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Ashes to Ashes

This past Sunday we celebrated All Saints' Day. Each year, in a moving service, we take the time to honor the faithful disciples who have died during the past year and reflect on the treasures they passed along to us before their death. We light candles in their memory, attempting to keep their flame for as long as we can, and dedicate ourselves to passing their wisdom and love along to those who will follow us. It is a ritual of remembrance and centering that helps to connect us to the great eternal cloud of witnesses.

Over the past several months, members of First Presbyterian Church have been considering another way that we can remember and honor our saints in faith. The group has been exploring the possibility of installing a prayer garden and columbarium and memorial wall in the current courtyard space. A columbarium is a structure in which urns holding the cremated remains of loved ones can be housed. Many churches, both historically and contemporaneously, have had a columbarium or a graveyard on their property providing a peaceful resting place for departed saints of the church. These spaces often become sacred areas where people can gather to remember a departed loved one or simply spend time in prayer and meditation. It is the hope that this project will add such a holy space to First Presbyterian Church.

Also, this past Sunday our Scholar in Residence, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh led an adult Forum titled "Ashes to Ashes: Christian Cremation." In this lesson, which is now available on the church's YouTube page (<u>https://youtu.be/gnqkThOuDHs</u>) Dr. Deffenbaugh explores Christian theology related to death, cremation, and eternal life. Dan always does an excellent job exploring a topic and viewing the class is highly recommended.

In addition to the installation of the 160-niche columbarium and memorial wall, this project, which is separate from the capital campaign, would involve adding access to the courtyard from the hallway which connects the education wing to the sanctuary building, enclosing the arches of the exterior breezeway with stained glass, and installing some outdoor seating in the area.

Those who can be inurned in the columbarium include church members and former members, pastors and staff of First Presbyterian Church, and the children, grandchildren, parents, spouses and partners (current and prior) of all of those folks. The same eligibility will apply to the memorial wall, which serves to honor those who are interred elsewhere but wish to be remembered for their relationship to the church.

Of course, there are far more details than what can be covered in this brief article. That is why a second forum has been scheduled for this **Sunday**, **November 10** at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship

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Hall. This forum will be hosted by Dr. John Pershing who has chaired the columbarium committee and will provide great detail as to the scope and specifics of the project. Of course, if you have questions, you can always contact the church office but many of your questions will be answered during this session.

May we continue to honor and treasure the saints in faith who came before us.

Peace and all good,

Dave Jun Hotos

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Ushers and Greeters

November Ushers (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist

NOVEMBER GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
10	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Melissa Davis
17	May & Ira Wierenga	Sue Medsker
24	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Erica & Brent Brooks

December (Team #4) Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

DECEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
1	Kim Hermann	Pat & Dick Kleiber
8	Paul & Lynette Krieger	Clyde Sachtleben, Carolyn Nowka
15	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Susan Hoff
22	Jenna Jorgensen	Melissa Davis
5:30pm 24	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
7:30pm 24	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
29	Cathy & John Pershing	Milrae & Harold Korb





First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Sanctuary

> Tuesday, November 5 6:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please join us in the sanctuary on election night for a brief service of song and prayer. We will pray for the elections, for our community and nation, and for peace.

November Communion Offering

Heartland Health Center

Heartland Health Center has begun providing medical care at 223 E. 14th Street in Hastings. Improving health outcomes for all people in Central Nebraska, Heartland Health Center accepts uninsured, insured, Medicaid, and Medicare patients. Services are paid for using a sliding fee scale to reduce costs. Next steps are in the plan to provide dental care and behavioral health.



Tuesday 11/5	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Election Day Prayer	Sanctuary
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 11/6	11am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	various
	6:30pm	Woodcarver's	Basement
	6:44pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday 11/7	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 11/8	10am	Ken Stein Funeral and Luncheon	Funeral- Sanctuary Luncheon- PEACE Center
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 11/10	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm	Fauré Requiem Concert	Sanctuary

