

CROP Hunger Walk **Sunday, October 14 | Beginning at 1:30 pm**

Come join our team as we the members of FPC walk to raise awareness and funds to fight against Hunger. This walk is part of Church World Services fight against hunger and poverty.

The FPC team will join other teams from Lincoln and Lancaster County to walk together on Oct. 14th.

The walk begins at 1:30 pm. At First Lutheran Church. You can sign-up as a walker or sponsor by seeing Kris Brammer, a member of the Social Justice and Mission Committee, or stopping by the CROP Walk table in the East Entrance after worship.



JOIN THE FPC TEAM

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Fieldtrip - Clinic with a Heart | Sunday, October 21 **Following 11:00 am service**

Join us on Oct. 21 to visit Clinic with a Heart (CWAH), one of the organizations with whom we partner in mission and help support financially. There will be a light lunch after the 11 a.m. service before we caravan to the clinic for this FPC Mission Field Trip (Please RSVP to the church office by Oct. 18, if possible, to aid in meal planning).

FPC, along with First Plymouth, sponsor CWAH the first Thursday of every month. CWAH is a faith-inspired organization serving the uninsured and under insured through a ministry of healthcare.

Volunteers provide free healthcare with hospitality, dignity, and grace. CWAH makes a commitment to their patients to serve as a gateway to local human service agencies to assist patients in finding permanent healthcare homes. Opportunities are available for both medical and non-medical volunteers.



Sue's Musings

We have made a commitment to our neighborhood, and Christ calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. It doesn't get much simpler than that! Our commitment to growing where we are planted and serving our neighbors, who come from all walks of life and from all over the world, is one of the things that attracted me to this church.

It also highlights a growing edge of ministry for me – none of the other churches I have served have been in such a unique neighborhood. Because of that, I am excited about two opportunities that have opened up.

1. I have been invited to serve on the South of Downtown Steering Committee. The task of the committee is to “determine and collaborate on redevelopment projects and action strategies for the South of Downtown neighborhood.”

The eastern border of the area is midway between 17th and 18th streets, so that includes our church. We've just had one meeting so far, but I'm excited to be a part of the work of serving our neighborhood with other community partners.

2. In late October, I am traveling to Baltimore, MD, for a week-long intensive training as I start a six month Certification in Community Organizing and Congregational Leadership program. We will be looking at theological foundations for community organizing, and actual community organizing in congregational contexts.

As we as a congregation seek to live out our calling in this area, I am excited about what the future may hold for us, especially as we work in partnership with others in our neighborhood!

Pastor Sue

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



Mission & Social Justice

Elders for the Earth I October 7-9 | Mahoney State Park

Interested in learning about climate change and what you can do to reduce its effects? FPC is a sponsor of the Elders for the Earth Conference at Mahoney State Park Oct. 7-9.

The Chautauqua-like event starts with **Families for the Earth** on Sunday, Oct. 7. Bud Heckman will share an interfaith service in the morning and children will spend the afternoon with naturalists while adults learn more about climate change.

Elders for the Earth, a gathering for adults 50 and older, starts at 5 p.m. Sunday and ends at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. The focus is on how to take positive action in the midst of a changing climate.

The event includes speakers, workshops/playshops, and a local wine tasting with live music. Register at elders4theEarth.com

The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering is on World Communion Sunday, October 7, 2018.



Proceeds are used locally, regionally and around the world to support active peacemaking efforts. As in recent years, we will contribute the 25 percent that stays local to the Interfaith Peacemaking Coalition Workshop, which is hosted each April by the Great Plains United Methodists. The annual peacemaking workshop helps us focus on issues within our own community, such as racism or poverty.

To give to the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering, you can use one of the special envelopes in the pew (main service) or on the bulletin table (first service), or write "Peace" on the memo line of your check.

FPChristian Education

Here at FPC, we have the tag line of “Progressive – Inclusive – Mission Driven”. A lot of churches have tag lines and mottos but don’t really live it out. That’s why I’m so glad to be part of FPC, because we do live out ours.

