Check out what’s new at FPC in

JANUARY

WE HAVE A HEARING LOOP!

What is a hearing loop and how does it work?
Hearing Loops allow people with hearing aids or cochlear implants to receive the sound from the PA system directly in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device.

Do You Use Hearing Aids?
You need to find out if your hearing aids have a wireless receiver called a T-coil or Telecoil built in, in order to use the hearing loop. The T-coil is accessed by pushing a button on a hearing aid. This T-coil program has to be activated by your audiologist. Talk to your audiologist to find out if your instruments can have both a T (no background noise) and an MT program (blended micro-phone & T-coil program) for improved hearing. If you get a telecoil installed in your current hearing instrument, make sure it has a manual, not an automatic, setting.

Hearing Loops Improve Hearing Aids
Digital hearing aids have significantly improved in the last decade, but they do not restore hearing to normal. Difficulties often remain when in challenging listening situations. Hearing loops help hearing aid users overcome this problem by broadcasting sound without background noise or reverberation.

For questions about your hearing aids and telecoils talk to your audiologist. To learn more about hearing loops visit:

www.hearingloop.org or www.hasloops.com

Don’t Have a Hearing Aid?
We have two personal loop headphone units you can get from an usher. You may also be interested in purchasing LoopBuds, which work through an app on iPhones or iPads, allow you to benefit from the hearing loop without having hearing aids. They can be purchased from Otojoy at loopbuds.com. An app for Androids should be coming soon.
Here’s what else we have going on in January…

NEW MEMBER CLASS
Sunday, January 14, 9:45 am, Room 106
Are you interested in learning more about the church? Considering possibly becoming a member? Join us January 14 for a conversation about membership and the church, and get to know some of our leaders.

ANNUAL MEETING
January 28, following the 11 am worship service.
Join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch and to hear about the work of the church.
NO 8:30 service that day!

Sue’s Musings

Once again, can you believe it is time to wind up one year and welcome in a new year? This past year has been very different from what I expected it to be – I had no idea we would be spending so much time and energy cleaning up the building, painting, and in general “sprucing up” the building and getting pictures made!

My plans were very different, focused more on meeting all our members I haven’t connected with yet and focused more on our presence in the community. What happened was small projects grew in unexpected ways, people got excited and on board, long delayed projects were revived, more resources poured in, and we rolled with it!

I was visiting with some folks from another church, and unprompted, they commented on the new spirit and energy they felt from people in the church. I have to echo that – with all the upheavals and work projects of the year, I too have felt a new sense of excitement in our congregation. I’m going to be the first to say that painting, cleaning closets, and roof work isn’t why I got into ministry, but God can use even those projects to revive spirits and get people dreaming again, and I have seen that this year. There is a great spirit in this church, and God has been working among us in surprising ways!

I wonder what 2018 will hold for us? I am again starting the year with my idea of what I think the church needs to focus on, but I wonder if God will bless those dreams or take us in new directions once more?
Let’s see where the Spirit leads us in 2018!

Pastor Sue
~ Rooted in God ~ Open to Grace ~ Filled with Joy ~

Kris’ Thoughts

Way back in December of 2016 when FPC was interviewing me and I was trying to gain some insight into life here at FPC, one of the more impressive things I saw was the willingness of the congregation to learn more and go beyond the basics of Christian Education. A case in point was the church’s desire to bring in speakers from the Westar Institute in a series called Jesus Seminar on the Road (JSOR), with the help of Bob Jeambey and the CE Committee, you made that wish come true, and this Spring, March 16-17, FPC is hosting a JSOR event. The topic for the weekend is “The Fifth Gospel: Recovering the Lost Wisdom of Jesus” with Drs. Stephen J. Patterson and Nicola Denzey Lewis. It promises to be a highly informative weekend. We hope you will make plans to be with us and to help us spread the word about the event. We will be recruiting some volunteers to help with hosting, books ales, etc., for the weekend, so be on the lookout for those details. But until then, we the CE Committee hope you will mark your calendars for this informative and educational event. If you have any questions or would to help us out, please contact me at dce@fpclincoln.org.

