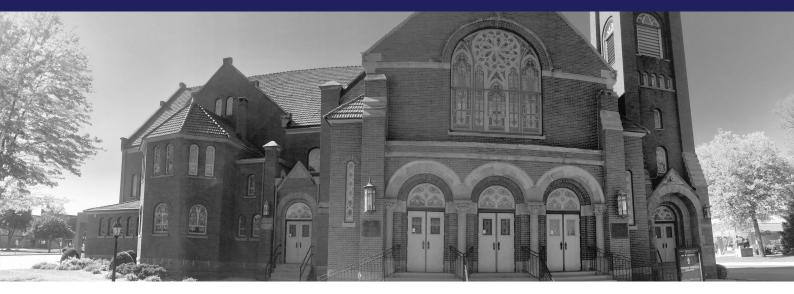
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Reflections on Ecclesiastes 3 and the New Year!

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

Ecclesiastes 3 is my mom's favorite verse in the bible: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." It is a reminder of God's steadfast presence with us through the changing of the seasons, and it also provides a great series of juxtapositions or contrasts for us to reflect on at the start of a New Year. There is: a time for crying and a time for laughing, a time for searching and a time for losing, a time for keeping and a time for throwing away, a time for keeping silent and a time for speaking. We are promised that God "has made everything suitable for its time." The writer of Ecclesiastes goes on to assure us in verse 12 that we should: "Enjoy ourselves and do what's good while we live." God wants us to thrive and delight in the life that we have. God also wants us to be a source of love and light in the world, to do good while we live! Those seem like great resolutions for us to embrace in this New Year.

Seasons change and years change, while God makes everything perfect in its time. That is because God's love never changes, and God promises to accompany us throughout all of the seasons of our lives.

God also promises to guide our church through seasons and changes. In 2021 we saw two beloved staff members leave, Jean Matheny and Steph Brader. God blessed us with them for a season, and then called them to new vocations. Then God provided us Sarah Allen and Rose Koepp to continue the good work that Jean and Steph were doing, and to help guide our church into the future.

Last fall, our Parish Associate, Kili Wenburg, also talked with me about transitioning her role at the church. Kili has increased her volunteering in the community with CASA, Community Impact Network, Poverty Alleviation Collaboration task force, and a variety of other organizations. She is also growing her spiritual direction business as well as becoming a "Life Coach." As such, she was feeling a call to pull back from her duties at the church. Due to the other changes we faced at the church, we held off on her transition until after the first of the year. Kili will continue to be listed as our "Parish Associate"

and she will continue to be available for various projects and needs at the church, however she will scale back her responsibilities in that role.

In her letter to Session to announce this change Kili wrote, "I love my church. I love my church family. I love the staff team. I am not leaving; I am simply changing roles and opening space in my life for other interests to develop. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the sacred opportunity to serve God, this church, and my church family as part of the staff of FPC for the last 6 years. I look forward to continuing to be a part of this community, just in a different way as we move forward."

We have no idea what 2022 will hold for our church family, but we do know that God will be with us every step of the way. So as we prepare to begin this new year, may we follow the wisdom of Ecclesiastes and trust that for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven and that God has made everything suitable for its time. So let's "...enjoy ourselves and do what's good while we live."

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Greg

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What is Taizé Worship?



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AGAIN. AS YOU JOIN IN SONG AND MEDITATION, FEEL FREE TO HARMONIZE AS YOU UNITE YOUR HEART AND VOICE WITH THOSE AROUND YOU. ENTER IN PRAYER AND LEAVE IN PEACE.

UNITED HARVEST

Kili@fpchastings.org for volunteer sign-up

	January 15, 2022		
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM	
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM	
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM	
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM	
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM	
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM	
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM	
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM	







Thank you notes from Giving Tree Recipients

Thank you for the coat, I really like it and mine Was worn out, New I can stay warm.

Happy New Year

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Thank you very much

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Thankyou so Much for alovely gift!

I hope your year ahead goes extreamly well.

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With love,

Patricia 12nche



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Thanks for the Gifts. I have them. They will be great use for me!

Abigail

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Have happy holidays
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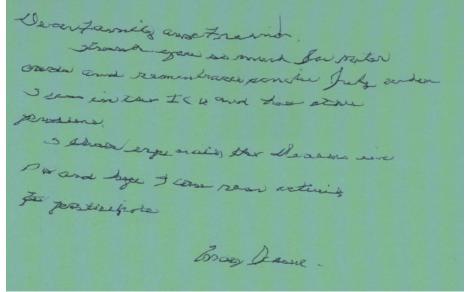
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SUN 1/9	8:30a-9:15a	Taize Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Various opportunities
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	11:30a-done	Taking Down the Greens	Memorial Room
MON 1/10	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers, Walkers Coffee (M-TH)	PEACE Gym & NW Classroom
•	11:30a-2:00p	PEO Chapter GK	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Memorial Committee	Kessler Room
	1:00p-3:00p	First Pres Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
TUE 1/11	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	4:30a-5:30p	Global Mission	Confirmation Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life	Anderson Room
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees	Kessler/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	NE Classroom
WED 1/12	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Dan D.	Zoom
*	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Food Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:45p	WNL	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time	Fellowship Hall
	6:20p-6:50p	Cal/West Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:50-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	7:30p-8:30p	6th-12th Youth Group	Youth Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 1/13	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 1/14	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SAT 1/15	8:30a-1:00p	United Harvest	PEACE Center
SUN 1/16	8:30a-9:15a	Taize Worship	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Bible Study	Various Opportunities
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
MON 1/17	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers, Walkers Coffee (M-TH)	PEACE Gym & NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	First Pres Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room

TUES 1/18	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00pm-6:45p	New Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	6:45p-7:45p	All Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 1/19	9:30a-10:30a	PW Circle 1 / 2	Parlor
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan	Zoom
	1:15p-2:15p	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
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	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 1/20	5:30p-7:30p	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 1/21	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111



A thank you note from Mary Jeanne Cooke





FOUND: a pair of blue glasses lost in the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. 402-462-5147

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