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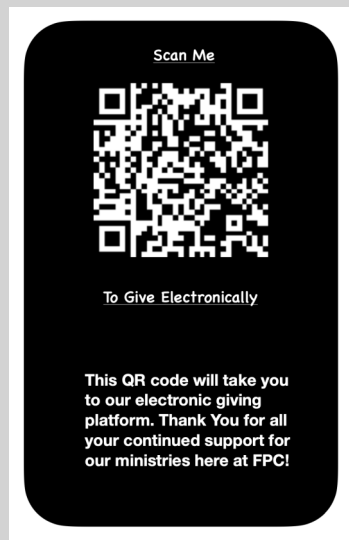
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am  
On Facebook & the Website  
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**Preparation for Worship**

Please take some time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.



**"Mephibosheth"**



*August 11, 2024*

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**



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*Please take a moment to reflect and pray as we begin to worship our Lord.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

*Better is One Day  
This is Amazing Grace*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

We will give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart; we will tell of all  
Your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O  
Most High.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Too often, O God, we pray, "Listen, Lord, for your children are  
speaking." Today, help us to pray, "Speak, Lord, for your children are  
listening." Help our ears to hear your Word. Help our hearts to trust  
what you say. Help our hands and feet to do what you call us to do.  
Amen.**

*This is the Air I Breathe/Holy Forever*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to  
do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need for still  
more—and it easily seems to control us. We're sorry, Lord, for how  
distracted we have become and for losing our way without even  
realizing it. Forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one  
we need.**

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord have mercy

**P: Christ have mercy**

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Nick  
(Children are invited to Children's Church following this time).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Proclaiming God's Word**

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 19:15-30

SERMON: "Mephibosheth"

*In Christ There Is No East or West #439*

**Responding to God's Word**

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Recessional on 'Hyfrydol'" arr. Gordon Young*

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### **Prayers of the People**

Call the office at (269) 945-5463 or email at [office@firstchurchhastings.org](mailto:office@firstchurchhastings.org) to submit a prayer request, or praise, for yourself or a loved one. Urgent requests Fri-Sun, send to Pastor Nick (360) 927-3782

*Norm and Jeanne Pugh ask for prayers for Jeanne. Jeanne was diagnosed with Lymphoma and has recently finished one round of treatment. She is currently at Thornapple Manor for therapy. A scan will be done to see if treatment is working and another round will begin. Pray for strength for both Jeanne and Norm and pray that the treatments are able to eliminate the cancer.*

*Chuck and Connie Semerad celebrated 68 years of marriage on August 9th. Praise God!!! Chuck has asked for prayers that Connie would gain the mobility needed to be able to leave Thornapple Manor in order to come home for a visit.*

*Continued prayers for Sarah (Yost) Faught in your prayers. With her parents and brother, Howard, Jan & Michael Yost, Sarah is a former FCP member, now recovering in the Traverse City area after surgery for esophageal cancer.*

The First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain is an opportunity for all members and regular participants to pray for specific needs requested by anyone **with the permission of the person/s being prayed for.** If you wish to submit a prayer, contact Julia in the office at 269 945-5463 or feel free to fill out a form located at the Connection Point.

# THIS WEEK <sup>at</sup> GLANCE



Sunday, August 11, 2024

**Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook** 10:00 AM

Monday, August 12, 2024

**Pickleball** 3:15 PM

**Worship and Music Ministry Meeting - In Person** 5:15 PM

**Family Ministry Meeting-In Person** 6:30 PM

**Private Event** 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

**Trustee's Committee Meeting**

**Mission Committee Meeting** 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

**Bulletin Announcements**

**Knit Wits** 10:30 AM

**Pickleball** 3:15 PM

**Praise Team Rehearsal** 6:30 PM

Friday, August 16, 2024

**Pickleball** 9:15 AM

Sunday, August 18, 2024

**Youth Sunday**

**Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook** 10:00 AM

**FPC Golf Outing** 3:00 PM

## *Announcements*

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** can be found at the round table closest to the sanctuary.

**BARRY COUNTY CARES** needs volunteers for the food pantry. If you have 1.5 hours free on a weekday and could commit to once a month from 10:30 to noon, call Tina at Barry County Cares at 269-948-9555.

