First Presbyterian Church

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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

Every year members of our church and others in Hastings provide a welcome meal for the migrant farmworkers that come to work the fields around central Nebraska. You can see some photos of the event from this year.

The activity represented in these photos moves me to tears. Imagine leaving your family behind for 3-6 months to do back breaking farm labor in the hot Nebraska summer. You are bussed up here, don't know a soul, and probably don't have the resources to stay in touch with your friends and family while you are gone. You are in a place where you don't speak the language or really understand the culture.

You get here and a group of local residents shows up and offers you an authentic welcome, and a meal, and a smile, and greetings in your native language.

I cannot understate the importance of this act of hospitality, and how this kind of radical hospitality is at the very core of our walk of faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. "Feed the hungry... welcome the stranger. Whatever you do for the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you do for me." –Jesus in Matthew 25

I'm so grateful and proud to serve as your pastor. Thank you for continuing to inspire me and teach me what it means to live our faith in the world.

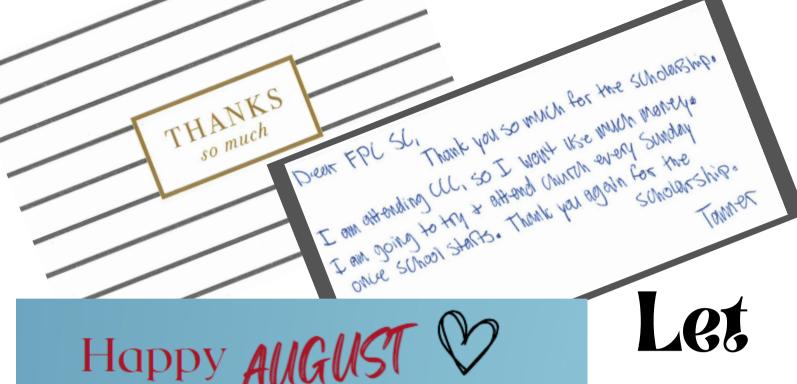
Your servant in Christ, Pastor Greg













all that you do be done love

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.



Gregg Lay 8/1
Alphonse Tako 8/1
Linda Vollweiler 8/1
Madelyn Koepp 8/2
Allie Bauer 8/3
Kathy Duval 8/3
Jim Harrenstein 8/3
Bryce Wiebe 8/4
Ira Wierenga 8/4
Terry Hall 8/5
Julia Klaassen 8/6
Rick Matticks 8/6

Susan Meeske 8/6
Doug Soderquist 8/6
Megan Welton 8/6
JoAnn Seiler 8/6
Bert Lloyd 8/7
Chuck Shoemaker 8/9
Vera Zabloudil 8/9
Sharon Chapel 8/11
Carolyn McKenzie 8/12
Elise Koepp 8/12
Tristan Propp 8/12
Ashley Mullen 8/13

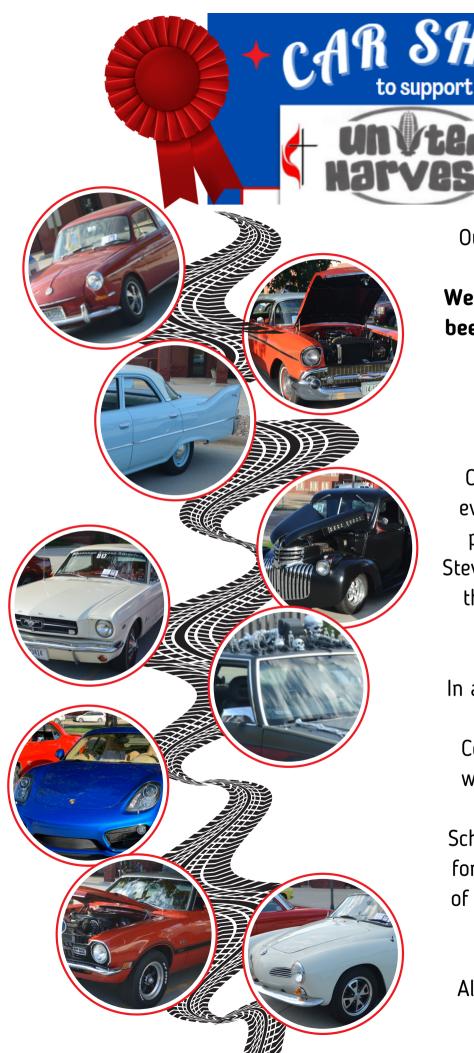
Kim Creech 8/13
Jerry Seiler 8/14
Denny Storer 8/14
Corle' Hall 8/15
Richard Brader 8/16
Beth Wissing 8/16
Kathy Utter 8/16
Ashley Fitzgerald 8/16
Chris Johnson 8/17
Jonah Snell 8/17
Pastor Damen 8/18
Chudier Duang 8/19



