Worship Time Changes for the Summer!

- Every Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend: 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.

150th Anniversary Service & Picnic!

Come join us Sunday June 9th as we celebrate our 150th anniversary with a worship service & picnic lunch. This will be a combined service and lunch with First Christian Church as they too celebrate their 150th anniversary.

To be held at Antelope Park (Approximately 27th and A Street)
Worship beginning at 10:30 outside in the Antelope Band Shell. There is parking to the east and the south of the band shelter. The worship service will include a combined choir and communion. You may sit on the bench seating or bring a lawn chair.

Pot luck lunch is to be held following the service in the Auld Pavilion (right by the band shelter). Our two churches will provide the fried chicken and dessert so we ask you to bring something to go with that. We will also provide the paper products.

This will be a rain or shine event. If it’s raining we will hold everything inside the Auld Pavilion
Sue’s Musings – What do you love about First Presbyterian Church?

One of Jesus’ directions to the disciples was to MAKE disciples, and to share the “good news.” I don’t know that I have ever “made” a disciple, but it seems to me that if we’ve got something going on here that we like, that makes our heart sing, that fills a need, that challenges us to grow (you get the idea!), then sharing that is a part of sharing the good news. We are sharing the good news that there is a community here that loves us, and that helps us grow in faith and in living out that faith. We are sharing the good news that here we have encountered the living God who loves us in spite of all the reasons the world says we may not be lovable. We are sharing the good news that here we have opportunities to make a difference in the world. **Who have you shared that with?**

We are more than happy to tell our friends about the latest restaurant we went to and how good the food was. We tell them about the last movie we saw, and they should see it too. We tell them about a neat article we read about someone in the paper.

Sharing our faith isn’t as hard as I think we are afraid it will be. If a friend shared something good going on at their church, I’m happy for them! I’m not offended because I have my own church. But if I didn’t have a church, or was thinking about exploring others, I might be interested in going to church with that friend to see why they were so moved by it.

So what do you love about First Presbyterian Church? Have you shared that with anyone? What do you enjoy doing here? Have you invited anyone to join you? Don’t get discouraged of someone says no. I think the latest stats I read indicate that it often takes 16 times for someone to be invited before they will accept the invitation. When they do – offer to pick them up! Trust me – that may make all the difference in the world.

Summer is a great time to invite people to worship and the other events throughout the summer. So let’s all go out there and share the good news!

*Pastor Sue*

~ Rooted in God ~ Open to Grace ~ Filled with Joy ~
Welcome New Members!
Our newest members are some pretty amazing people – just like all of you! What makes them different is that they do not live in Nebraska, much less, Lincoln. One of the challenges of being a retired church professional is finding a church home. **Harry and Nancy Olthoff** live in Iowa City, Iowa, and are deeply rooted in the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Due to the need to keep healthy boundaries as a former General Presbyter in East Iowa Presbytery, Harry and Nancy find themselves in the odd position of needing a PCUSA setting outside the Presbytery of East Iowa, and yet deeply desiring to stay connected to a PCUSA congregation. Harry and Nancy are good friends of Pastor Sue, and she requested that the session consider receiving them as extended members of First Presbyterian Church. The Session unanimously agreed that this was a gift we could offer, and we would be enriched by the Olthoff’s extended ministry in our name. Harry and Nancy will be joining us for worship at some point in the near future to be formally welcomed by you, and they are excited to explore ways to be concretely connected to us, and not just be names on a roll.

Meanwhile, here they are in their own words!

**Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,**
We are rejoicing to join you as part of your Extended Outreach as we “share good news of God’s love” “helping wherever we can,” which now is in the Iowa City area. Harry and I, Nancy, both elders in the PCUSA, have served in various leadership roles throughout our lives. Prior to retirement Harry was the General Presbyter for East Iowa and I was the Director of Campus Ministry for the PCUSA at the University of Iowa. Since retirement our outreach has been with a nearby Community Supported Agriculture farm, with Table to Table (a food rescue and distribution organization), the local Crisis Center food bank and program committee, and Habitat for Humanity through the Care-A-Vanners (campers with their own rigs who work at job sites for two or more weeks).
New Member's Continued

Our previous life endeavors for Harry were as a psychotherapist in private practice, and as a consultant for a year to the healthcare needs in Michigan. My professional life included being Director of Disability Services at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, and Director of the Hospitality House for Military Women (a Christian outreach to enlisted women as they served in the US Navy and encountered discrimination and harassment).

Nancy has served on the Presbyterians for Disability Concerns Committee and as Chair of the Theological Issues Committee of the 2006 General Assembly. Harry previously served as Interim General Presbyter in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. We have traveled often to Brazil for mission outreach. We have parented three children each with their unique story. Our oldest son died from cancer in 1996 a week prior to graduating from St. Andrew Presbyterian College. Our favorite daughter and her wife, our favorite daughter-in-law, live in Richmond, Virginia. Our special needs adopted son lives in northern Michigan.

We are grateful to belong to your community-at-large as we continue to find ways to serve God with the gifts breathed into us.

In God’s love,
Nancy and Harry Olthoff

New Member Exploration Class
June 16-30, 11:15 – 12:15 pm

Do you want to know more about First Presbyterian Church?
Have you wondered what we believe?
Are you interested in learning about or joining the church?

On Sundays, June 16, 23 & 30, we will be hosting a New Member Exploration Class for anyone who is interested in knowing more about or being a part of the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Grab some refreshments from Fellowship Time in the East Entrance and then join us in Room 106.

If possible, please let us know if you’ll be joining us, so we can have enough materials for everyone.
FPChristian Education

What I remember most about summer was that it was full of adventure and freedom. Since my Mom was a teacher and had summers off, we would go, do, and see all kinds of things that we didn’t have time for during the school year. I loved it. Those experiences made my childhood richer, but it also meant that we didn’t go to church as often as we did in the school year either. Here at First Presbyterian, our summer schedules change as well. With the exception of the Bible Discovery Class (Room 105), Sunday School classes and Youth Fellowship take a break and worship service times change to 8:30 am and 10:00 am. While breaks can be good for the mind, body, and soul; that doesn’t mean our faith is on a break. Our faith is ongoing and is/should be constantly growing. As part of our call to help and enable our faith journeys, the Christian Education Committee is offering a summer devotional and discussion guide “to go.”

This summer series will focus on the parables and sayings of Jesus in the Gospels. Each guide will have a scripture passage, a time of “wondering” and/or sharing with others or personal reflection, a suggestion for “doing” to help make the connection between the passage and our lives, and a suggested prayer. It is our hope that these guides will be a seed for you and your growing faith this summer, whether you are at worship or off on an adventure. The guide for the upcoming week will be available in the East Entrance, in the weekly church email, and posted on the website. Have a great summer!

FPC Youth at The Gathering Place. The FPC youth are volunteering at the The Gathering Place on June 4th. You will need to be at the Gathering Place by 4:30 pm. Please respond to Kris Brammer at dce@fpclincoln.org or 402-477-6037.

Graduate Recognition Service -

On June 2nd we are recognizing all our FPC family members who are graduating, whether it is from high school, college, graduate school, or professional schooling. If you would please contact Kris Brammer at the church to let us know of your upcoming graduation, (or of your young person’s graduation) we would love to include you/them in our recognition service as well as in the June First Report. We are proud of you and we want to celebrate with you! There will be a reception in the East Entrance following the 10:00 am service to honor our graduates.

