



Mission Statement of 1st Presbyterian Church, Hastings

Following Christ, we strive to love and serve the world so that all may grow in faith and experience true joy.



More Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk

GOD IS TURNING THE WORLD

THE 222nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) >> **Portland, Oregon** >> June 18-15, 2016

BY LESLIE SCANLON, Outlook national reporter

Commissioners to the 2016 General Assembly sang “The Cantic of Turning” more than once while gathered in Portland to elect new leadership and consider business ranging from climate change to church confessions. They sang, “Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.”

After the assembly took several historic actions -- choosing female co-moderators; adding the Confession of Belhar from South Africa to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions; and electing the PC(U.S.A.)’s first African-American stated clerk -- this felt to many like a time of turning for the church.

Themes of reconciliation and justice -- particularly racial justice -- were woven through the week. Plenary sessions began with personal testimonies -- for example, Therese Taylor-Stinson, moderator of National Capital Presbytery, describing her rise in leadership in her church and then hearing someone say: “The little colored girl is in charge today.” Participants recited together as a litany sections from the Belhar confession, affirming the biblical mandate of unity won for us in Jesus Christ.

July at a Glance

July 3

10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion

July 10

10:30 AM Worship

July 8

Prayer Shawl 7PM

July 15

Newsletter Deadline

July 17

10:30 AM Informal Worship
Rivertown Parade

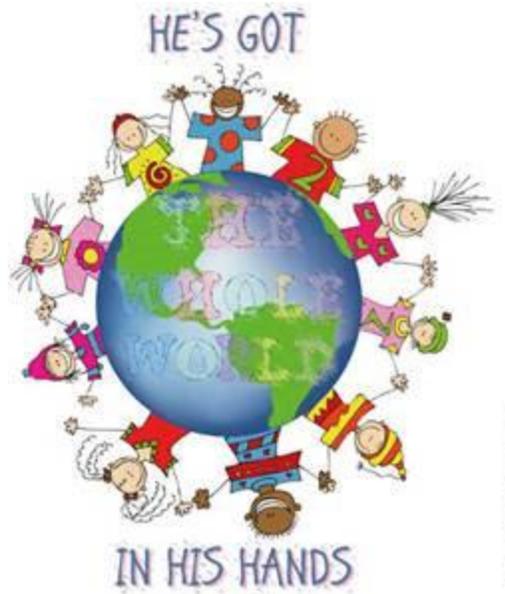
July 24 and 31

10:30 Worship

July 26

Pastor April on KDWA
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

As the country struggled again in the wake of the violent massacre in Orlando, as floods devastated parts of the country, and as the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union, Presbyterians sang, “This saving word that our forebearers heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.” Prayerfully, the actions of the 222nd General Assembly are part of that transformation.



1st Presbyterian Church of Hastings Core Values

- * Moving and engaging worship
- * Openness in decision-making
- * Deep, life-giving relationships
- * Building and 150 year history as part of our identity
- * Serving the community through mission
- * Courage to take risks and the ability to persevere



Join us as we walk in the Rivertown Parade on July 17th after Informal Worship. We will be handing out seed packets with our theme:

“Come Grow With Us”

We will be preparing the seed packets on Wednesday, July 13 from 6 pm - 7 pm.



Free Summer Lunch Program



M.E.A.L.S. is a program to serve lunch in Hastings from June 13th through August 26th at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Three Rivers Mobile Home Park and Lions Park. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the food, as well as organize activities. They are also needed to deliver the food to Three Rivers Mobile Home Park and Lions Park locations. To volunteer, send an email to marykocak@hastingsfamilyservice.org.



As the summer is here and people are leaving on vacation, the church still has bills to pay (phone, electricity, garbage, radio broadcast, copier, pastor, water, etc). So PLEASE make sure you are current on your pledge or send a little extra if possible. Many, many thanks for your generosity and stewardship!

Our Bible Study of Favorite Bible stories will not meet in July. We will continue on Wednesdays in August with a light supper starting at 6 PM. We are currently reading stories from the new testament. Each session is an independent study so you do not have to have come previously. Please come join us when we return in August, for a time of fellowship and fun, as we explore some of the many stories in the Bible.



Scripts Fund-raising Order

It is time for another Scripts order. April will be submitting a paper order on **August 7th**. New participating companies have been added. There are lists and order forms downstairs. Remember each gift card you purchase earns First Presbyterian money.

Come join us on August 28th for our annual Outdoor Worship Service.

A potluck picnic will follow. This year we will be at the Rotary Pavillion at Levee Park. Rain or shine, we always have a good day. Plan now to join us.





The updated church directories have been sent out via email. Those wishing hard copies may either pick them up on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall or let Karen know and she will make sure you get one. If you have contact changes throughout the year, please let the church office know, so you may continue to get accurate and timely information.