A great example of how we live this out is two unique events happening this month. The first is the CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 14th. Together, the youth and the Mission and Justice Committee are putting together an FPC Team to walk in the Lancaster/Lincoln CROP Walk on Sunday, Oct. 14th at 1:00 pm.

If you would like to join our team and walk with us or if you’d like to sponsor our team, you can speak to Kris Brammer, a member of the Mission and Social Justice Committee, or visit us at the CROP Walk table in the East Entrance after worship on Sunday.

The second unique way we are living out our mission driven life here at FPC is the annual Boo from the Pew event on Oct. 28th. This fun and festive event is for children of the church and the community to come play some games, find some costumes for Halloween and of course, get some candy. We could use all kinds of volunteers for this great event. You can contact Nancy Janike or the church office for more information and to find out how you can help serve our community.

*Pray and Play,
Kris “Bubba” Brammer*

Forum I Sunday, October 7 at 9:45 am I Great Hall

Lincoln has a long history of welcoming refugees and immigrants. Come to Forum on October 7th to hear Michelle Langer speak on how students are welcomed into Lincoln Public Schools system, and the supports available to their families in our community.



FPChristian Education

What's Happening in October!

Children's Ministry and Faith Formation:

- Oct. 7th** – Children's Mission Hour (Kindergarten – 7th Grades) in Room 206
- Oct. 14th** – Sunday School, Activity Time and Teacher Appreciation Breakfast in Hebrews 211
- Oct. 23rd** – Sunday School and Activity Time
- Oct. 30th** – Sunday School and Activity Time

Youth Ministry and Faith Formation:

- Oct. 7th @ 5:30 pm** - Youth Fellowship at FPC
- Oct. 14th @ 12:00 pm** - CROP Walk and Lunch
- Oct. 21st @ 5:30 pm** - Pumpkin Carving and Gruesome Bible Stories at TBD
- Oct. 28th @ 3:00 pm** - Boo from the Pew

Registration for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium is now open. To register go to www.homesteadpresbytery.org and click on the Triennium logo.

Adult Ministry and Faith Formation: (Sunday Morning Classes unless otherwise noted)

Bible Discovery Class meets in Room 105. The Bible Discovery Class uses the Present Word curriculum which is a bible study exploring various themes. The 2018 fall theme is "God Creates."

Faith and Theology Class meets in Room 107. This class uses a DVD presentation followed up by group discussion. Their topic for the fall is "Church: A Generous Community Amplified for the Future." To learn more about this study, turn to page 10.

Third Sunday in Hebrews meets in Hebrews 211 (2nd floor) on the third Sundays of each month for a discussion on various Christian Doctrines and how they have changed. In October we will be exploring the question of "Who is Jesus and the Doctrine of the Incarnation?"

The 2018-2019 Arts for the Soul brochure has been released and we're very excited for this season's concerts! If you'd like a brochure sent to you in the mail, please call or email the church office - (402) 477-6037 or info@fpclincoln.org



For tickets, call the church office (402-477-6037) or visit: <http://fpclincoln.org/music/arts-for-the-soul/>

Bridget Kibbey - Harp

with Siwoo Kim, Violin
and João Luiz Rezende, Guitar

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.

Concert in Remembrance of Victims of Violence

with the First Presbyterian Choir
and the Union College UC Singers
with special guest narrator Pippa White

Sunday, November 11, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Sing from the Heart - Musical Memories

Dessert Concert & Fundraiser for *MUSIC & MEMORY*®
First Presbyterian Choir & Jackie Allen, Jazz Vocalist

Sunday, February 17, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Alasdair Fraser - Scottish Fiddle

with Natalie Haas - Cello

Saturday, March 9, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Ken Cowan - Organ

Sunday, April 7, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.