Don O'Dey 8/19
Alice Throckmorton 8/20
Connie McClenahan 8/21
Stephanie Bliss 8/22
Vivian Fong 8/23
Lauren Canady 8/23
Camden Smith 8/24
Melissa Struss 8/24
Kim Day 8/25
Jessica Klaassen 8/25
Dave Stewart 8/25
Ed Lockwood 8/26
Sharon Brooks 8/26

Holly Urrutia 8/26
Brian Johnson 8/27
Abigail Kerr 8/27
Karen Portwood 8/27
Faith Brader 8/28
Dana Miller 8/28
Todd Lay 8/29
Margaret Marsh 8/30
Jane Bauer 8/30
Chris Junker 8/30
Dale Davis 8/30
Matt Malouf 8/31
Joyce Mefford 8/31





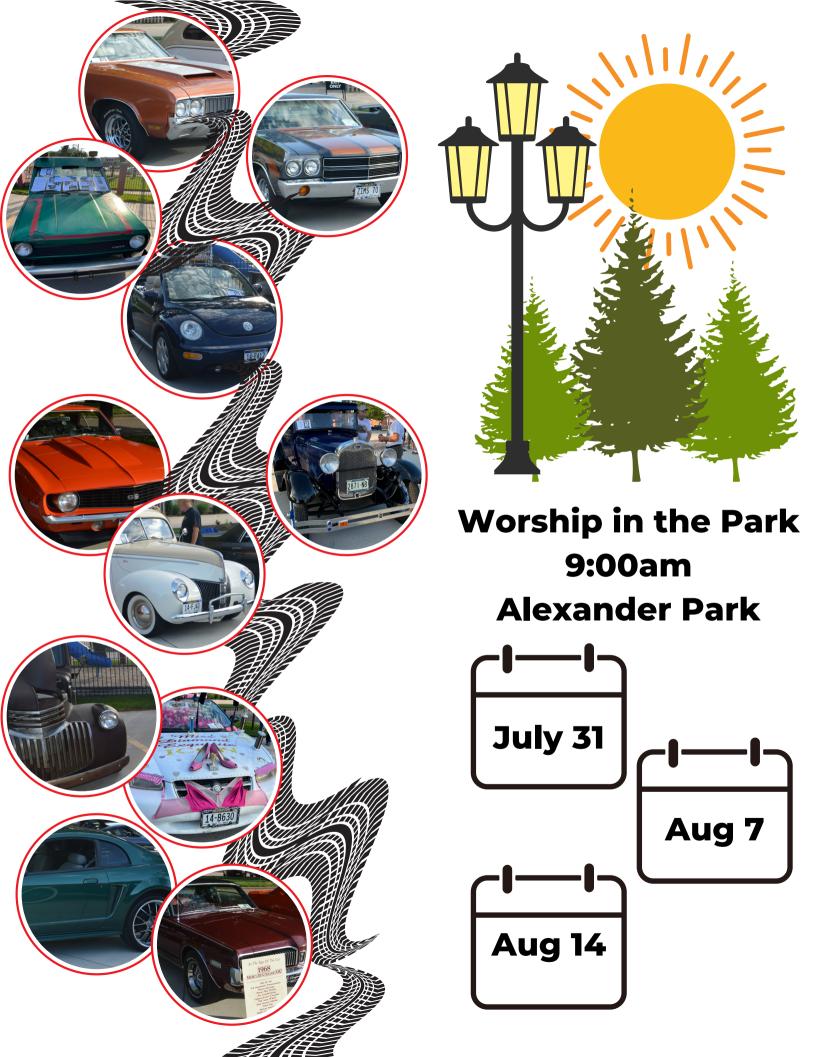
Our first car show was a great success!

