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Falls City Reflections

by Pastor Richard Martin, Falls City

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we begin this Fall Season and remember the many memories to date of 2018, some good and some, less than desirable. We, nevertheless know, each memory adds to the fabric we call life. A life appreciated and greatly loved by God, shown to us in the life of Jesus Christ.

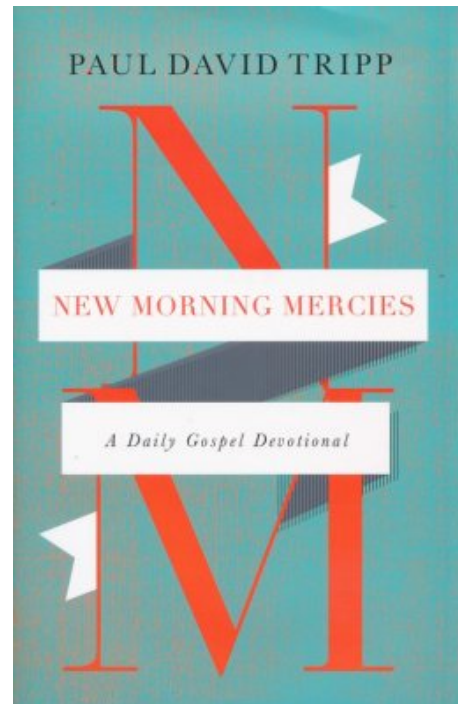
These memories help shape us to be the individuals we are meant to be. Each adding a bit of vibrancy to our own personal canvas of art. Such memories or vibrant colors to my own canvas of art, are in the many reflections of the times in getting to know this wonderful Congregation at The First Presbyterian Church of Falls City.

I want to thank each, and every one of you for your wonderful welcome, my many experiences, and the opportunity to worship with you, to get to know you, to learn of the collective nature of joy, of happiness, and of the love which are the unique colors which mind this Body of Christ, together. This "fabric", this Congregation is solid, and I have come to love it very much.

Truly, I believe the most wonderful things are in store for The First Presbyterian Church of Falls City and I look forward to watching and listening as God unfolds his truth and mission to you and me.

Like Jesus. There is plenty of work to do. And

Good Reads



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Mornings can be tough. Sometimes, a hearty breakfast and strong cup of coffee just aren't enough. Offering more than a rush of caffeine, best-selling author Paul David Tripp wants to energize you with the most potent encouragement imaginable: the gospel.

Forget "behavior modification" or feel-good aphorisms. Tripp knows that what we really need is an encounter with the living God. Then we'll be prepared to trust in God's goodness, rely on his grace, and live for his glory each and every day.

Book of Proposed

just like Jesus, in our baptism we've been named God's beloved, and God's Spirit had been given to us to do God's work. As I continue in my work here, and with my studies at the Saint Paul School of Theology and the Synod Academy of the Lakes and Prairies, I want to know, you continue to give me a living gift which I cherish and carry forward with me forever and a day. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I'll end with a portion of a reflection which I quoted in an earlier sermon, words which have taken a strong hold in my own life.

*Someone you may not have noticed is waiting
longing for healing, for justice, for hope.
Let the light that is dawning for the world
dawn in you.*

*Let that light grow and radiate.
Bear it with you through the day.
You will meet someone who seeks grace,
who longs for a sign of hope.
And for them you will be the one.*

(Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Dec. 6, 2016,
www.unfoldinglight.net)

Amendments

The **2018 Book of Proposed Amendments** is now available [HERE](#). Homestead Presbytery will vote on these amendments at the February 16, 2019 meeting. This Book is no longer available in print, so please download the document in preparation for the meeting.

Go on, Laugh a little



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Pastor Larry had been watching too much "Seinfeld."

First Hendrickson Scholar Selected

The Hendrickson Scholarship Fund is an educational assistance program designed to encourage residents of Nebraska in their preparation for service in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Funds for this program are provided by the earnings of a gift to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies through the will of Carol Hendrickson, and from her husband, Bruce Hendrickson. The Hendricksons were very active in the First Presbyterian Church in Holdrege, Nebraska, as well as in the Synod and General Assembly.

According to Carol's obituary, she "lived her life caring for others, both individually and in community settings." Even while teaching in the public schools or at Central Community College, she was active in a wide variety of community organizations as well as University of Nebraska organizations. In the church she was an ordained elder, Sunday School teacher and superintendent and active in her Women's Circle.

Bruce, honored in 2017 with the Outstanding Philanthropist Award by the Nebraska Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, has been addressing community needs in Phelps County, Nebraska for many years. From a summer lunch program to a state-of-the art performing arts center in Holdrege, from sending Korean War veterans to Washington, DC, on an honor flight to providing a new bus and trailer for the Boy Scouts, Hendrickson finds joy in bringing together others as ideas arise. "If something comes up, we will get involved. A community or a person never stands still. You are either moving forward or moving backward." (Kearney Hub, August 28, 2017)



Ensuring the development of excellent pastors for the future of the church is one of his passions.

Regina Lynn Meester has been named as the initial Hendrickson Scholar. Gina is in her third year of a five-year program of studies at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where she will earn a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy.

An exceptional student, Gina serves as student body Stated Clerk and has taken several practical mission study classes traveling to Cuba and Spain. She served as a Young Adult Volunteer in Africa and has also been active in Synod School and at the denomination level serving on committees and attending GA.

She grew up in Lincoln, where her father served as pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church, so her Nebraska and Presbyterian roots both run very deep.

Keep Thinking...

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven."

Matthew 5:16

Photos of the Presbytery





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