Pray and Play,
Kris “Bubba” Brammer
FP Christian Education

What’s Happening in January!

Children’s Ministry:
  Dec. 31st – No Sunday School
  Jan. 7th – Children’s Sunday School (Worship Education)
  Jan. 14th – Children’s Sunday School (K-4th - The Hose on the Rock & 5th-7th – Herod)
  Jan. 21st – Children’s Sunday School (The Sower & Authority of Jesus)
  Jan. 28th – Children’s Sunday School (The Mustard Seed & the 12 Disciples)

Youth Ministry:
  Jan. 7th @ 5:30 pm – Dinner Out and “Questions of Faith”
  Jan. 14th @ 5:30 – Youth Sunday Prep (choosing scripture)
  Jan. 21st @ 5:30 – Youth Sunday Prep (Understanding the Passage)
  Jan. 28th @ 5:30 – Youth Sunday Prep (Parts of the Service)

Mission Trip Sign-up Deadline Feb. 1st

Adult Ministry:
  Jan. 7th at 9:45 am in Great Hall – FORUM with Kris Brammer. Kris will give a presentation on the “The Symbols and their Meanings inside the Presbyterian Seal”. Using the PC(USA) seal, we will look at the different symbols that make up the seal and discuss the theology and meaning of the symbols and how they inform our Presbyterian beliefs.

  Bible Discovery Class, led by Gary Hughes, meets in Room 105 and uses the Present Word curriculum.
  In January, the class is exploring the topic of faith as informed by the Old Testament book.

  The Rousseau Class meets in room 107, and is beginning a new study called, “Painting the Stars: Science, Religion, and an Evolving Faith. This curriculum series features a 20 minute DVD presentation from a noted theologian followed by guided group discussion.

New Adult Education Faith Formation Opportunity - “Third Sunday in Hebrews” – beginning this winter and continuing through Spring, on the third Sunday of the month, there will be educational and faith formation opportunity in Hebrews:211. These one session, self-contained events will be led by Kris Brammer and will vary in topics; possibilities could include but not limited to topics such as: Parenting/Living in a Digital World, Understanding Current Events in light of Christian Discipleship, Theological Questions facing our Denomination, etc. the topics are open and will be somewhat driven by interests of those who participate. The first “Third Sunday in Hebrews will be Jan. 21st and will be a discussion about possible topics and interests. Any and all are welcome to be a part of this new endeavor to grow in faith. Speak to Kris Brammer if you have any questions.
MUSIC at FPC

We had a very eventful and musical month at FPC in December!

On December 3 the Montreal Guitare Trio performed at First Presbyterian as the third event of the *Arts for the Soul* season. An enthusiastic crowd of over 200 people really enjoyed the group and their wide-ranging music. They performed everything from Bach to traditional Spanish guitar music to rock classics. The crowd particularly seemed to enjoy their rendition of music from the spaghetti Western, "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly", complete with accordion and some very spirited singing!

On Sunday, December 17, the choir traveled to Madonna Rehabilitation to sing for the residents, a tradition that they have been observing for the last several years. They sang several Advent and Christmas pieces for the patients and their family members, and then lead a Christmas carol sing-a-long which many of the patients seemed to truly enjoy and appreciate. It is an event that many choir members look forward to each year.
Music & Fine Arts at
First Presbyterian Church
840 S. 17th St., Lincoln

Hymn Festival with John Ferguson
Sunday, March 4, 2018, 3:00 PM
In collaboration with the Lincoln Organ
Showcase Featuring the First Presbyterian Choir
with special guest choir
The Presbyterian Church of the Cross Chamber Singers

John Ferguson
Long-time professor of organ & church music at St. Olaf College

The Crossroads Project
Friday, April 27, 2018, 7:30 PM
A powerful look at global sustainability and climate change with narration, music and visual art
With physicist Robert Davies, the Fry Street Quartet, music by Laura Kaminsky & visuals by Rebecca Allan & Garth Lenz

Tickets: 402.477.6037  www.fpclincoln.org
Find us on Facebook

Tickets are still available for both of these wonderful events! To purchase tickets you can call and order them through the church office - (402) 477 - 6037 or order them online at www.fpclinoln.org
Do you hear me now?