Music and Fine Arts

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If you have the mistaken belief that a harp concert would be the kind of event you could comfortably skip, you have not heard Bridget Kibbey!

Winner of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant among many other honors, world-renowned harpist Bridget Kibbey pushes the very boundaries of what the harp can do.

She has toured and recorded with the likes of Dawn Upshaw and Placido Domingo, and plays annually with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the Knights Chamber Orchestra, and Camerata Pacifica.

This concert will feature a wide range of music, and includes two incredible guest artists in Siwoo Kim, violin, and João Luiz Rezende Lopes, guitar. It will forever change how you think about the harp!

On **Saturday, October 6, 2:30-3:00 p.m.** Bridget Kibbey will be giving a harp demonstration which is free and open to the public. She will talk about the harp and perform musical excerpts. Following this will be a harp masterclass, which the public is also welcome to attend.

In collaboration with the Great Plains Chapter of the American Harp Society.



Community Garden Move I October 27-28

The Community Garden's garden boxes, soil and fence are scheduled to be moved to the new location at 17th and F Streets the weekend of October 27-28. We will need volunteers to help with the move on the 27th and 28th as well as the week before to help prepare for the move. We will also need people to provide food and encouragement.

If you can volunteer, please contact Ruth Stephenson at ros@nebrwesleyan.edu or Pam Carrier at pamcarrier@gmail.com or 402-430-5117. The Committee hopes all members of the congregation, especially those who wanted to see the gardens moved for the parking lot, will be willing to volunteer to assist with the move in some way.

Here's a letter from a member of our community in appreciation of the Community Garden:

I have had my garden for several years now and am always happy when I am allowed to have a garden plot—let alone the same garden plot! I have planted many types of food, but for me, I plant hot peppers—I love them. I had an exceptional crop this year.

I thank you for having financial aid available. I am not sure I could afford it otherwise.

I have dyslexia, so when you allowed me to fill out the application and questionnaire with the help of my friend Cindy, it was very much appreciated. You have always provided wonderful customer service for any questions that I may have.

I have not always gone to your plant sale, but I did this year. I was able to get my tomato plants there. Also, Cindy was able to get flower arrangements for a contribution to help with her Memorial Day flowers.

You have provided a wonderful service to so many people. You provide, maintain, and help with the gardens, as well as many plants at the office. I thank you for allowing me to write to you instead of having to work on the garden due to a back problem. I hope that you realize how important you are to the community and to me personally.



Presbyterian Women

A few weeks ago, 7 ladies from Homestead Presbytery traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the 3 day triannual Churchwide Gathering. A business meeting was held where we elected a new Moderator, Jyung In Lee.

We heard from Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri, co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly. We participated in a Stepping Out for Justice and Peach March on Friday of the gathering. We attended seminars and had wonderful plenaries each morning and evening with lots of great speakers and wonderful music.

It was truly a marvelous experience for all of us. Around 1500 people attended. We also celebrated 30 years of PW as we now know it.

Enhanced PW pins were given to all the women who served on the Churchwide Coordinating Team during those years. Joan Berglund received one of those pins for serving as Historian for the 2009-2012 term.

Jyung In Lee will be invited to our Fall Gathering for 2019. She also served on the same term as Joan Berglund and the two have become friends.



Homestead Presbyterian Women Gathering I October 6 at 10:00 am Cedar Bluffs, NE

Homestead Presbyterian Women will meet on October 6 in Cedar Bluffs, NE at 10 AM. We will be discussing the book: Warrior of the People, about the first Native American doctor and she lived in Nebraska. To register call the church office (402) 477-6037 or call Joan Berglund (402) 440-5478

Worship & Sacrament

Special services are planned for World Communion Sunday October 7, 2018 with the children and adult choirs and featuring our Arts for the Soul artists harpist Bridget Kibbey with Siwoo Kim, violin and Joao Luiz Rezende Lopes, guitar.

