



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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In our fast moving, technology world we need to find time to “be” and discover who we are individually and as a church. Individually we are children, parent, grandparent, teacher, farmer, preacher, husband, wife. . the list can go on and on. Oh yes, we are also children of God. Oh my, how do we fit all that into our everyday? Every one of us needs to find our own answer to that question. “How do we fit in God?”

As we move into and through 2016 your church, First Presbyterian, will do all that it can to provide ways for you to touch and grow your spiritual life. The church will strive to serve and grow the congregation through worship, prayer, study, fellowship, good food, openness to new ideas, etc.

Your leadership is working hard to serve to the best of their abilities seeking God’s direction. We always seek your guidance and direction as we seek God’s direction. If you have ideas that will help you and others grow in faith, let your church officers know.

Be assured that wherever 2016 takes us God will be right beside us sharing in our joys and lifting us up when we are down. May your faith and trust in a loving, present God bring you peace in the year ahead.

~Don Canady

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*Thank you for your recent gift to Presbyterian World Mission. Supporters like you enable us to engage in ministries of transformation around the world. World Mission has joined with South Sudanese partners in a project to improve education and nurture peace, together they are now constructing a desperately needed school. Your support has enabled mission co-workers Lynn and Sharon Kandel to lend valuable logistical and administrative expertise to the new building in Jebel. They are blessed to work with partners who remain hopeful despite having their “homes destroyed, family members killed, livelihoods ruined, and opportunities for schooling denied.” Thanks again for your gift. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of many. Please keep Presbyterian World Mission and our partners in your prayers. Together in mission, -B. Hunter Farrell, Director, World Mission, Presbyterian Mission Agency.*

## **Opening the Gift**

Gifts are useless unless we open them! At this Sunday's Forum class, Brady Rhodes will help us *open the gifts* given to us by other January forum leaders, Bryce Wiebe, Kili Wenburg, and Sarah Fruehling. Brady's many years of experience as educator, mediator, and community organizer enable him to help us unpack and process previous forums' content in order to make connections, apply new ideas, and move the conversation forward. January 31, Fellowship Hall, 9:15.

### Watch *The Bible* mini-series with the Heirs Apparent Class

Each Sunday morning at 9:15, the Heirs Apparent class is watching and discussing episodes of *The Bible*, originally aired on the History Channel. Discussion is led by Curtis Reimer. All are welcome to join anytime!

### Do you love playing with little children?

If so, we need you!! You'll have fun while also helping with church budget concerns! Kili is putting together a list of those who would be willing to offer their time and talent by occasionally providing child care for weekday events. Call the church to be added to the list. Thank you!!

### Chili Cook-off

All you can eat soup and cinnamon rolls, silent auction, and door prizes. All proceeds go to summer camps for children in foster care ages 6-15. Sponsored by Royal Family Kids Camp and Teen Reach Adventure Camp. Sunday, February 7, Adams County Fairgrounds, 11-2. Tickets: \$7 adults; \$5 children (ages 5-11); free for children under 5.

### Financial Peace University Registration Information

Register by paper form by stopping in at the church office, or register online by calling or emailing Kili to request the registration link ([kili@fpchastings.org](mailto:kili@fpchastings.org)). Classes will take place Tuesday nights (except committee meeting nights) 6:00-7:30/8:00, beginning Feb 23. Class previews will take place Sunday mornings, Feb 7 and 14. Registration payment will be due by Feb 15.

### Congregational Lives

**Mary Northrop** is retiring after 6 years as coordinator of the **Prayer Chain** and is seeking a new leader. She asked that all Church members consider these opportunities: (1) to help make sure that concerns are handled with prayer, and (2) to step up to help lead the volunteers. Also, more members are needed to take part. If you have questions or would like to participate, please contact Mary at 402-463-1605.

On Saturday, January 23, Hastings High senior **Sophia Pankratz** broke a 20-year old school record, scoring her 968th career point in the Lady Tigers' basketball game against Gothenburg. (The record was previously set by Michelle Trader in 1996 with 967 points.)

**Gretchen Lainson** celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday, January 25.

**The Lost and Found Box is full!** Located next to the soda machine between Fellowship Hall and the Chapel, please check to retrieve items before they are donated.