As you’ve probably noticed, sometimes we have problems with our aging sound system in the Sanctuary. Usually our AV volunteers, those operating the soundboard and video camera system, figure things out and get it up and running. Occasionally, they cannot find the cause of the problem and it goes away by itself or they work around it.

These volunteers, and others, make up the Media Committee at First Presbyterian, responsible for many of the audio, visual, and computer needs of the church. They have been evaluating the equipment, how it’s used, the challenges, the problems, and what the future needs may be. They have been seeking bids for upgrades, new equipment, and new systems to better serve the audio, visual, computer, and presentation needs of First Church.

Last year the Wi-Fi network was upgraded and expanded to cover the entire facility, allowing access to the Internet. Some upgrades were made to staff computers with more needed as technology is constantly changing. These changes were made using the committee’s annual budget, but major projects require additional funding.

Some of the improvements and changes the Media Committee is considering are listed below, in roughly priority order. The Session approved purchase and installation of items 1 and 2, pending funding. The other five items are on a “wish list” and are being further investigated.

1. A hearing loop for the Sanctuary by Hearing Access Solutions ($3,780). This allows people with T-coil equipped hearing aids direct access to the sound supplied by the PA system. We will do the installation and add coverage in Fellowship Hall (about $720 more).

2. As First Church now has a dedicated committee meeting room, an AV system with screen by Midwest Sound & Lighting will be installed in Room 106, allowing projection and sound for computers and DVDs ($5,492).

3. A Sanctuary sound reinforcement system upgrade by Midwest Sound & Lighting ($14,443). This is to replace many of the out-of-date controls and components of the existing system that was installed about 1990. The current system has had many patches and fixes over the years and needs to be replaced with current technology. The Media Committee is seeking more information on this upgrade as it is needed to solve many of the issues with the sound in the Sanctuary.

4. An audio system upgrade by Midwest Sound & Lighting ($6,815) for Fellowship Hall. Nobody on the committee knows how old that system is, but it still uses a tube-type amplifier, old wall mounted speakers, and a classic metal microphone. The upgrade will include a digital amplifier, audio inputs for computers and DVD players, higher quality microphones for cleaner sound, and more speakers for better coverage of Fellowship Hall, much like a conference center. The Media Committee is seeking more information on this upgrade to address the sound needs of Fellowship Hall. Even without this upgrade, the hearing loop (Item 1) will be available for events and activities in Fellowship Hall.

5. A wireless microphone system for Fellowship Hall by Midwest Sound & Lighting ($2,110). The Media Committee is also considering wireless microphones to add flexibility to the upgraded audio system to provide better support to events held in the room.
6. A video projection system for Fellowship Hall by Midwest Sound & Lighting ($4,880) using the existing screen. The Media Committee is exploring the need for such a system to allow projection and sound for computers and DVDs to support events in the room.

7. Video production upgrades (replacing existing Sanctuary video equipment) by Midwest Sound & Lighting ($35,000 pre-estimate for budget purposes only). This is only a rough start on replacing the old standard analog TV system installed about 1990 with a new digital, high definition system to bring our videos into the 21st Century. We would need to supply an electrician and some installation materials. The Media Committee is seeking more information on this upgrade to improve our Community Access TV and Webpage outreach efforts.

These and many other improvements around First Church require funds outside our annual operating budget. If you are interested in more information on any of these projects, feel free to contact any of the Media Committee members. If you are interested in providing funding for any of these or other projects at First Presbyterian Church or helping out in other ways, please contact Pastor Sue.