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FPC at the Ballpark – Last summer we had a church family day at the ballpark to watch and cheer on our local baseball team, the Lincoln Salt dogs. We had such a good time together that we are doing it again! Join us on Friday, July 26th for FPC at the Ballpark. Tickets can be purchased through the church and sign-up for tickets are online through the church website http://fpclincoln.org/fpc-at-the-ballpark/ or through Kris Brammer (dce@fpclincoln.org) or 402-477-6037

First Church, First Night – Join us on Wednesday, June 26th for a fun night of fellowship and food as we play together as a church family with “First Knights of the Round Table.” This intergenerational fellowship event will be full of renaissance fun with “catapults,” jousting,” and general merriment. Bring a dish to share and get ready for some “knighting!”

Summer Bells & Choir!
Starting in June we will have summer choir and handbells. Both are for not only those who have sung or played before, but also for those who have never sung or rung bells but would like to give it a try.

The only rehearsals will be on the Sunday morning before we play. We will meet at 9:10 a.m. and take part in the 10:00 a.m. service (for the bell Sunday please be there 9:00 am to get setup).

Please stay tuned for for special times for the June 9th service at Antelope Park!

No choir robes or bell black dress. The music will be easy to learn in the short rehearsal time before church. This would be a great way for new people to give it a try!

It would be helpful for both groups, but especially for the bell Sunday if you would let Brian Pfoltner know in advance if you plan to come.
Kloefkorn Elementary Choir

On Friday, May 3rd we hosted the Kloefkorn Elementary School Choir and their director Melissa Moates for an organ demonstration. The choir enjoyed the demonstration by Dr. Ore and then sang a few pieces of music in our Sanctuary.

FPC Mission

Thank you for your generous donations in March and April to missions both local and international. The church gave a total of $2,268 to One Great Hour of Sharing, one of four Special Offerings collected by our denomination throughout the year. Donations to this special offering go to the national PCUSA Mission Office for distribution to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Committee to Aid Self-Development of People.

You also gave generously to directly support PDA’s work in Nebraska to support recovery from the devastating blizzards and flooding that swept through the state in mid-March, donating $2,650. In a separate collection, you gave $2,220 to assist in recovery efforts in North Bend, a community “adopted” by our church in April. When several of our members worshiped with their church in a ministry of presence and worked at a flood-relief clothing distribution in April, one of their church volunteers shared how much it had meant to get the PDA hygiene kits and PDA clean-up buckets filled with supplies.
Their church, like many Presbyterian churches, had prepared kits for others before, but she had not realized how wonderful they would be until faced with the huge challenge of clean-up. It was so handy to get the supplies and go, she said, and the hygiene kits were gladly welcomed by those staying in temporary housing and in need of the most basic of supplies.

While we can't always see the direct impact of our gifts to those in need, please know that you can make a difference and that your gifts in March and April are continuing to make a difference to help those facing a difficult recovery. For more information on how you can help flood recovery efforts in North Bend, please go to: http://fpclincoln.org/north-bend-flood-relief-efforts/.

In early June we'll be taking up the Pentecost Offering, 40% of which stays in our church for use in Lincoln. This offering is used to help children-at-risk and to provide ministries for children and youth. In 2018 your donations helped fund scholarships for six McPhee students to attend a Community Learning Center summer program so that they might continue their learning (and meal program) throughout the summer.

Thank you for all your work on mission activities throughout the year and for your generous gifts to extend our work in Nebraska and around the world.

Mission Outreach and Social Justice Committee

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**SPLASH a Big SUCCESS!!!**

The summer learning event we call SPLASH was held Thursday, May 9th and was a huge success! We had over 200 kids, parents, and teachers from McPhee in attendance. Thanks to the efforts of Nancy Janike we added community and university tables this year and had participation from the Wachiska Audubon Society, Spring Creek Prairie, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, graduate students from the UNL Entomology Department and the Agronomy Department. In addition we thank the following volunteers: David and LeAnn Hammar, Dale and Eleanor Novotny, Carlene Miller, Irene Colburn, Jim Wagner, Barbara Nieveen, Judy Luthe, Arta Smith, Ron Bump, Nancy Field, Lynne Hughes, Betty Tenhulzen, Michelle Langer, Lynn & Sandy Bonge, Lora & Pat Janike and 3 sons, Bill and Nancy Janike and Pam Carrier.
McPhee Thank You
I want to take this opportunity to send a big giant thank you to our friends at First Presbyterian for a FANTASTIC SPLASH NIGHT!!! We had the best time ever. From the fine details to the big picture vision of the evening, it was a great event. Thank you for everything. We will have some thank you notes to send over at the end of the week. For now, if you see any of the volunteers, please give them a hug or a high five and let them know how much we appreciate them. YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS SUCH A GIFT. Thank you again, team.

