



The Home Page

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During the Lenten season we talk about preparing ourselves for the coming of Easter. In other words, prepare for the celebration of the resurrection. In the Presbyterian Church we celebrate the resurrection every Sunday. The crosses that are present in our church buildings are empty. We celebrate the glorious good news of the resurrection—Christ is alive. He lives again. He is present with us always.

For some the preparation for Easter is a dark time concentrating on the Passion of Christ. For me our preparation is for the greatest celebration in the Christian life. A time in the life of the world when God said very clearly that the world was not going to kill his son. And he brought him back to life. He raised him from the dead to live again. That is my celebration. CHRIST IS ALIVE.

-Pastor Don Canady

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## **Easter Prayer Vigil**

It's time to begin signing up for this treasured First Presbyterian tradition! Sign-up sheets are located in the Memorial Room with one-hour slots, providing for a continuous stream of prayers to flow out of our chapel from 8 p.m. on Good Friday until 8 a.m. Easter Sunday.

New this year: we hope to have two people signed up for each slot as a way of both expanding the vigil and increasing security for participants.

## **From the Mission Committee: Long-Sleeved Shirt Drive**

On March 9 at 10 a.m., Governor Ricketts will be signing proclamations declaring March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day and March 24-31 as Farmworker Awareness Week in Nebraska. In observation of these events, our Mission Committee is partnering with our local Proteus organization to collect *new or gently used long-sleeved shirts* to be distributed to local farmworkers in need. Please bring your donations to the basket in the Memorial Room.

## Adult Study and Fellowship Opportunities

### *Sundays*

Forum (March 13): "Sacrifice as Blessing." Hannah Jensen shares her experiences as a missionary music teacher in the Dominican Republic. Fellowship Hall, 9:15. (March 20: "Jesus' Sacrifice" led by Dan Deffenbaugh.)

Heirs Apparent: Watch and discuss *The Bible* mini-series. Anderson Conference Room, 9:15.

### *Wednesdays*

Morning Bible Study: Discussing the book "Speaking Christian" by Marcus Borg. Parlor, 7 a.m. Breakfast included.

Evening Bible Study: Utilizing the book "Lord, Teach us to Pray: Six Studies on Spirituality and the Lord's Prayer." 5:30-6:45, Kessler Room, every other week (March sessions on the 9th and 23rd). Dinner included (\$2 suggested donation).

Informal Book Discussion: Meet in the church library at 6:45 to share what you're reading and find out what others are finding interesting as well.

Presbyterian Women (PW) Circles and Luncheons: luncheon on 1st Wed of each month; small group Bible study meetings on 3rd Wed of each month (9 a.m. or 1 p.m.).

### *Fridays*

Women's Soup Group: Every other Friday (next session: March 18), noon-1 in Fellowship hall. Discussing "The Gifts of Imperfection." Lunch included.

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.

**Fish banks are not just for kids!** This year, both children and adults are encouraged to pick up a fish bank and giving calendar (both available in the Memorial Room) with which to set aside money for the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) (OGHS) offering, to be received on Easter. OGHS is an ecumenical project that began during WWII to provide relief for war-torn countries, and which continues today, providing disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid, and more.

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Hands Around the World Store

Spring is coming! Many items are now marked down to help make room for all of the new items coming in!

Open every Sunday, 9am – 12 noon.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Wednesday, March 16

9:30 Circle 1- Mary Fisk

Circle 2- Jane Bauer

1:15 Circle 3 - Fellowship Hall

Register NOW for 2016 Summer Camp—Something for everyone!

Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.

Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

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.

Craft/Vendor Show--March 19, 9:00-3:00 in the annex gym.
Sponsored by Go & Serve.

Quilters need your help! An over-abundance of items (such as quilt frames, curtain stretchers, ironing boards, non-cotton fabrics, tablecloths and more) have accumulated and need removed! All extra will be placed in the hallway outside the Quilters room the day of the Go & Serve Craft/Vendor Show. Free will donation to Go & Serve is appreciated.

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 1:00p.m. in the Annex. If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please do not contact Zelma - instead contact Bev Stein at 402-463-1410.

**Sunday,
March 20, 2016**

9:15 Sunday School

Adult Forum, Dan Deffenbaugh

10:30 Worship;

Message by Pastor Don Canady

Music: Children's Choir

Hastings College Schedule of Events

-Mon Mar 14: *Zachary Peterson*, piano and *Nathan Mertens*, saxophone @ 7:30 p.m.

-Mon Mar 15: *Zachary Peterson*, piano and *Cody Muller*, bass @ 7:30 p.m.

**We encourage you call Fuhr Hall
(402-461-7448) to confirm the
performance time/location.**

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

8:30 Worship Attendance	126
10:30 Worship Attendance	173

General Fund	\$9,205.00
Plate Collections	\$74.00
Per Capita	\$59.80
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$15.65
CE Sunday School	\$17.12
Food Pantry	\$9.00
Weds Night Live donation	\$12.00
Memorial Gifts	\$705.00

Thanks be to God!

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