Paul Jasa, Chair Media Committee

A Stewardship Committee Update and Request

Our theme for this year’s stewardship program was “Under Construction-God’s Blueprint. As we thought about God’s blueprint for our church, we also had the opportunity to consider what God’s blueprint is for us as individuals. Stewardship, in the form of both serving others and our financial commitment is something we are all asked to consider. It is one of the many ways we put our faith into action.

We wish to thank everyone who made a commitment and returned their financial pledge cards so the church’s 2018 budget might be prepared. Our Session will be voting on a finalized budget at their January meeting. To date we have received 85 pledges for a total of $347,000. Our 2018 preliminary budget totaled $874,000 (It includes $174,000 for building tuck pointing, which thanks to the generosity of a legacy gift has been funded). While we are blessed to have income available from our church’s foundation to fund work of the church, it is really a drop in the bucket compared to what it costs to pay the salaries of our incredibly talented staff and to cover the cost of maintaining our beautiful building.

We have not yet heard from all of our members and friends and we are asking those who have not yet pledged to please, prayerfully consider pledging to the work of the church in 2018. The amount is not important, but the show of commitment and support is. When we all make a commitment to build a ministry that seeks to follow God’s blueprint, God will create a synergy within our ministry that is far greater than we could have ever imagined.

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more that we might ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20 (New Living Translation)
January Library Notes

As 2018 begins, many of us will make New Year’s Resolutions, often to improve ourselves in some way. Consider a resolution to grow your faith, practice regular devotions, or learn about specific topics of faith that might need some refreshing. The FPC library can help you with all of these!

We have an entire section of devotionals, and books to assist you with prayer and reflection, found right by the door leading to the chapel. You are sure to find one that speaks to you. Examples include:
- *A Diary of Private Prayer*, by John Baillie
- *A Year of Wonder* – Glimpses of God in Everyday Life, by C. David McKirachan
- *Addicted to God* – 365 days to a more powerful relationship with God, by Jim Burns
- *Faith Prints*, by Steve Swanson
- *Jesus Calling* – Devotions for every day of the year, by Sarah Young
- *Paths to Prayer*, by Patricia D. Brown
- *Secrets of the Vine*, by Bruce Wilkinson
- *The Prayer of Jabez*, by Bruce Wilkinson

Looking for ways to stay in contact with younger members of your family? One idea is to read to children using Skype, or similar options, to stay connected. The FPC library has a wonderful selection of books for children that might be just what you are looking for. Consider starting with one of these great reads:
- *I already Know I Love You*, by Billy Crystal
- *Riding with Aunt Lucy*, by Sharon Phillips Denslow
- *Stranger in the Woods*, by Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stoick
- *The Best Mouse Cookie*, by Laura Numeroff
- *The Dot*, by Peter H. Reynolds
- *The Kissing Hand*, by Audrey Penn

The Library also offers some wonderful reads to help kids beat the winter blahs. In addition to picture and early reader books, we have a great selection of chapter books for upper elementary and middle school students. Some examples include:
- *Esperanza Rising*, by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Gypsy Summer*, by Betty Barclift
- *Harris and Me*, by Gary Paulsen
- *It’s Not the End of the World*, by Judy Blume
- *Miracle’s Boys*, by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Phantoms in the Snow*, by Kathleen Benner Duble
- *The Lemonade War*, by Jacqueline Davies
- The first four books of a *Series of Unfortunate Events*, by Lemony Snicket
- The entire series of *Narnia* books by C.S. Lewis

All readers will find something that captures their eye at the FPC Library.

Check it out!
Session Report

Here are the highlights from our last session meeting:

Christian Education
The DVD series, *A Clear View of the Birth of Jesus*, is being shown as part of F3, starting Wednesday, Nov 30th and continuing on Wednesday nights through Advent. No Sunday School December 31.