**ARTIST CLUB AT FPC:** Do you like to "ART"? Do you love to get messy? Does the smell of paint, glue, chalk, markers or crayons appeal to you? Do you get excited about the possibilities of what you can do with scissors, paper, wood or found objects? Do you ever wish you had a group of friends to do ART and chat with about ART? I would really like to start an Artist Club here at FPC. So I am inviting anyone (of any age) who is interested in getting together to fellowship and do art to be a part of an Artist Club right here at FPC. You don't need to be a Rembrandt or a Picasso. Just be YOU. Bring your current project and supplies with you and work as we chat about art. Or if you need inspiration or want to learn something new, I will have some project ideas and supplies to work with. Please contact Karen Vandenberg if you are interested in joining. [karenv422@gmail.com](mailto:karenv422@gmail.com).

### **The Great Marlatt move is on!**

We will be moving from Middleville to Hastings on Friday August 30. If you are around and able to help (it could be an hour, it could be for the day, whatever works with your schedule), please contact Marsh Evans at 269-838-5055.

**ATTENTION SEWERS:** Want to help us prepare for the Costa Rica Mission Trip? We need **200** small medicine bags and **200** glasses' bags to be sewn and collected for the team which leaves on November 5th. Patients seen in the clinic use these bags. Patterns are located at the Connection Point or contact Rita Brown with questions at 269 945. 2147.

### **NOW HIRING**

#### **Part-time Custodial Position at FPC**

Join our church team as a part-time Custodian! We are seeking a dedicated individual to help maintain our church facilities and Noah's Ark Preschool. If you have a heart for service and an eye for cleanliness, contact Jim Daniels at [custodian@firstchurchhastings.org](mailto:custodian@firstchurchhastings.org) or the Church Office for the details.

### **NOAH'S ARK OPENINGS**

#### **Do you know someone who may want to work at Noah's Ark???**

We are in search of 2 part-time teacher assistants to join our team. Applicants must be 18 years and a high school graduate. Experience working with children birth to six years is preferred. Please email Angela Stanton (Director) at [noah-sark@firstchurchhastings.org](mailto:noah-sark@firstchurchhastings.org) for a **full** job description and an application. Applications are due by August 13th.

**GREETERS:** Dave and Joann Logan

## Organ/Hymn Notes

Our hymn following the sermon, *In Christ There Is No East or West*, bears the hymn tune name *St. Peter*. The tune, written in 1836, was named after St. Peter-in-the-East, the church in Oxford, England, where the composer, Alexander Reinagle, was organist from 1822-1853. Of Austrian descent, he came from a family of musicians and became a well-known organ teacher. A writer of teaching manuals for string instruments, Reinagle also compiled two books of hymn tunes, the 1836 collection, of which *St. Peter* first appears, and *A Collection of Psalm and Hymn Tunes* (1840). The music should express the fervor of the text without any festive fanfares....which, to me, signals no modulations or alternate harmonizations.

The postlude, is in hind-sight, a dynamic setting of last Sunday's post-sermon hymn. The Welsh tune *Hyfrydol* appears in our hymnal for that hymn, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, and the equally familiar *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*. This setting calls for full organ and opens and closes with a powerful fanfare with the hymn tune making its appearance in between.

As an aside, this will be our organ's last Sunday this month as the youth will be in charge of the August 18<sup>th</sup> service, and the service on the 25<sup>th</sup> will be at Thornapple Plaza. I'll have it back, fired up and ready to go, on September 1.

## UPCOMING Events

### Sunday, August 25 - Community Worship on Thornapple Plaza!



A special Summerfest outdoor worship service for the community is planned **at the Thornapple Plaza** on Sunday, August 25 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. **Please bring your own lawn chairs.**

This is going to be the biggest and best Summerfest worship yet! In addition to Green Street, folks from First Presbyterian, Hope, Welcome Corners, Nashville, Peace, Nazarene, Emmanuel Episcopal, and St. Rose will join us for this worship!

There will be free beverages and snacks provided during the service, and then when worship concludes about 11:00 am, we will have a free cookout of hamburgers, etc. for anyone who attends. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce the community to our churches. Invite your friends!

The community focus this year will be on a new emergency housing fund that will be announced for the first time at Summerfest. Mayor Dave Tossava will be present to help make the announcement! A special offering will be collected to support the fund.

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## **STAFF OFFICE HOURS:**

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Julia Bachman (Admin Assistant) Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:00am - 4:00pm, Wed. 9am-12pm.

Nancy Allarding (Financial Manager) Mon & Tues: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Brandon Johnson Church Life Director/Youth Leader) Thurs: 12:00am -3:00pm  
Summer Hours

Casey Raffler (Church Administrator) Tues & Thurs: 9:00am -2:00pm

Angela Stanton (Noah's Ark Preschool Director) Summer Hours -Tues 9am-2:30pm or  
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