me since my recent hip replacement surgery. The flowers from the church continue to brighten my great room and remind me of you all. I don't dare start naming specific people from the church for fear that I'll leave someone out. Just, everyone, please know that you've made a real difference (I'm healing quickly and well), and that I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

With love, Anne Bohlke



Work Shirts Needed for Proteus

There is a great need for long-sleeved work shirts for migrant workers this summer.

These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. While you are doing your spring cleaning, if you find long sleeve shirts you are no longer using, please bring them and place them in the Donation Station in Fellowship Hall.

To participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, please contact Denny Storer for details.



The Hands Around the World Store has 100% Pure Organic Coffee. Stop by the church office to restock your supply at only \$10 per bag.

The store will be OPEN again every Sunday morning for 30 minutes prior to and following worship services.

Brooks' Bookshelf is a way to share the joy of reading and also spread the awareness of Down Syndrome. Bookshelves, where children are welcome to take a book home, will be located throughout our community!



Each bookshelf will include books of all interests with some specific books focused on kindness, on compassion, and on individuals with unique differences. Books to range from picture/baby up to early readers.

Every story and every person are unique and beautiful. We hope that you'll find it in your hearts to donate a book or send a monetary donation to help us in this celebration.

Check out our Amazon wish list under Brooks' Bookshelf and other places to donate on our website at brookssbookshelf.org

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

-Kindly, Brooks Borrell & Family

FPC has a medical equipment library



from which members can borrow equipment that they need on a temporary basis. These items will include walkers, bath chair, crutches, toilet riser, knee scooter, etc. If

you have any equipment cluttering your basement that you would like to donate or if you have a temporary need for such an item, please contact Erica Brooks at

ericalynn128@gmail.com.



Your most
powerful
testimony is how
you treat others
after the church
service is over.



Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Today I want to say Thank you! Thank you for donating some money so I could go to my camp, Calvin Crest. I want to learn more about god and Jesus and know they will always be by my side. And read more bible verses. (John 3:16 Is my favorite) So Thank you very much, and know that god is good!

Love,
Maddie
Gosda

GOD
IS
GOOD



Presbyterian Women
PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons.

The **PW Coordinating Team** will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be August 4th at 10:00.

The **PW sponsored Native American Book Study** will launch its next book study as outlines below. Please register your plans to attend with Marilyn Stone (mmstone52@att.net).

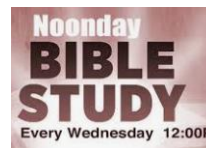
May 24, and June 7 - "Standing in the Light: A Lakota Way of Seeing"
Two 1-hour sessions will be held on each date at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM discussing sections of the book. (See flyer later in this newsletter)

Adult Bible Studies

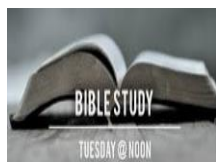


Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets in person or via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. The next study, entitled *The Walk: 5 Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton, will begin on 4/11/21 and continue for six weeks, ending on 5/15/21. We will meet in the Anderson room and via Zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at teece4@gmail.com or call the church office to get the Zoom link.

Bible at Breakfast has a new time and name! Join us for Noonday Bible Study via Zoom at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We will be looking at the Book of



Revelation using the text *Revelation & the End of All Things* by Craig R. Koester. To join the study, contact sbbrooks52@gmail.com. All are welcome at any time!



Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Pastor Greg

All are welcome to join this weekly study. The focus for the group discussion and study each week is on the verses to be used on Sunday during worship. The group gathers either by Zoom Conferencing or in person in the Anderson Room. To join by Zoom, contact the church office.

Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, has concluded for this semester.



Previous Forums, can be found on the church YouTube page

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z-uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



Presbyterian Camp Scholarships available!

A Presbyterian Camp Scholarship is available for all Presbyterian sponsored camps including youth camps and family camps. An individual camper may receive one scholarship per calendar year that will cover up to 1/2 of the camping fees!

Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org for a scholarship request form or if you have any questions.



2021 VBS

Children & Volunteer Registration

We'd love for you to join us for VBS 2021! First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church are coming together to host a 3-day, outdoor VBS. At Discovery of Adventure Island VBS children will explore the ways God's great light shines in the world, and shows everyone how they can reflect that light in their own lives.