### Recipients of the 2015-2016 Ann Binfield Scholarships:

*Wyatt Davis  
Mattie Eddleman  
Jordan Graviette  
Katie Kingsley  
Walker Hermann  
Nathan Jensen  
Kelley Junker*

### Congratulations!

**PW Circle 1 Luncheon**  
**Weds. Feb. 3, Fellowship Hall**  
**Recycling**  
**Guest Speaker: Jeff McCoy**  
**Cost: \$5**  
**Everyone Welcome!**  
**RSVP to the office by Feb. 1**

If you or someone you know would like a **ride to church on Sunday** from one of our church Deacons, please contact the office during regular hours, or during the month of January Mark Hemje at 402-469-2991.

Mark your calendars! March 19, **Go & Serve Youth Craft/Vendor Sale** in the church annex gym. Sign-up forms for space rental are available on the glass shelves by the office door, due by Feb.1. Contact Stephanie Brader in the office with questions.

The Go & Serve Youth will be hosting a craft/vendor sale on March 19th from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the annex gym. If you are interested in renting a booth the cost will be \$40.00 for a 10'x10' space with a 8 foot table. One vendor per business on a first come first serve basis. If interested fill this out with your payment and have it in the First Presbyterian Church ofce by February 1st. After that it will be open to the public. All proceeds from booth rentals will go towards the Go & Serve trip to Ganado, AZ in June.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of business \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need electricity? YES / NO  
 (only a few booths available for this)

\*\* Advertising for this event will be done through social media and distributed fliers. This event will be on Whooper/Hooper weekend. Any questions email Kim Hermann - fpcraftshow2016@gmail.com Mail to: First Presbyterian Church - 621 N Lincoln Ave - Hastings NE 68901

### From the Library

The library has copies of the 2 Bible study books for the Wednesday and Friday studies. They are Brene Brown's book *The Gifts of Imperfection* and Marcus Borg's book *Speaking Christian*. The Borg book is available both in regular and large print. These books will be "on reserve" at the desk. Please do not check them out. They may be borrowed on the day of the study if they are needed. After the studies are over, the books will be available for checking out. Thanks. -Sue Medsker-Nedderman

### Happy Anniversary

|                                            |            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| Dave & Jan Schawang                        | 02/04/1967 |
| Monte & Karla Malouf                       | 02/04/1977 |
| Steve & Lesa Cropley                       | 02/10/1979 |
| Larry & Uschi Butler                       | 02/18/1967 |
| Darrel & Gail Schmidt                      | 02/18/1972 |
| Bret Erickson &<br>Irina Belikova-Erickson | 02/27/1998 |
| Ruei Tut & Nyadeng Kang                    | 02/28/1998 |

### ~ In Loving Memory ~

Gladys L. Kuehn  
 October 27, 1920 - January 12, 2016

Dale LaVerne Grams  
 August 18, 1917 - January 17, 2016

Mary Simmons  
 Died January 24, 2016

### February 2016 Servers

#### February 7 Communion - Team 3

Dave Fisher, Kay Georgiana, Susan Hoff,  
 Lynette Krieger, Paul Krieger, Scott Kummer,  
 Kathleen Nelson, Phil Odom, Chris Schukei,  
 Doug Soderquist

#### Ushers

Dale Behrens, matt Fong, Gaylon Hermann,  
 Jeff Hermann, Jessica Meeske, Al Meyer, captain,  
 Todd Pankratz, Ken Stein

#### Greeters

**Feb 7:** William and Susan Oliver  
**Feb 14:** Joe and Amy Black  
**Feb 21:** Todd and Shannon Welton  
**Feb 28:** Paul and Belinda Nuss