We had 41 car entries, 100 root beer floats served, and \$634.76 raised for United Harvest.

A HUGE shout out to Steve
Cropley for his idea to try this
event and for the hard work he
put forth to make it happen.
Steve says no doubt we can double
the amount of entries for next
year.

In addition, THANK YOU as well to the members of the Congregational Life Committee who volunteered hours of their time and to Cheryl & Roger Schukei for providing great music for the crowd. We also had a lot of members come to to the show just to check it out.

All in all, it was a great success and fun evening.









The national Relay for Life event did not take place this year in Hastings, so we decided to put our own spin on the relay. We asked for donations for luminarias in honor of or in memory of someone whose life has been touched by cancer and decorated our sanctuary with them. We had an amazing turnout of almost 100 luminarias and we raised \$1,040 to donate to the American Cancer Society. A special thank you to Susie Graham for facilitating this fundraiser and for her incredible dedication by personalizing and decorating luminarias for those who asked for her to do so for them.

In Memory of



Jeanette Adrian All Tam Babcock Pam Bohmfalk Alice Braum Millard Cates Jim Cooke Mary Jeanne Cooke Bill Coule Dave Cunningham Jack Dodge Chip Essex Bob Foote Mollu Gleason Paul Goodrich Nancy Goodrich Mike Graham Larru Graham Dorothy Graham Myrtle Ida-Kramer

Bernice Kleiber Vernon Kooy Michael Lind Darrel Lloud Toni Mays Ruth McKelvie Andrew Murry Edna Nelson Marilynn Sachtleben Dan Schnackenberg Robyn Smart Julie Soderquist Elton Trehern Bernie Tushaus Cindy Walker Ruth Walker Rick Waltemath Rogene Wenburg Dee Yost

In Honor of

AIII Sarah Allen Todd Allen Kacey Allen **Bob Amyot** Louise Amuot Sharon Boschen Don Canady Pam Canadu Anne Chambers **Brian Cole** Keely Darling Jeanene Dodge Pollu Feis Christian Fruehling Sandra Fruehling Nancy Grams Jerri Haussler Charles Hermes Greg Howard Jeff Howard Nan Hueu Byron Jensen

Tim Johnson Kay Koozer Pamela Lainson Peter Lainson Mary Lewis Ginny Locke Will Locke **Dwight Marsh** Judy McGee Larry McGee Maru Plock Rich Portwood Beverlu Rader Ramona Shetler Allison Soucie **Bev Stein** Carole Storer Renee Thomsen Ashley Thylin Carissa Uhrmacher Linda Vollweiler **Heather Witte**

There is one more opportunity to come and help

pack lunches for Open Table, Sunday, July 31

Sundays (Always fun).
Early Bird Assembly:
10:15 to 11:15 after early service
Group Assembly:
11:30 to 12:30 after second service

12:15 to 12:45 Transporting sandwiches and sacks to Catholic Social Services on Sunday following assembly.

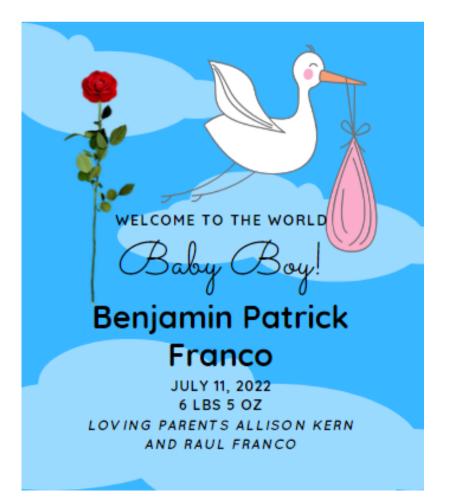


OPEN TABLE

Thanks for your generous and enthusiastic support of this ongoing mission.

Mission Committee







THANKS TO EVERYONE
WHO CAME OUT TO
THE FPC FAMILY
PICNIC AND
SODBUSTERS GAME.
WE SOLD 56 ADULT
TICKETS AND HAD 13
CHILDREN UNDER 12.
WHAT A FANTASTIC
TURNOUT!

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Accompanist: Mary Plock

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

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Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

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Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

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