DATE: Tuesday, June 1 through Thursday, June 3

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (volunteers will be needed 8:45am - 12:15pm)

WHERE: Masonic Temple grass lot at the corner of 6th Street and Hastings Avenue (will be outside)

COVID PRECAUTION: At this time, masks will be required

CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS: Please register SOON via the First Presbyterian Church website <https://fpchastings.org/2021-vbs/> or by direct link:

- Children: <http://bit.ly/HastingsVBS>
- Volunteers: <http://bit.ly/HastingsVBSVolunteer>

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions.

COMING SOON!



The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 25, 2021** 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.

1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym



The Monday afternoon 1st Pres Pickleball returned to the PEACE Center as of Monday, March 22nd from 1:00-3:00. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people with social distancing observed.



Are you interested in helping to run the camera, sound board, T.V. on Sunday mornings? Erik Nielsen will be training new volunteers. Let him know you want to help. Email Erik at kazgratz@gmail.com



Third Saturday of the Month
Annex Building
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

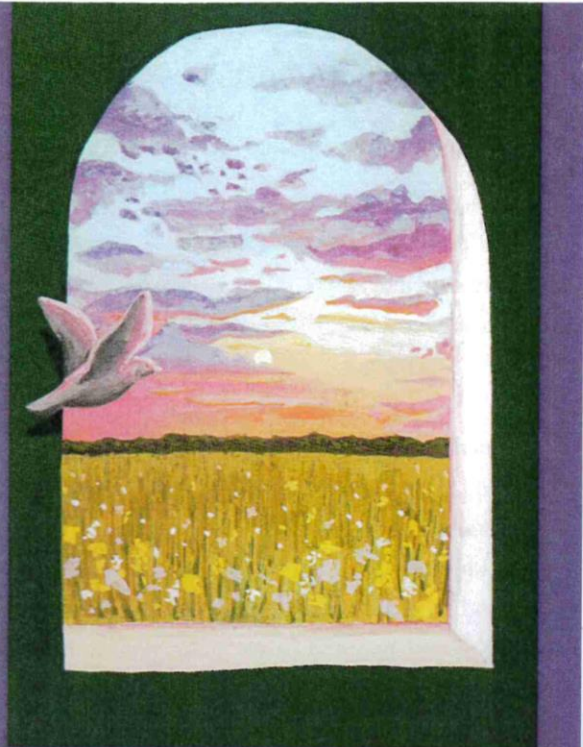
Sponsored by:
First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church

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 Synod of Lakes and Prairies. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

Interested in
volunteering at
**United
Harvest?** You
can register on
the United

Harvest Facebook page. Volunteer shifts are
9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

June 19, 2021		
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM



Synod School 2021



Called Out!

July 25-30, 2021

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

Purpose

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. We seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy, and individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children.

Come...

- to participate in a unique experience of Christian community as we worship, study, play, and live together;
- to grow in faith through action, relationships, and a centering of the spirit;
- for continuing education, for a special family experience, or for individual growth;
- to take it all in, then return home to share and serve.

Synod School Theme: "Called Out!"

Just as God called Lazarus out of the tomb, God calls us out of our slumber, out of our sleep, out of our complacency, out of our grief, out of our past, out of our comfort, out of our quarantines and more. God has plans for us and never stops calling us. Join us as we embrace the newness 2021 brings and what it means to faithfully wake up, rise, and respond to God's call. *"Sleeper, awake. Rise from the dead. And Christ will shine on you."* Ephesians 5:14, NRSV

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Facebook Group: "Synod School:
Is this heaven? No, it's Iowa!"

Synod School is a leadership development ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with support from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation.

Check the calendar on the church website for the most accurate list of activities. www.fpchastings.org

Broadcast live In-Person and Stay-at-Home Sunday Worship at 10:30

- ✓ 10:30 a.m. on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (FB account not needed)
- ✓ 10:30 a.m. service simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM
- ✓ on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

What's Happening at FPC --- Weeks of May 23 and May 30, 2021 *Session has voted that all in-person meetings must use the following guidelines for the safety of our congregation and staff. 1.) 20 or fewer in attendance, 2.) No time limit, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6-ft. seating. All boards and committees have the option to meet in person or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both (to be coordinated by the church staff representative).*

