



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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New Bible Study Opportunity!

All are welcome to join in a new Bible Study every other Wednesday evening, 5:30-6:45 in the Kessler Room, Feb. 24 through May 4. Dinner included (\$2 suggested donation).

Soup Group Meets This Friday

Women and friends of First Presbyterian are invited to join together in the Fellowship Hall at noon this Friday, February 26, for a soup lunch and discussion of the book *The Gifts of Imperfection*. (Next session will be Mar 4.)

*Contact Kili if you need childcare for this event.

Sunday Forum: *Opening the Gifts*

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 February forum leaders, Ramez Habash, Carlos Barcenas, and our panel of interviewees (Kraig Lofquist, Irina Belikova-Erickson, Gretchen Lainson, and Jeff Howard). 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.

February 28, Fellowship Hall, 9:15.

Ongoing Adult Study and Fellowship Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Every Wednesday morning in the Parlor at 7:00 a.m. Currently studying the book *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg. Includes breakfast.

Heirs Apparent Sunday School Class: Every Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Anderson Conference Room. Currently watching and discussing *The Bible*, a mini-series originally aired on the History Channel.

PW Circles and Luncheons: Luncheon on first Wednesday of each month; small group ("Circle") meetings (with Bible study) on third Wednesday of each month. Contact Rogene Wenburg for more information (308-962-0187).

Spiritual Direction: Confidential, 45-minute, one-on-one sessions available by appointment at no cost to church members. Contact Kili (402-462-5147) for appointment.

Always in need of diapers!!

The "Happy Nappies" project continues, and your contributions are needed and appreciated! Please bring your donations of diapers (larger sizes are always in short supply) to the green tub near the Hands Around the World store in the Memorial Room. Diapers are donated to Catholic Social Services.

We have an opportunity to help furnish a new safe house for families escaping abuse. The house is a part of the services of Spousal Abuse/Sexual Assault (SASA) Crisis Center. It provides support, guidance, and education to men, women and children to live a life free from domestic and sexual violence.

If you have items on this list that you are able to contribute, please take them to the center office at: 220 South Burlington Ave., Suite #2:

- *Microwave
- *Shower curtain and rod
- *Vacuum
- *Buckets, mops, cleaning supplies, brushes
- *Preferably a tall square kitchen table w/chairs (since space is limited)
- *Wooden spoons, whisks, rubber spatulas, pancake turner
- *All kitchen gadgets-Can openers, mixing bowls, muffin tins, canisters
- *Pitchers - water or juice (not creamer)
- *Plastic divided plates for little ones
- *Baby bottles
- *Twin bed sheet sets, mattress pads, pillowcases, comforters
- *Lamps – floor & end table

~Members of the Global Mission and Social Witness Committee

Congregational Lives

Wednesday, March 2nd **PW members** will be attending Sermons a la carte at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral. Meet in our church parking lot at 11:45 to walk to St. Mark's, or if you would rather, you can meet the group at St. Mark's for the service at 12:05. Lunch will follow the service. The cost is \$3.00. (Executive team members will meet at 11:00 in the church library before going to the service.)

2016 Usher and Communion Server schedules are now available online and in the office if you'd like a hard copy.

2016 Greeter schedule will be available by the next Home Page edition.

Love and prayers to Zach Spurgeon and family as he undergoes shoulder surgery on Monday, February 29.

Welcome, Adam Johnson! Adam is a Hastings College student who will be subbing for Zach during his recovery.

Congratulations to these championship quiz bowl team members: Carter Wenburg and Chase Johnson (members of middle school quiz bowl championship team); and Lydia Meyer (member of high school quiz bowl championship team).

Congratulations to Chase Johnson for qualifying for the State MathCounts competition!

Congratulations to grandparents Susan & Neal Hoff, and parents Sarah & Nicholas Hoff of Los Angeles, CA, for the birth of Neal Henry Hoff, born February 16th, 2016.

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 March, Mark Hemje at 402-469-2991.

Register NOW for 2016 Summer Camp—Something for everyone!

Camp Calvin Crest and Highlands Summer Camp brochures are now available on the glass shelves near the church office door. Scholarship applications are also available. *****Camp Calvin Crest has an Early Bird Discount for registrations received by March 15.*****

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org with any questions.

If you would like to continue to receive the Home Page by mail, please contact the office @ 402-462-5147 or email tarci@fpchastings.org.

Music: Spring Vespers

Sunday, March 6, 2016

6:00pm to 7:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

The College Choir, HC Singers, Men's Choir

**LORD MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT
OF YOUR PEACE**

Synod gathering for Presbyterian Women
in the Synod of Lakes & Prairies
June 15-18, 2016, in Sioux Falls, SD.
Additional information is available in the
office or online at
www.lakesandprairies.org.

**2016 Directory
will be available this Sunday,
Feb. 28th, in the Memorial
Room.**

World Day of Prayer * March 4, 2016

Receive Children, Receive Me

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. More information will be provided in Sunday's bulletin and next week's Home Page.

***Thank God we live in a country where we
can thank God! –Pastor Don Canady***

**Sunday
February 28, 2016**

8:30 Worship;
Message by Frank Medsker

9:15 Sunday School
Adult Forum, Brady Rhodes

10:30 Worship;
Message by Pastor Don Canady

Music: Chancel Choir

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8:30 Worship Attendance	74
10:30 Worship Attendance	150
General Fund	\$5,767.00
Plate Collections	\$78.00
Per Capita	\$59.60
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$13.64
Sunday School	\$6.05
Food Pantry	\$18.00
Memorial Gifts	\$85.00
Kids Against Hunger	\$1.00
Food 4 Thought	\$60.00

Thanks be to God!

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

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

***Home Page Assembly
is Tuesday at 9 a.m.
in the common office area.***

***Average volunteer time
is 1 to 1-1/2 hour.***

Come join us!

***Everyone
is
welcome!***