Our guest preacher will be The Reverend Carl Eskridge. We encourage everyone to wear ethnic clothing to celebrate the diversity of our global Christian community! Gluten free bread will be served for communion. Please join us for this special worship service!

Faith & Theology Class Begins New Study

The Faith & Theology Class meets in room 107 every Sunday at 9:45. On September 30th they will begin a new study based on a book written by Bishop C. Andrew Doyle titled "Church: A Generous Community Amplified for the Future".

Is the church dead or is the church alive? It depends on how you look at it, observes Doyle.

His book was written specifically for the Episcopal Church, but in this study we will seek to take important aspect of his work and share it with the church universal, in order to show how the life-giving and life sustaining work of the Spirit can spark and ignite churches across denominations.

The class views DVD presentations followed by a time for discussion. Everyone is welcome to join us and are invited to do so.



Name Tags

In the next few weeks all of you who are actively attending FPC will find you have a name tag to wear whenever you are at church. You will have style options to choose from and we will have name tags for visitors as well.

If we somehow misspell a name, it didn't get printed etc. Just let a greeter know and we will have it corrected.

You will have the option of leaving your name tag in alpha bins here at the church or taking it with you and wearing it on your return.

Please take the time to introduce yourself to visitor and members alike!

Stewardship & Finance

The Stewardship and Finance Committee has begun working with other FPC committees to plan the 2019 budget. All committee budget requests need to be finalized by October 8.

The following week stewardship season will begin in earnest as Pastor Sue starts a five-week series of sermons -- "With What Shall I Come Before the Lord" -- on October 14.

Send us your updated contact information!

If you have moved, or changed email addresses or phone numbers please let us know! We want to make sure we have everybody's updated contact information. Call or email the church office with any updates or changes — (402) 477-6037 or info@fpclincoln.org

Human Rights Day | Friday, October 5 at 9:30 am Aldersgate United Methodist Church

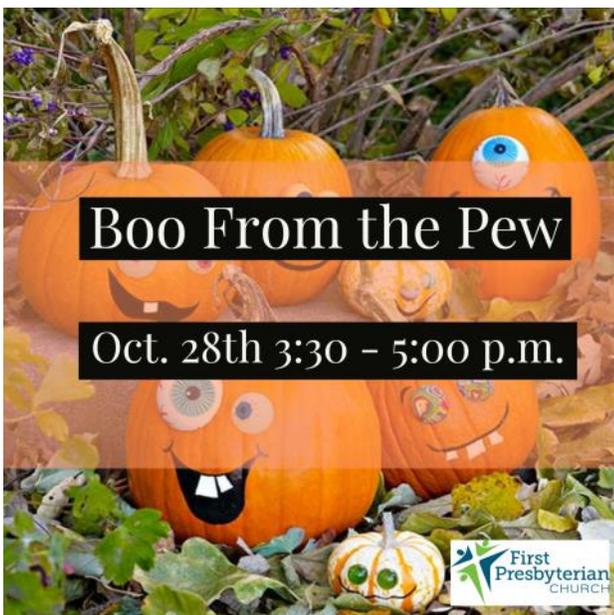
Church Women United will celebrate *Human Rights Day* at it's regular meeting on Friday 10/5 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 84th and South Streets.

The Program will be "Reaching for Wholeness/In Solidarity with God's Creation". Coffee at 9:30 am, program at 10 o'clock. Send any inquiries to Arta Smith - (402) 613-6931. All are welcome!

Articles for the November First Report due: Friday, October 19

Please send us any articles or announcements by or before 10/19. Articles received after 10/19 may not be included in the newsletter.

Flyleaf Book Club | Friday, October 19 at 9:00 am | FPC Library



**Join us for "Boo From the Pew",
the annual event and tradition
where we hand out costumes,
candy and play games with prizes!**

Library Update

October is Church Library Month!

Stroll through the FPC Library – you are guaranteed to find a book you’ll love!

Attend Forum on October 7th to hear how Lincoln Public Schools welcome refugees and immigrants into the classroom, and support their families.

