

## Join us for a day at the Ballpark!

**Lincoln Salt Dogs vs. Sioux City Explorers**  
**Sunday, July 22 | 1:05 pm**  
**Haymarket Park**

FPC is going to a baseball game at Haymarket Park to cheer on the Salt Dogs!

After worship on 7/22, we will head over to Haymarket Park for some tailgating fun followed by the game at 1:05 pm.

Tickets are **\$10 per person** for the game, which includes a voucher for 1 hotdog and 1 soda per ticket.

**Deadline to sign up is July 4.**

You can sign up in the church office or by contacting Kris Brammer (dce@fpclincoln.org).



## Sue's Musings – General Assembly 2018

I am proud to be a Presbyterian! I am so proud of our church. We may not be perfect. We may not always get along. We may not know how to talk about differences well, but in mid-June we had our biennial national meeting, and it just made me proud. A small sampling of the actions taken:

- We collected about \$47,000 and donated it all to paying the cash bail of several dozen people jailed for non-violent crimes who are spending months, if not a year, behind bars, simply because they cannot afford bail.
- We affirmed our denomination's commitment to the full welcome, acceptance, and inclusion of transgender people, people who identify as gender non-binary, and people of all gender identities within the full life of the church and the world, including ordained ministry.
- We recognized the growing crisis in our democracy, and affirmed our commitment as a church to democracy, freedom of speech, speaking truth, and citizen involvement in government. We also called the church to "honest patriotism," which means "loving a country enough to remember its misdeeds."
- We lamented the degradation of civic discourse in our government and encouraged congregations to be a part of the solution by seeking opportunities for conversation and reconciliation with those who have differing viewpoints.

## Congregational Events & News

- We undertook a significant reorganization of our national offices to facilitate better communication, sharing of resources, and stewardship.
- We repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery. This is an important step in acknowledging the injustice imposed on Native Americans when the newly formed United States of America began claiming native lands as their own.
- We decided not to divest from companies in the fossil fuel industry. We have joined a large group of investors working together to impact these companies and to move them to more ecologically responsible practices.
- We began the process of accepting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail" as a contemporary statement of faith, and to be included in our Book of Confessions.

Overall, I was proud of our denomination for tackling some tough issues, for moving toward justice and inclusion, and for speaking out on issues of life and death (capital punishment, the war in South Sudan, the crisis in Nicaragua, among others). Sometimes we wonder what all this has to do with us as a local church. The answer is everything – because this is who we are – a church that cares about the here and now and recognizes Christ's call to live out our calling in a broken world, and to be salt and light to the world.

Pastor Sue

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

## Congregational Events & News

### Sunday Summer Worship Hours

- Every Sunday from July 1 and August 26: TWO services at 8:30 am (Great Hall) and 10 am (Sanctuary)
- September 2 (Labor Day weekend): ONE service only at 10 am (Sanctuary)
- September 9 and Sundays following: TWO services at 8:30 am (Great Hall) and 11 am (Sanctuary)

In addition, our Sudanese service will be at its regular time Sundays at 12:30 pm in Great Hall every Sunday except the first Sundays of the month.

### Volunteers Needed for Lawn Crew

We need volunteers to help keep our church grounds beautiful so consider joining the lawn crew!

Contact Gary Hughes  
(ghughes726853@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining!





## Congregational Events

### **Mission and Social Justice** **Food Distribution Impact**

In Romans 12:13 we are called to “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

That’s exactly what we do on the first and third Saturdays of each month when the neighborhood Food Distribution is offered at First Presbyterian through a partnership with Jacob’s Well and the Lincoln Food Bank.

Here’s how it helps makes a difference:

- At each event 180-225 people are served and 6,000-8,000 pounds of food are distributed.
- From January through April 1,424 individuals were served, providing food to 4,234 people in their households.
- In 2017, 5,168 were served, providing food for 15,615.

This year the Mission and Social Justice Committee is spotlighting our FPC mission projects. To learn how you can help with the Food Distribution, contact Bill Janike at 402-489-6779 or Gary Hughes at 402-450-2471.

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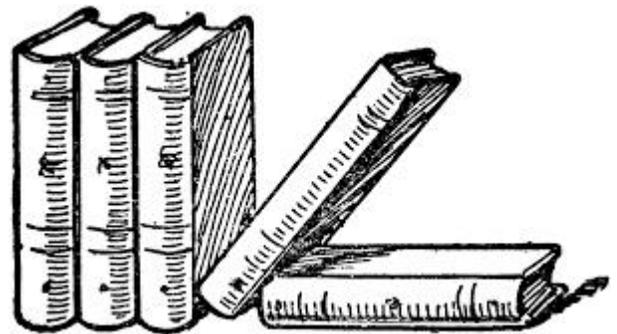
### Community Garden & Parking Lot Capital Campaign



We are getting closer to our \$100,000 goal in the capital campaign to fund a new parking lot and the move of the community garden, but we're not quite there yet.

