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

FROM PASTOR GREG



Dear Friends and Family of First Presbyterian Church,

As you know, our beloved Office Administrator, Jean Matheny, has taken a job as the executive assistant for the President of Bosselman Corporation. We said goodbye to her on Friday, July 2nd.

Your Personnel Committee and I worked diligently to find someone to fill the big shoes left behind by Jean. We posted the job on multiple local job boards and had more than 15 applicants. After reviewing resumes and conducting multiple interviews, we are excited to announce that Sarah Allen has accepted our job offer to replace Jean as our Church Office Administrator.

Sarah is no stranger to Hastings, she graduated with her Bachelors Degree from Hastings College in 1995 and her Masters of Arts in Teaching degree in 1997. Since that time, she has lived in the Omaha area and worked in a variety of positions providing administrative support, including as the registrar of Vatterott College, the Coordinator of Academic Affairs at Midland University, and as the Office Manager for Malibu Custom Homes in Elkhorn. Another fun fact about Sarah is that she also went to cosmetology school and has worked as a cosmetologist/hair dresser. Between her administrative skill sets and her clear heart for ministry, we knew that she was the right candidate to support the work and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Sarah's husband accepted a job offer with Werner Construction, which brought her back to Hastings. We are delighted that she will be joining our staff as the Church Office Administrator.

Sarah began work on Monday, 7/12 and spent a week overlapping with our temp, Cathryn Love, who was able to provide her some basic training. Jean has offered to come back for some evenings or weekends to round out her training and get her on board. If you get a chance sometime in the next few weeks, please stop by the church office to welcome Sarah to our team introduce yourselves to her.

Also, join me in a prayer of thanksgiving for Jean's wonderful service to our church, and give thanks to God for providing a new church office administrator so that we can continue our forward momentum as a church and continue to proclaim the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings!

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg

FPC Prayers for:

Lois Hafer
Rachael Lay
Carol & Frank Medsker
Rich Portwood
Bev Stein
Gayle Fandry
Shirley Gass

Family Jack Stinson
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)
Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)
Family of Arnold Boehler

Elaine Schumacher
Pam & Don Canady
Tommy Thomsen
Brad Davis
The Tut Ruei family
Katherine Sachtleben
Neil Riley

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

- ♥ Jack Stinson, who passed away 07/10/21. Jack was the father of Julie Thomsen.
- ♥ Arnold Boehler, husband of LaJeanne and member of our church who passed away on 07/10/21.



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 **TV** 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
- **A DVD** of any Sunday service is available upon request at no charge. Contact the church office at [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).
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"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!



Looking for a way to give?

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.

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I wanted to say THANK You for paying some money so I could go to Calvin Crest! I went horse back riding, swimming, played lots of games, archery and more! I also learned new songs and met new friends. I had a amazing time, and that is no lie! I saw birds, inchworms, turkeys and lots of deer. I learned that Jesus never leaves you no matter what. Thank you for letting me have a opportunity to go to Calvin Crest!

Love,
Madelynn
Zosda

THANK
YOU!



Dear Church Members
Thank you so much for the lovely altar flowers that were delivered to the Hermes and Olsen families in the last few weeks since our mother Sheldon Larson passed away. They were lovely and much appreciated.
Margaret Hermes
Rosey Olsen
Donna Williamson



A Celebration for Joyce Harrenstein.

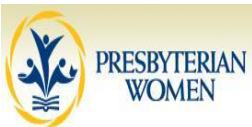
Please help us to honor Joyce on her 100th birthday earlier this year. The celebration will be Sunday, August 15th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at First Presbyterian Church. Please, no gifts or cards, your presence is gift enough.



Welcome to the world, **Rose Lainson Overmiller**, born on July 12th to parents Lauren (Bliss) Overmiller and Matt Overmiller. Rose is the granddaughter of Stephanie and Mark Bliss and great-granddaughter of Margaret & Charles Hermes and Sally Hatcher.

If you have a birth you would like to announce, FPC will place a single rose on the pulpit in honor of your new one. Call the church office to provide us with your information.





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

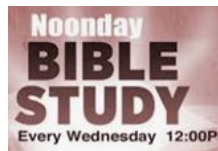
Luncheons.

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



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, has concluded for the summer.

Join us for Noonday Bible Study via Zoom



at noon every Wednesday with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We are discussing a book by John Dominic Crossan that wrestles with

seemingly opposite visions: one of a loving God, and one of a vengeful God. Crossan explains how Christians can better understand these passages in a way that enriches their faith. The intriguing title? *How to Read the Bible and Still be a Christian*. Contact Sharon Brooks for more information at sbrooks52@gmail.com



Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, has concluded for the summer.

Previous Forums, can be found on the church YouTube page

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



Interested in volunteering at United Harvest? You can register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Volunteer shifts are 9:30am-12:00pm and 12:00pm-2:00pm.