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|              |                                                                                |              |                                                                                   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>02/01</b> | Becky Busboom<br>Nytha Glass<br>Brian Johnson<br>Carole Storer<br>Donna Trutna | <b>02/12</b> | Zada Gernstein<br>Becky Meyer<br>Mary Lee Phelps<br>Jon Propp<br>Geraldine Shuman |
| <b>02/02</b> | George Adam<br>Chanda Essink<br>Armeshia Onken                                 | <b>02/13</b> | Gayle Fandry<br>Vicki Fisk<br>Hannah Hafer<br>Robert Nelson                       |
| <b>02/03</b> | Kate Boyd<br>Lin Jurgena<br>Katie Kingsley                                     | <b>02/14</b> | Rachel Guiai<br>Lee Kreager<br>Mary Plock                                         |
| <b>02/04</b> | Judy Arnoldy<br>Mary Jo Emmons<br>Nina Meyer                                   | <b>02/15</b> | Amber Foral<br>Noble Henderson<br>Scott Ziemba                                    |
| <b>02/05</b> | Greyson Miller<br>Michelle Musgrave<br>LaVerne Schreiner                       | <b>02/17</b> | Patrick Burling<br>Keaton Redline                                                 |
| <b>02/06</b> | Pam Canady<br>Shirley Gass<br>C L Wimer<br>George Howard<br>Riley Mullen       | <b>02/18</b> | Irva Smith                                                                        |
| <b>02/07</b> | Justin Brader<br>Bonnie Preston                                                | <b>02/20</b> | Zach Spurgeon                                                                     |
| <b>02/08</b> | Judy Stewart<br><br>JoAnn Williams<br>Sydney Witte                             | <b>02/21</b> | Crystal Bauer                                                                     |
| <b>02/09</b> | Meredith Oliver                                                                | <b>02/22</b> | Caleb Northrop<br>Ramona Shetler<br>Brian Telecky                                 |
| <b>02/10</b> | Alex Hafer<br>Ben Hafer<br>Doug Phelps                                         | <b>02/23</b> | Zelma Fobben<br>Janey Nottage-<br>Tacey                                           |
| <b>02/11</b> | David Cooke<br>Dick McClenahan<br>Phyllis Waltemath                            | <b>02/24</b> | Harvey Freetly<br>Sharon Steenbarger                                              |
|              |                                                                                | <b>02/25</b> | Dana Odom                                                                         |
|              |                                                                                | <b>02/26</b> | Brent Brooks<br>Breckyn Knaub<br>Chad Murrell                                     |
|              |                                                                                | <b>02/28</b> | Melissa Allen                                                                     |

# Children & Youth News

## First Presbyterian Church, Hastings NE

February 2016

Children & Youth age 2 1/2\* thru 18 please  
join us for Sunday School!

Sundays 9:15am -- 10:15am

\*We ask that children be potty trained before they attend.



### Youth Usher Schedule

February 7: Emma Redinger & Julia Reimer  
February 14: Erikka Rhodes & Morgan Karloff  
February 21: Arich Fruehling & Courtney Junker  
February 28: Lucy Nielsen & Nyanhial Duang

### Acolyte Schedule

February 7: Avery Essink & Tyson Kerr  
February 14: Abbie Kerr & Raegan Bradley  
February 21: Eleanor Oliver & Eric Brader  
February 28: Alex Ferguson & Tethloach Duang

Join us on Wednesdays for  
Wednesday Night Live!!!  
Activities include  
Recreation Play, Worship  
Skills (bells/choir), Bible  
Study, and Family Time  
Meal.

Age 4 thru 5th Grade:  
4:00pm - 6:45pm  
6th thru 12th Grade:  
6:00pm - 8:15pm

I am  
God's Child.  
Lavished in  
**LOVE.**  
Gifted with  
**GRACE.**  
Showered with  
**MERCY.**  
Overflowing with  
**HOPE.**



### Dates of Interest

#### February

3-WNL theme "Birthday  
Celebration"

7-Youth Sunday; Souper  
Bowl of Caring collecting  
donations for Food 4  
Thought.

7-Cal/West Bell practice  
8:45am

10-WNL theme "Valentines  
Day"

14-Cal/West Choir sings @  
10:30 service

17-WNL theme "Crazy Hat  
Night"

21-Cal/West Bell practice  
8:45am

24-WNL theme "Pool  
Party"

28-Children's Choir &  
Bells sing and play @ 8:30  
service

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Don Canady

**Publishing Guidelines:**

The *Home Page* is a weekly publication for the people and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

The newsletter seeks to inform, instruct and challenge its readers to become engaged in the ministry of FPC.

**Articles** will be accepted on Monday of each week. Submissions will be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: **tarci@fpchastings.org** or call 402-462-5147.

**JANUARY 17, 2016**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 10:30 Worship Attendance  | 197        |
| General Fund              | \$4,601.70 |
| Plate Collections         | \$46.00    |
| Per Capita                | \$29.80    |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins | \$30.14    |
| Sunday School             | \$5.00     |
| Food Pantry               | \$8.00     |
| Annex Building Use Income | \$25.00    |

**Thanks be to God**

**NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA**

**Jan. 31, 2016**

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Preaching</b>         | <b>Pastor Don Canady</b>      |
| <b>Music</b>             | <b>Children's Choir/Bells</b> |
| <b>Adult Forum</b>       | <b>Brady Rhodes</b>           |
| <b>Heirs Apparent</b>    | <b>Curtis Reimer</b>          |
| <b>Following Worship</b> | <b>Annual Meeting</b>         |
|                          | <b>Soup Lunch</b>             |