There is still time to give so please consider donating to this cause that will help both our congregation and community!

### Flyleaf Book Club Friday, July 20 | 9:00 am FPC Library



All are welcome to join, where "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult will be discussed.

### Articles for August First Report due: Monday, July 16

## The Depression Years (1929-1939)

The ten-year economic boom that followed World War I gave way to a decade of economic depression. Church staffs were drastically cut, debts on new buildings proved unmanageable and mission budgets were often cut to the bone.

First Presbyterian Church experienced some of these problems although not to the extent of churches in other areas of the country.

The church staff was maintained even though the pastor's salary was reduced several times throughout the depression years.

The debts on the new building presented problems, but the payments were made when due. Bequests and gifts were helpful and refinancing the mortgage lengthened the number of years required to meet the obligation.

Even though during the depression years drastic cuts were made to the budget, all of the church's obligations were met.

Dr. Calhoun, the pastor at First Presbyterian, guided the church through the depression years seeing us through the hardships of that time.



## FPChristian Education

Over the summer, you may wonder, what does Kris do when there is no regular Sunday School or youth group to prepare for?

It's a good question. I remember my very first summer without these weekly programs and I thought the very same thing – “What am I going to do now?”

In Christian Education, summer is all about trips and planning.

Just a couple of weeks ago, we got back from our summer youth mission trip to Memphis, TN. We engaged in ministries that served meals, that helped children to learn reading skills, we worshiped with homeless folks, and learned about the ways poverty and homelessness are being fought in Memphis.

We also learned about the history of civil rights in Memphis and the ongoing need of continued civil rights.

In July, I will be traveling to the Montreat, NC in service to the denomination where I am serving as the Work Crew Coordinator for the college students who are there as part of the Montreat Youth Conference.

Summer is also about planning for next year. The CE committee is currently reviewing curriculum for the 2018-2019 Sunday School year and will begin teacher recruitment soon.

I am working on schedules for the youth ministry year, as well as the schedule of topic for the “Third Sunday in Hebrews” series and believe it or not, already making plans for next Summer’s Presbyterian Youth Triennium.



## FPChristian Education

You may not see a lot of scheduled activities throughout the summer (but don't forget about the baseball game) but we are hard at work in getting ready for next year, which begins Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars because it will be here before you know it!

Pray and Play,  
Kris "Bubba" Brammer

### What's Happening this Summer!

- Adult Bible Discovery Sunday School Class at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings.
- July 3 - Christian Education Committee at the Gathering Place. Please be onsite (1448 E Street) by 4:30 pm.
- July 22 - FPC day at the Ballpark. FPC is hosting a day at Haymarket Park for a baseball game on July 22. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Sign up in the church office, or by email at [dce@fpclincoln.org](mailto:dce@fpclincoln.org)
- Sept. 9 - CE Programs (Sunday School and Youth Group) resume a regular schedule for the 2018-2019 school year.

## Library Notes

### Oh the Places You'll Go!

Before leaving for your next summer getaway, stop into the FPC Library and grab a few books. They pack easily, and even if you don't go far, they will lead you on amazing adventures!

*Where God was Born*, by Bruce Feiler  
*The Cloud Atlas*, by Liam Callanan  
*My 100 Adventures*, by Polly Horvath  
*The Insufficiency of Maps*, by Nora Pierce

***"If a Book is well written, I always find it too short."  
Jane Austin***

### RED, WHITE & BLUE

Check out our books selected in honor of Independence Day. From John McCain's *Faith of our Fathers* to *Founding Mothers*, by Cokie Roberts, you are sure to find something of interest.

## Library Notes

### NEW NEW NEW

*The Memory Keepers Daughter,*

By Kim Edwards

*Songs I Knew by Heart,* by Bret Lott

*The Green Boat,* by Mary Pipher

*Say You're One of Them,* by Uwem

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Check out all of  
these selections  
from the FPC  
Library!

### *He Chose You,* By Max Lucado

*He Chose You* is a personal message to tweens of God's love for them. His perfect understanding of the needs of tweens today is shown in each detail revealed to us when Christ chose to die on the cross for all. Whether you are a tween, or know one, this book is for you.

### A Funny Thing...

Need a good laugh? We have a great selection of books to brighten your mood and lighten your day. Pasty Clairmont books, including *God Uses Cracked Pots* and *Normal is Just a Setting on Your Dryer*.

Or *Humor for the Heart*, a collection of short stories from authors including Barbara Johnson and Max Lucado.



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## ***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 - Fridays

Flyleaf Book Club - 3rd Friday of the month

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