Sun, May 23	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent Adult S.S. via Zoom Conferencing
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service
	11:30a-12:30p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
Mon, May 24		"Monday Check-in" Communication from Greg and Damen
	1:00p-3:00p	1st Pres Pickle Ball Open Gym
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Troop 200 in Scout Room
Tues, May 25	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	Noon-6:00p	Red Cross Blood Drive Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study-Anderson /Zoom
Wed, May 26	12:00 1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-7:30p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, May 27	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class NE Classroom/PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center
Sun, May 30	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent Adult S.S. Zoom/Anderson
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service in Alexander Park – Joint worship with First United Methodist Church
		-VBS and Go & Serve Commissioning
Mon, May 31	11:30a-12:30p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	8:30a-4:30p	OFFICE CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
		"Monday Check-in" Communication from Greg and Damen
Tues, June 1	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall
	9:00a-Noon	VBS at Masonic Temple lawn
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
	5:30p-7:30p	WAM Zoom/Fellowship
Wed, June 2	9:00a-Noon	VBS at Masonic Temple lawn
	12:00 1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-7:30p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, June 3	9:00a-Noon	VBS at Masonic Temple lawn
Fri, June 4	10:00a-Noon	Church Women United in Fellowship Hall
		Go & Serve Trip
Sun, June 6	10:00-Noon	Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room
		Go & Serve Trip
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent Adult S.S. via Zoom Conferencing
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service
		Communion Sunday
	11:30a-12:30p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN

***Please Note:** There will be NO Activities in the PEACE CENTER June 1-June 18 as the floors in the hallways are being re-finished.*

Happy Anniversary

6/14/1997	Erica & Brent Brooks	6/27/1964	Mary & James Lewis
6/1/1980	Sharon & John Brooks	6/3/1961	Will & Ginny Locke
6/23/1984	Linda & Dave Cooke	6/6/1970	Ed & Cheryl Lockwood
6/19/2010	Louie & Kristen Eckhardt	6/30/1979	Thomas & Joyce Moore
6/2/2000	Chanda & Stan Essink	6/24/1978	Diane & Doug Phelps
6/24/1984	Rachel & Michael Florek	6/10/1989	Kathy & Curt Reimer
6/7/1964	Connie & LaVern Franzen	6/26/1976	Mary & Jerry Seiler
6/11/1977	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	6/30/2007	Sung Bong & Katie Shin
6/27/1965	Gary & Carol Grummert	6/22/1979	Beverly & Kenneth Stein
6/12/1993	Michelle & Rob Kerr	6/2/2012	Ethan & Lindsey Stout
6/2/1973	Lynette & Paul Krieger	6/16/1951	Francis & Norma Vineyard
		6/24/1967	Sandra & C L Wimer



Happy Birthday

6/1	Peter Lainson	6/13	Laurie Lofquist	6/23	Rachel Florek
6/2	Cathy Mitselfelt	6/14	Tenley Hermann		Ashlin George
6/3	Dick Christensen		Janna Johnson		Doug Oakeson
6/4	Ashley Hermann		Bruce Phelps		Claire Schwarz
	Wanda Williams	6/15	Kris Norris	6/24	Jan Schawang
6/6	Pamela Lainson	6/16	Julie Asmus	6/25	Connie Hansen Golter
	Bev Stein		LaJeanne Boehler		Tom Kreager
	Norma Vineyard		Everly Hogan	6/26	Jim Boeve
6/8	Andrew Barrows		Courtney Junker		Carol Harrenstein
	Dave Cooke		Nathan Kerr		Jill Kramer
	Jeni Howard		Lorri Oakeson		Colleen Schukei
6/9	Alexis Longshore	6/18	Eric Brader		Rory Stout
6/10	Deb Johnson		Ian Erickson	6/27	Jim Lewis
	Genna Little		Leah Ratzlaff		Julia Rippe
	Shawn Norris		Sally Smith	6/28	Kelsey Kamarad
	Joyce Ore	6/18	Amanda Turner		Jodie Phelps
6/12	John Carllson		Keira Erickson	6/29	Dianne Christensen
	Kaleena Fong		Rebecca McPherson		Don Reynolds
	Erika Nielsen	6/22	Bob Amyot	6/30	Ruth Nielsen
6/13	Charles Hafer		Neil Kerr		Gabriel Snell

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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 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.

In peace
I will lie down
and fall asleep,
for you alone,
Lord,
make me secure.



PSALM 4:9