Please note the following changes to the church directory:

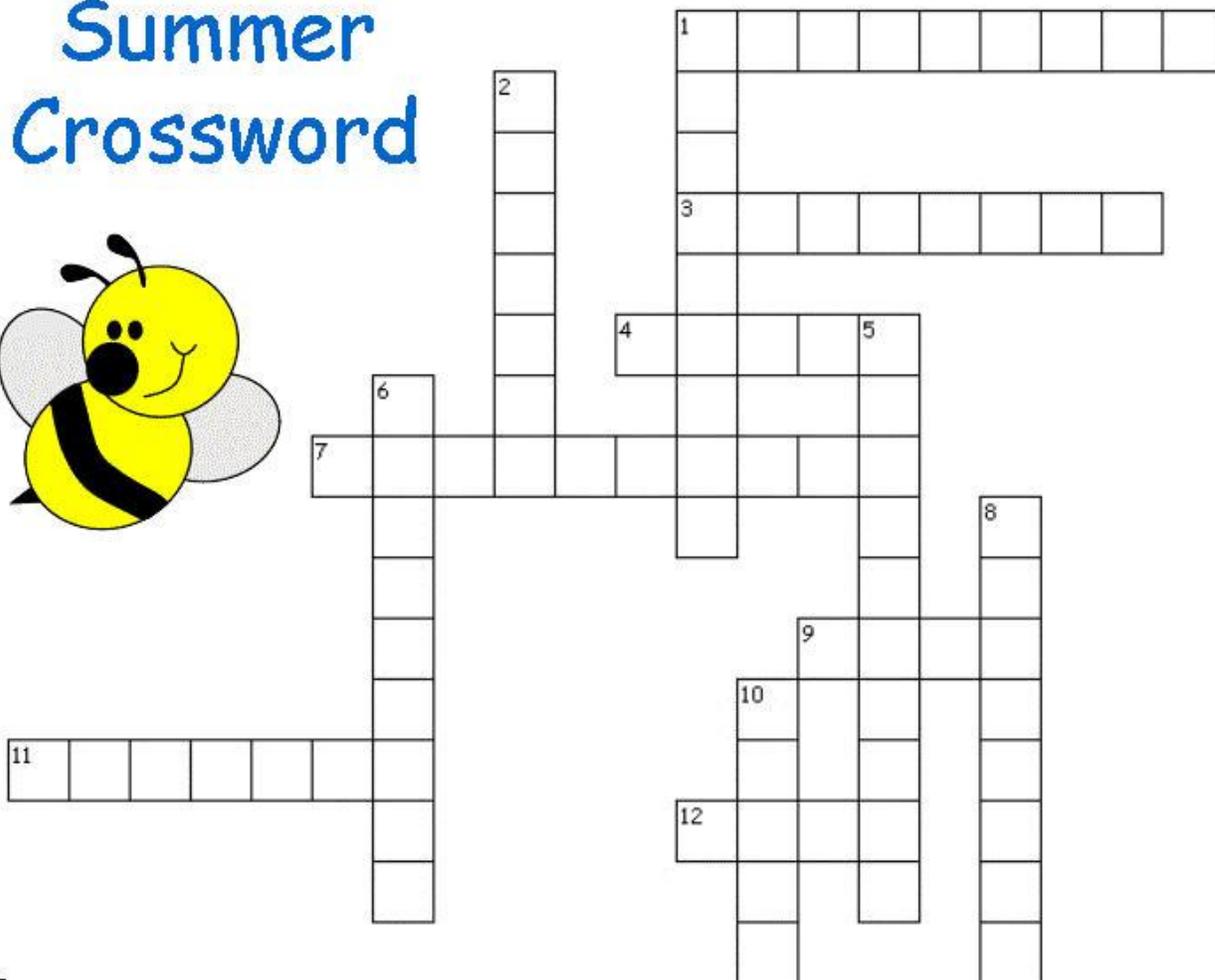
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Summer Crossword



Across

1. From caterpillar to _____.
3. dad's grill
4. A gardener's worst enemy.
7. pink juicy fruit
9. In the summer, the weather is _____.
11. I have a rod and reel. Let's go _____.
12. A long walk.

Down

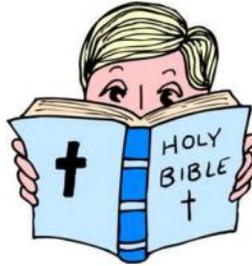
1. Insect with yellow and black stripes.
2. Healthy summertime transportation.
5. Protective eyewear.
6. A patty and a bun. Yum!
8. Favorite drink of young salespeople.
10. Playground toy you swoosh down.