Chris Boden
Principal
McPhee Elementary School

Membership, Evangelism & Fellowship Team Needs You!

The Membership, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is in need of Greeters and Coffee Hosts for the summer. If you want to be a greeter, contact Nancy Janike. If you want to be a coffee host, contact LeAnn Hammar.
Sand Dollars at the Zoo!

ALL FPC MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO THE LINCOLN CHILDREN’S ZOO! Sand Dollars is planning a First Presbyterian EVENING AT THE ZOO, WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 during the zoo’s regular evening hours. We will gather at 6:00 P.M. Group rate admission will be $6 per person above the age of two. Basket supper options at $7.50 or $9.00 with a 16 oz drink and include: hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, grilled cheese, chicken strips, corn dogs, PBJ, all with fries. More details will be forthcoming but July 17 will come sooner than we think, so reservations are welcome at any time. The S. D. Steering Committee will determine payment plans so watch for more details later!
Sand Dollars Steering Committee

NEW! NEW! NEW!
A number of new books are being added to the FPC Library shelves, and will be on display in June.
Select titles include:

Jesus, A Revolutionary Biography,
By John Dominim Crossan

Rivers Song,
By Melody Carlson

I’m Not Leaving,
By Carl Wilkens

God Never Forgets
Faith, Hope & Alzheimer’s Disease,
By Donald K. McKim, editor

Jabez, A Novel,
By Thom Lemmon

Badass Mothers of the Bible...
Pastor Sue had an eye-catching sermon title for Mother’s Day, didn’t she? You can find a number of books in the FPC Library that will help you explore the lives and stories of the women of the Bible, badass and otherwise.

Bad Girls of the Bible,
by Liz Curtis Higgs

Helpmates, Harlots & Heroes, by Alice Ogden Bellis

Hagar, Sarah & Their Children,
by Phyllis Trible & Letty M. Russell

Hidden Women of the Gospel,
by Kathy Coffey

More titles in this theme can be found in section 220.99, just to the right of the Bibles as you enter the Library.
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

This is your last opportunity to register to attend the following exciting event:

SYNOD GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
IN THE SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

JUNE 20-23, 2019
GATEWAY HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
AMES, IOWA

REGISTRATION COST: $200 (Homestead Presbytery will pay your registration)
Call Terri Sherman 402-525-6008 or Joan Berglund 402-440-5478 for registration forms.

Program Highlights will include:
Morning and evening worship        Bible study
Selection of workshops             Hands-on mission project
Mission display                    Many speakers
Book display                       Fair trade store

Who should attend:
Women of all ages who would like to join in Christian Fellowship and looking for a spiritually enriching experience.

Choose from a variety of workshops including a look at the 2019-2020 PW Bible Study, mission speakers, justice and peace opportunities, leadership training, and some fun things.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Kathy Reeves, retired mission coordinator for Presbyterian Women, Inc.

PLENARY SPEAKERS:
Elona Street-Stewart, synod executive of Synod of Lakes and Prairies
Mary Newburn-Williams, executive presbyter of Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

WORSHIP LEADER: Rev. Suzanne Gorhau
BIBLE STUDY LEADER: Kathleen Keefer
MUSIC LEADER: Kris Peterson
Please notify the church office of any name, address, email, and/or telephone changes.

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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
- El Centro Zumba Class - Tuesday and Friday
- Lincoln Literacy - Tuesday and Wednesday
- 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.