Member Nurture & Evangelism
19 visits in November. They are encouraging folks to Sign up for the Propelr Program! We can earn money for the church by using your Union Bank debit card. You can sign up at https://www.ubt.com/personal-banking/debit-cards/propelr. A thank you to Bill and Nancy Janike for their hard work on the Thanksgiving Dinner that provided a hot meal and fellowship to over 100 people on Thanksgiving Day. There will be a new member class on Sunday, January 14, 2018 between early and late services.

Property
Session accepted the bid from Epp Concrete to stabilize the gym walls with carbon fiber straps for $18,753. Lincoln Police Dept. will hold a presentation on Dec. 19th at 11 AM. Carpets in main floor and basement hallways and Fellowship Hall were cleaned.

Stewardship & Finance
Session approved accepting three designated gifts to go towards the hearing loop to be installed in the sanctuary. 84 pledges have been received. No Sunday School December 31

Marketing
Placed Community of Giving ad in the Lincoln Journal Star to appear in the Friday December 15th paper

Media
Session approved installing a hearing loop in the sanctuary. It is planning to be installed on December 21. The committee is getting bids to improve the sanctuary sound and basement audio system.

Nominating
The committee is still looking for a couple of people to serve on the Foundation board.
Ways to Give!

Amazon Smile -
Each time you shop on Amazon the church gets a percentage of your shipping dollars at no extra cost to you! To sign up visit this link - https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0391514 - and choose First Presbyterian Church as your charity.

Properl -
Do you have a Union Bank account? If so, you can sign up with Propelr. To sign up visit this link - https://www.ubt.com/personal-banking/debit-cards/propelr - and choose First Presbyterian Church as your selected organization. Then when you make a purchase at a participating merchant with your UBT Debit Card, the merchant will donate a percentage of the purchase to FPC!

To donate online -
Visit the following website - https://onrealm.org/fpclincoln/ - and follow the directions.

To donate via text -
Send a text to 73256 with the message MissionPossible. You will receive a text with a website. Tap on the link and follow the directions.

Please contact David (officeassist@fpclincoln.org) if you have any questions!

A message to our congregation from Mary Newcomer -

To my dear friends at First Presbyterian Church,

I have been one of you since 1950 - sixty seven years. I would like to be with you longer but I’m not there! It has taken me four years to admit that I should be a member where I can attend! So, Sunday, December 17th I will be received as a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Beatrice.

This is a beautiful church just a block from the PEO Home where I live. I have taken part in PW and choir and attend Sunday services. It is a very friendly, active congregation and I have become acquainted with wonderful people. They have a terrific youth program. I’m not involved there, but I can appreciate the effort and importance. Your messages tell me that the program and outreach the Vision Committee had in mind and hoped for are strong and growing faith, love and leadership with willing volunteers will make it happen. You seem to have it!

I have many wonderful memories. I won’t forget you. Please remember me.

Love,
Mary Newcomer
As we come into the New Year let’s take time to look back at the last 149 years. We are coming into 2018 and through the next few months we will lead up to the 150th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church. Our Church has a very rich and interesting story. One that we should take time to not only remember, but cherish and share with generations to come, so let’s start our look at our history at the beginning…

First Presbyterian Church was organized and held its first meeting on Sunday, April 4, 1869. There were a total of eight people in attendance that day. The population of Lincoln was approximately 2000 people, there were eight churches costing from $1,000 to $14,000 each, rows of businesses, substantial plank sidewalks and crossings that put Nebraska City and Omaha to shame. The first meeting of the First Presbyterian Church founders was held at the First Methodist Episcopal Church located at approximately 10th and Q Streets.

The Reverend Peck became the first pastor and was elected to that duty on January 21, 1871. The congregation met regularly after Mr. Peck was elected to be the pastor at Cody Hall, which was above the first floor Cody hardware store. The first church building was voted on less than a year after the founding of the church incorporated and founded itself in February of 1870.

The original building cost $5,000, of which $1,000 came from the Presbyterian Board of Church Erection and the other $4,000 was pledged by the citizens of Lincoln. Some interesting furnishing charges from the original construction: Interior plastering $470, tinning the roof $48.40, Organ $115 with 10% interest over a year time, 2 five-gas-burner Chandeliers $25/each, and the pulpit was bought for $39.15 including the express charge!