Word List: barbeque, bicycle, bumblebee, butterfly, fishing, hamburgers, hike, lemonade, slide, sunglasses, warm, watermelon, weeds

Bible Readings This Month

July 3

2 Kings 5: 1-14
 Ps. 30
 Gal. 6: (1-6) 7-16
 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20



July 10

Amos 7: 7-17
 Ps. 82
 Col. 1: 1-14
 Luke 10: 25-37

July 17

Amos 8: 1-12
 Ps. 52
 Col. 1: 15-28
 Luke 10: 38-42

July 24

Hosea 1:2-10
 Ps. 85
 Col. 2: 6-15 (16-19)
 Luke 11: 1-13

July 31

Hosea 11:1-11
 Ps. 107: 1-9, 43
 Col. 3: 1-11
 Luke 12: 13-21

July 2016 Servers

	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Leaders
July 3	Altpeter	Blumeyers	Grant Tiefenbruck
July 10	Mullins	Tiefenbrucks	Dennis Brown
July 17	Informal worship	Reiter	Mary Crawmer
July 24	Altpeter	Rash	Marcia Caneff
July 31	Tayson/Wittkopf	Browns	Ryan Fagnant

Session Minutes for May 24, 2016

A stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, MN was held at 6:25 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church on May 24, 2016.

The meeting began at 6:30 PM when Dr. April Davis Campbell called us to order with the lighting of the Christ candle to remind us that we are called to serve each other and the church. April led a devotion based upon Luke 14:28-33 which deals with planning issues. First consider if you have what it takes. If not, seek help. We turn to Jesus even with all of our problems to seek help. Jesus still takes us. She then opened the meeting with prayer.

Elders Present:

Class of 2016: Carlotta Mullins, Marcia Rash

Class of 2017: Grant Tiefenbruck, Dave Hume

Class of 2018: Mary Crawmer, Dennis Brown

Absent: Brenda Reiter

Clerk's Report: The April Minutes were approved without any changes. The clerk will be attended the Minute Review Meeting in Eagan. The minutes were read and no exceptions were noted.

Treasurer's Report: The income includes money from the Foundation. April reported that last year was actually the anomalous year for the electric bill, so we can be thankful for small blessings. We are actually still under budget with the expenses. M/S/C to use the portion of the Pentecost offering that remains with our congregation for the Youth Group.

Foundation Report: No report.

Pastor's Report: We are a still nonprofit according to the state. April remains on top of the potential for grants from Presbytery. The Methodists did not adopt disincentives toward Israel at their recent meeting. This topic will also be on the General Assembly agenda. M/S/C to approve the updated sexual misconduct policy and procedures from 2008. Information for the insurance company: hand rail is completed and clearing a space around the furnaces and water heater has been implemented. April will communicate these results tomorrow. The copier proposition: M/S/C to go with Coordinated Business Systems and a Kyocera copier. Scrips dates: August 7th, October 2nd, and December 4th. The Informal Worship on Sunday discussed Race and Racism with good results.

Presbytery Meeting: Brenda reported that the legal action against Eden Prairie church regarding gracious separation was stopped.

Deacons: Very disappointing participation at the meeting on Sunday.

M/S/C to receive all of the reports above on the consent agenda.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Dennis – He has replaced a couple of lights and The church had a very successful clean up around the building exterior prior to the Garage Sale.

Fellowship – Brenda – No report.

Christian Education – Confirmation is going well with all of the participants taking a turn as Lay Leader. Trying to do more meetings with them during the summer is challenging.

Mission – Mary – Prayer Shawl continues to meet.

Stewardship/Finance – Marcia Rash – Nothing new to report.

Worship – The Rotary Pavilion in Levee Park will be the site for the Outdoor Worship on August 28th. The pavilion has been reserved.

Personnel/Nominating Committee – No activity.

M/S/C to receive the committee reports.

Old Business – None

New Business – Someone needs to get the Church's Facebook page to point to the new church website. It would be good to create time to do some visioning about where we as a church want to go during the summer.

The Session meeting in June will be on June 28th at 6:30 PM. Dennis has devotions.
There will be no Session meeting in July. There may be a Session retreat during July.
The Session will meet in August on the 2nd at 6:30 PM. Grant has devotions.

Marcia closed the meeting with prayer at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Tiefenbruck
Clerk of Session



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10:30 Worship w/Communion	4 	5	6	7  Cole Christian  Lucas Ott	8	9
10 10:30 Worship	11  Grant Tiefenbruck  Cathy Underwood	12  Mark Baxter	13 7 PM  Prayer Shawl Ministry Prepare seed packets 6-7 PM	14  Gerry Ott	15	 16
17 10:30 Informal Worship  Rivertown Parade	18	19  Ken Kaiser	20	21	22	23
24 10:30 Worship	25	26 Pastor April on KDWA 11am-12pm	27	28	29	30  Ryan Fagnant
31 10:30 Worship						