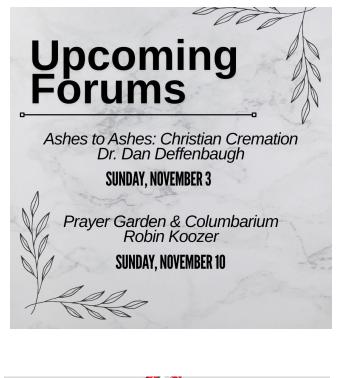
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Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach	
Carter Johnson	Carl Utley	
Tarah Davis & family	Barry Thomson	
Matt Campbell	Greg Howard	In memory of
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Pam Canady	2
Bob Wolf	Kathy Carrier	Ken Stein, who passed away on 10/30/24
KyMani Riek	Eleanor Jorgensen	01110/30/24
Ken Fisk	Darcie (McDonald) Brin	nk
Howard Mathews	David Hauch	
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves	Monte Malouf	
Jim Boeve	Eli Struss	
Candice Unger	family of Ken Stein	
Wade Giesler		

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Monday 11/11	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/12	10:30am	Staff Meeting	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Committee	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meeting	Middle School Youth Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 11/13	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 11/14	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 11/15	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	5:30pm	HCMA Showcase/Fundraiser	Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Memorial Room
Saturday 11/16		United Harvest	
Sunday 11/17	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
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Meal Train for the Ellerbee family

On October 8, Myste and Kevin Ellerbee welcomed their son, Neylan into the world. Big brothers James and Lennon are excited! Let's support the Ellerbee family by sharing some meals with them. Below is the link to sign up to provide a meal.

https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/ed3mrl/





Forum, Sunday, Nov. 17 9:15 a.m.

Company and Food Needed for Lonely HC Students

Every year, we know that some students stay at Hastings College for Winter break. HC's Dr. Amanda Solem was fortunate to receive an Innovation Grant to help make sure no one is lonely for the whole break and to foster fellowship between HC and the First Presbyterian Church. Often, Student Engagement has worked with 10-15 students to support them during the break, but we would like to have room for up to 30 if needed. We know that our students are often missing home cooking and feeling part of a community. Part of the funding will go towards a main dish and tableware for potluck meals on campus with students, and we hope you will join us! We realize many of you will probably want to spend time with your own family on the holidays, so we've chosen holiday-adjacent dates:

12/26 – 12-2 p.m. the day after Christmas at Daugherty Center 12/31 – 2-4 p.m. New Year's Eve afternoon for an appetizer potluck at Daugherty Center.

For the Christmas-adjacent meal, we'd love to have salads, sides, and desserts. For the New Year's potluck, appetizers are welcome.



COMMEMORATION OF OUR FAITHFUL FRIENDS & FAMILY DEPARTED IN DEATH DECEMBER 8, 2023 – OCTOBER 29, 2024

Roberta Lloyd August 7, 1935 – December 8, 2023

Dave Stewart August 25, 1939 – January 30, 2024

Dean Meyer

April 18, 1929 – February 16, 2024

Don Kramer January 24, 1939 – March 10, 2024

Don Canady August 12, 1944 – March 16, 2024

Sharon Chapel August 11, 1943 – April 7, 2024 *Shirley Gass* February 6, 1930 – May 9, 2024

May 21, 1932 – June 10, 2024

Bill Beck

October 1, 1925 – June 12, 2024

Frank Medsker

Vernon Groves March 20, 1969 – July 10, 2024

Carol Medsker April 12, 1930 – July 15, 2024

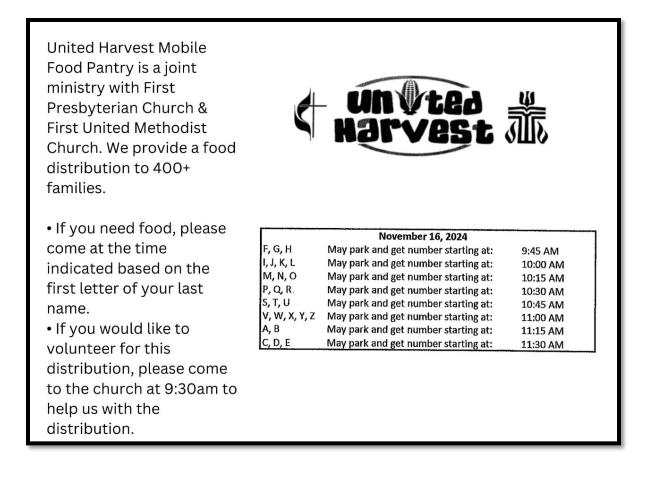
Francis Vineyard September 30, 1927 – July 26, 2024

Dave Schawang July 5, 1946 – August 18, 2024

Meal Train for the Struss family

On October 16, Melissa and Ross Struss welcomed their son Eli. Let's support the Struss family by sharing some meals with them.

https://mealtrain.com/vogmgz







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