As we go through the next few months we will look at the buildings, the people and the history of our great church as we have all come to know and love. Please, if you have any pictures, thoughts, stories or ideas bring them to me to share with the members! We are looking forward to digging into the history of the church as well as going through the halls and looking at things with a fresh approach…
NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION, INC., LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The annual meeting of the Foundation will take place on January 28, 2018 immediately following the annual meeting of the Church. Among the business to be conducted by the Foundation is the adoption of amendments to paragraph 26 of the By-Laws of the Foundation. The text of the amendment to the By-Laws follows this description.

The Board considered the provisions of the By-Laws applicable to its investment and spending policy and determined that changes need to be made to paragraph 26 of the By-Laws. The existing paragraph 26 provides as follows:

[EXISTING PARAGRAPH 26]

26. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the corporation and, upon request, shall provide the President and Board of Directors a report of all transactions and the financial condition of the Corporation. Gifts to the Foundation which are not designated by the donor for a special purpose shall be placed by the Treasurer in the Foundation Permanent Endowment fund, the principal of which shall not be expended without approval of a majority of the members of the Foundation present at any regular or special meeting. Upon recommendation of the Session and approval by the Foundation Board all interest and dividend income may be made available to the church annually for use for those purposes contained in the Foundation Statement of Policy Concerning Annual Contributions as revised October 7, 1991, and as may by the Board be revised from time to time. The manner of such disbursements shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

[END OF EXISTING 26]

The existing restriction essentially requires the Foundation to deposit any gift that is not otherwise restricted by the donor into the Permanent Endowment and none of the principal from the Permanent Endowment can be used without a vote of the Foundation members. In order to avoid any issue with whether appreciation in value should be considered income, which could be allocated to the Church by the Foundation or whether the appreciation in value should be considered as principal of the Permanent Endowment that is not available for allocation to the Church without a vote of the members of the Foundation, the Foundation Board adopted the following proposed amendment to paragraph 26:

[PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPH 26]

26. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Corporation and, upon request, shall provide the President and Board of Directors a report of all transactions and the financial condition of the Corporation. Gifts to the Foundation which are not designated by the donor for a special purpose shall be placed by the Treasurer in the Foundation Permanent Endowment fund, the principal of which shall not be expended without approval of a majority of the members of the Foundation present at any regular or special meeting. Unless otherwise restricted in the language of the gift or by any written agreement between a donor and the Corporation, the word “Income” as used in these By-Law shall be defined to include all interest, dividends, other distributions and the appreciation in value of the investments held by the Corporation.
December 31, 2011 shall be used as the cutoff date for purposes of determining the principal balance of the funds in the Permanent Endowment and all restricted funds (the “Book Value”). The Book Value shall be increased by any gifts received after December 31, 2011. Any increase in the value of the Permanent Endowment or other restricted funds after December 31, 2011 (excluding any gifts received after December 31, 2011) will be considered income. The Treasurer shall compute the Book Value and provide the computation that will be included in the minutes of the Corporation.

The Board shall designate an amount or percentage of the Income to be made available to the Session for the use of the Church as may be approved by the Session (or as may be permitted by the language of the donor of a restricted account) based on the Corporation’s investment policy. Any Income designated to and not distributed to the Church shall be held by the Corporation pending further request from the Session.

The Corporation may from time to time establish special accounts to provide endowments for particular portions of the Church’s program as the Corporation may determine. Funds deposited into any special accounts shall be subject to the terms of use established by the Corporation in connection with the creation of the special fund. A special fund may be held by the Corporation and not be part of the Permanent Endowment.

[END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT]

The proposed amendment to paragraph 26 allows the Foundation Board the flexibility to allocate a specific percentage of the income from the Permanent Endowment Fund to the Church for its use. Note that only the income can be allocated by the Foundation Board and that any use of the principal (or corpus) would still require a vote of the members of the Foundation. Restricted funds are not affected by this amendment, but the Board will consider any restriction to use of income as including the ability to allocated appreciation in value as income.