Then find a library book to learn more about refugee and immigrant issues.

Selected titles on display include:

***Americanah*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *The Middle of Everywhere*, by Mary Piper & *Refugee*, by Alan Gratz**

By the Numbers...

Bio – Biographies

Not a Dewey Decimal number, but BIO is where you find great reads on fascinating people.

Look for these on the north wall, behind the orange chairs.

Who can pass up a good spooky or scary story during October?

We have a great selection of books for children and youth, perfect for Halloween!

***The Tomb of Anak*, by Frank Peretti
The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake, by Kristiana Gregory
The Girl Who Drank the Moon, by Kelly Barnhill
True Survival Stories, by Paul Dowswell
Nighty-Nightmare, by James Howe**

Session Highlights

Mission and Social Justice

The food distribution at McPhee Elementary has changed from a weekly backpack program to a Food Market on the first Friday of the month. More volunteers are needed for this than were needed for the backpack program. Approved participation in and fundraising for the Sunday, Oct. 14 Crop Hunger Walk, which will begin at First Lutheran Church, 70th & A streets. Will be hosting congregational field trips to learn more about our many partner organizations (for example McPhee Elementary, Community Crops, Clinic with a Heart, The Gathering Place, Matt Talbot, People's City Mission) and opportunities to serve them. Costumes, donations and volunteers are welcomed for Boo from the Pew, which will be held Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.

Christian Education

The Children/youth Christmas program will be held December 16th.

Member Fellowship and Evangelism

September 30th is the next new member class. We are removing all non-auto shut off coffee pots from the church. Supplies are ordered in bulk for the church's use. Do not take supplies and mark them as only to be used by your committee or group. They are to be stored in the church kitchen and kitchenette for everyone's use. If you see something that is not stocked please let the office know. We may have the item in the tunnel where the bulk supplies are kept.

Stewardship & Finance

A Rep from S&F committee will meet with each FPC committee in September to go over their 2019 budget. Educational session regarding Church budget and relationship to FPC Foundation is set for Sept. 23, between the early and 11 o'clock service. Theme of the Stewardship campaign this year is: With what shall I come before the Lord? Stewardship as a means to an end, not an end in itself. Members personal stores will be sought out for the campaign. Our Financial Summary shows that after adding in the Foundation support our net total after expenses is \$8,743.

Session Highlights

Property

Shrubs in the west parking lot have been removed and new plants will be put in their place this fall. Cleanup Saturday was a huge success.

Parking / Garden Task Force

A garden design and time line was presented to session. Work to move the gardens will happen after the growing season October 1st. Lots of hands on will be needed to make this happen before the growing season begins April 1st of next year.

Spaces and Places

We continue working with the wayfinding architects and look forward to sharing the recommendations in the near future.

Media

The Basement AV upgrade will start soon.

Worship & Sacrament

Choir begins on Sept 9th. World Communion Day is October 7. November 18 the Lincoln Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at the Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 3219 Sheridan Blvd.

Personnel

Job description changes were approved for Maintenance & Custodial Worker, Office Assistant, Director of Christian Education & Church Administrator to reflect changes in duties. Dianne Frydendall-Smith has joined the committee.

Board of Deacons

Deacons will contact all homebound members to see if home communion is desired. Will be looking for folks to help make prayer shawls. We will start offering meals for those coming home from the hospital, after the birth of a new baby, during illness, and at other times.

Session – we have had no interest in our old blue hymnals so we will be recycling them. If you want one or two or more get them now.



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address, email, and/or telephone changes.

First Presbyterian Church

Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.

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Outside Classes and Programs @ FPC:

Men's AA - Mondays

Women's AA - Tuesdays

Big Book Bunch AA - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Lincoln Literacy - Monday through Thursday

SCC ESL - Monday through Thursday

Flyleaf Book Club - 3rd Friday of the month

At FPC, we warmly welcome any sort of group or organization that provides needed services for members of our community.