Are you interested in helping to run the camera, sound board, or 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



The Hands Around the World Store has 100% Pure Organic Coffee. Stop by the church office during the week 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 the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



Brooks' Bookshelf is a way to share the joy of reading and also spread the awareness of Downs 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 range from picture/baby up to early readers.

Every story and every person is 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



Open Table Lunch Program

Thanks to the prayers, generosity, and energy of our congregation, we completed our 18th year of assembling

lunches for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program during the month of July. This year, the number of people picking up lunches was lower; so as requested, we completed 3,000 sack lunches; in addition to 200 chef salads to be distributed at Catholic Social Services. Each year, I am reminded of how important this project is to our members. There was so much joy, laughter and conversation in fellowship hall as lunches were made.

-Jeni Howard

COMING SOON!



The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

from 12:00pm – 6:00pm 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.



Our Place After School Care Inc.

The designated Communion Offering for August is Our Place After-School Care. *"The Mission of Our Place After School Care is to create a caring community that will encourage teenagers with special needs, ages 13-20, to practice academic, social and life skills and enable them to be involved in community service and enriching experiences."*

This program is housed at the Faith Lutheran Church.



Thank you to our Facilities Manager, Tony, for ordering the new sign outside the church office doors and another big thank you Nancy Grands for providing the beautiful flowers! We are very grateful for our staff and numerous volunteers at FPC.

Thank You

FPC Friends,

Thank you for such a friendly welcome as I filled in at the church office as the Personnel Committee searched for a new office administrator. It was a joy to meet all of you. Thank you for your help in those times when I wasn't sure what to do or where to find something.

It was a pleasure to work with Sarah as she prepared to take over the position.

May God's Blessing continue to rest upon you as you continue to work the mission and vision of The Lord.

-Cat Love

**2021/2022 Youth & Adult Programs
Kick-Off Celebration
Sunday, August 29**

*please
join us*

Families with Children

9:00am-10:20am: Bouncy House & Slide (supervision provided) in the playground area for children age 3 to 5th Grade. The staffed Nursery will be open for children 3 and under. Parents/Guardians drop your children off in the playground or nursery, and then gather in the Fellowship Hall for the information meeting.

9:15am-10:15am: Parents/Guardians will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live registration and parent information meeting followed by the adult activities/classes information meeting.

Families/Others without Children

9:45am-10:15am: Meet in the Fellowship Hall to hear about all of the Fall 2021 adult enrichment opportunities.

**Take
Note**

Wednesday Night Live activities will begin on **September 8**.
Sunday School (Children & Adult classes) will begin on **September 12**.

What's Happening at FPC --- Weeks of August 1 and August 8, 2021 Session has voted that all in-person meetings must use the following guidelines for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1) Face masks will be optional for fully vaccinated individuals; masks are expected for unvaccinated individuals, 2) Social distancing will be relaxed. 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, 3) Congregational singing will be allowed at outdoor worship only.

Sun, August 1	9:30a-10:15a 10:00a-10:30a 10:30a 11:30a-12:30p	Worship Alexander Park Hands Around the World Store OPEN Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Hands Around the World Store OPEN
Mon, August 2	8:30a-9:30a 1:00p-3:00p 7:00p-7:45p	“Monday Check-in” Communication from Greg and Damen Walkers PEACE CENTER 1ST Pres Pickleball Open Gym PEACE CENTER Chorus of the Plains Choir Room
Tues, August 3	8:30a-9:30a 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 5:30p-7:00p	Walkers PEACE CENTER Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson WAM Meeting Zoom/Fellowship
Wed, August 4	8:30a-9:30a 10:00a-11:00a 12:00 1:00p 6:30p-9:00p	Walkers PEACE CENTER PW Coord Team Fellowship Hall Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing Wood Carvers
Thurs, August 5	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE CENTER
Fri, August 6	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room
Sun, August 8	9:30a-10:15a 10:00a-10:30a 10:30a 11:30a-12:30p	Worship in Alexander Park Hands Around the World Store OPEN Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Hands Around the World Store OPEN
Mon, August 9	8:30a-9:30a 1:00p-3:00p 7:00p-7:45p	Walkers PEACE CENTER “Monday Check-in” Communication from Greg and Damen 1ST Pres Pickleball Open Gym Chorus of the Plains Choir Room
Tues, August 10	8:30a-9:30a 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 4:30p-5:30p 5:30p-6:30p 6:00p-7:00p	Walkers PEACE CENTER Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson Global Mission Committee Meeting Zoom/Parlor Congregational Life Zoom/Parlor Trustee Meeting Zoom/Anderson
Wed, August 11	8:30a-9:30a 12:00 1:00p 6:30p-9:00p	Walkers PEACE CENTER Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing Wood Carvers
Fri, August 13	8:30a-9:30a 10:00a-12:00p	Walkers PEACE CENTER Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room

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