The amendment also gives the Board the power to create special endowments to endow certain programs for the Church, and the contributions to those endowments can be held based on the terms of use adopted by the Board for the particular fund. For example, if a fund is created to fund some building improvement, the entire fund could be used to pay for the building improvement if that was set out in the terms of use when the fund was created. This amendment also allows for the Board to continue to hold over income earned by a particular fund but not needed by the Session in one year to a subsequent year. The practice of holding over funds is not permitted by the existing language in paragraph 26.

The proposed amendment allows greater flexibility for use of the appreciation in the assets held by the Foundation and should provide a stable source of funding for the Church for the foreseeable future.
Stephen Ministry 1st Church

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-on-one care to members of our congregation who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss and other life difficulties. Our relationships with Care Receivers are highly confidential. If you are experiencing a hard time in your life, please call the church office (402) 477-6037, leave a message with your name and phone number, and a Stephen Ministry Leader will call you back.

Volunteers needed to serve for the GATHERING PLACE KITCHEN
On Tuesday, January 2 from 4:30-6:00 pm

In years past the mission committee has served dinner at the Gathering Place in January. However, they have switched to April, which means we are in need of a group to volunteer for January. No cooking will be required, just serving and helping clean up after the dinner. This is a wonderful program that directly helps members of our community. If you’re interested in helping out please contact Sherry Knapp - (402) 429-6212 - teshk@aol.com

Next First Report Deadline: Monday, January 15, 2017

This is a hard and strict deadline. We want to make sure that we get all church and member information out there so be sure to send us anything you’d like included in the newsletter by the deadline! Articles received after this time may not be included in the newsletter. Send articles/photos Carrie at churchadmin@fpclincoln.org

Food Distribution
Saturdays: January 6th & 20th
9:30 AM: Doors Open
10:00 AM: Food Distribution
Thanks to all who help! Volunteers are always welcome!

Moving in the Spirit: Exercise for the Body & Soul

Moving in the Spirit continues at First Presbyterian Church on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in FELLOWSHIP HALL. Open to anyone and free of charge. For more information, please contact Dave Hammar at 402-421-3136 or dhammar@windstream.net

Mary Lou Busch would like to thank everyone for their visits, thoughts, and prayers during her recovery. She’s feeling much better and recovering well!

~ Prayer List ~

Prayers: Mary Lou Busch, Morgan Miller - the nephew of Lou Anne Miller, the family of Eddie Sexton and Annette Cross

If you have a joy or concern to add to this list, please call or email the church office. 402-477-6037, churchadmin@fpclincoln.org.

We are looking for good quality digital pictures to decorate the walls of the church! Do you have anything that you think represents our church body and all that we do? Please send to your pictures to churchadmin@fpclincoln.org

Our 10:00 AM Sunday church worship service is broadcast on Spectrum NET Channel 1302 Thursdays at 8:00 PM & Fridays at 1:00 PM To learn more about us at First Church visit us at www.fpclincoln.org.
Life in the Church — January 2018

Monday 1 - New Year’s Day
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday 2
7:00 am - Men’s Breakfast/Fellowship Hall
11:00 am - Staff Meeting/106
6:00 pm - Women’s AA/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 3
9:00 am - F2 and 3/107
12:00 pm - Men’s Lunch/Stauffers
5:30 pm - F3/ Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm - LGBT/107

Thursday 4
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery

Friday 5
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
10:00 am - Moving in the Spirit/Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm - Youth Group Lock-In

Saturday 6
9:30 am - Food Distribution/ East Entrance, Sanctuary

Sunday 7 - Communion Sunday
8:30 am - Worship/Great Hall
9:30 am - Activity Time/Basement
9:45 am - Adult Bible Discovery/105
9:45 am - Adult Topics Class/107
10:00 am - Children’s Sunday School/206, 207
10:00 am - Youth Bible Discovery/B-8, B-11
11:00 am - Worship/Sanctuary
12:30 pm - Nuer Worship/Great Hall
5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday 8
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
11:00 am - Lincln LI/216
7:00 pm - Men’s AA/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9
7:00 am - Men’s Breakfast/K
9:30 am - Lincln LI/F, B-11, 105, HeBrews, Nursery
6:00 pm - Women’s AA/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 10
8:00 am - Presbytery Meetings/107
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
9:30 am - Lincln LI/F, B-11, 105, HeBrews, Nursery
12:00 pm - Men’s Lunch/Stauffers
5:30 pm - F3/ Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm - LGBT/107

Thursday 11
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
9:00 am - Sewing Group/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm - Session/106

Friday 12
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
10:00 am - Moving in the Spirit/Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm - Sand Dollars/Fellowship Hall

Saturday 13
9:30 am - Stephen Ministry/Fellowship Hall

Sunday 14
8:30 am - Worship/Great Hall
9:45 am - New Member Class/106
9:45 am - Activity Time/Basement
9:45 am - Adult Bible Discovery/105
9:45 am - Adult Topics Class/107
10:00 am - Children’s Sunday School/206, 207
10:00 am - Youth Bible Discovery/B-8, B-11
11:00 am - Worship/Sanctuary
12:30 pm - Nuer Worship/Great Hall
5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
OFFICE CLOSED
5:00 pm - Worship & Sacrament Meeting/106
5:30 pm - Music & Fine Arts/Rousseau Gallery
7:00 pm - Men’s AA/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 16
7:00 am - Men’s Breakfast/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am - Lincln LI/F, B-11, 105, HeBrews, Nursery
11:00 am - Staff Meeting/106
5:30 pm - Stewardship & Finance/106
6:00 pm - Women’s AA/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm - Personnel/106

Wednesday 17
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
9:00 am - Sewing Group/Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm - SSS Circle IV/Welcome Center

Friday 19
9:00 am - OLLI Book Club/Library
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
10:00 am - Moving in the Spirit/Fellowship Hall

Saturday 20
9:30 am - COM at Calvin Crest

Sunday 21
8:30 am - Worship/Great Hall
9:30 am - Activity Time/Basement
9:45 am - Adult Bible Discovery/105
9:45 am - Adult Topics Class/107
10:00 am - Children’s Sunday School/206, 207
10:00 am - Youth Bible Discovery/B-8, B-11
11:00 am - Worship/Sanctuary
12:30 pm - Nuer Worship/Great Hall
5:30 pm - Youth Group

Monday 22
9:00 am - McPhee/Rousseau Gallery, Nursery
11:00 am - Lincln LI/216
5:00 pm - After work Bible Study/106
6:00 pm - Christian Ed/Library
7:00 pm - Men’s AA/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 23

Dates & Times subject to change
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January Birthdays
Birthdays are important events. If your birthday is missing from our list, or listed wrong, please call the church office so we can correct it: 402-477-6037.

Celebrating a Birthday

1  Nyaruch Biliew
2  Alex Currie
3  Luka Thor
4  Nyalat Buom
5  Roy Evans
5  Alicia Henderson
5  Gene Knoche
6  Matthew Thiemann
5  Jim Wagner
6  Glenn Schieber
7  Catherine Smith
10  Martene Marx
11  Donald Novotny
12  Patricia Wissink
13  Treyton Buresh
15  Suanne Stange
16  Wujuile Thach
19  Sara Beach
19  Brittany Bryant
20  Steve Hill
21  Lu Etta Anderson
23  Sue Bolz
23  Sonja Budzhoz
23  David Hammar
23  Steve Henderson
23  Irene Colborn
25  Joan Berglund
27  Edith Montgomery
27  June Pickel
28  Sarah Hanraht
28  Carol Horton
28  Lynne Hughes
31  Carolyn Andelf
31  Brian Plotner

If you had a birthday and we missed you I apologize! Please let us know so we can update our files.

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