

The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven.”

How they welcomed him as he came into Jerusalem. His disciples brought him a donkey at his instructions. They place their cloaks on the donkey to comfort his ride. The word had spread that Jesus will be coming into the city this day and the people gather to welcome him. To welcome the Son of David--to welcome the King of Israel. What a glorious welcome. And yet, as Jesus looks upon the city he weeps.

During the following week Jesus goes into the temple to teach God’s message of love. Many hear and many do not. In fact, as some listen they do not hear the message they want to hear and they turn on Jesus. He is arrested, put on trial, and we know the rest of the story.

The story does not end with the trial or the beating or even the death. God has other plans. God was not going to let the world kill his Son. On that wonderful morning when Mary went to give him his proper burial she found that he was not there. Others came to the tomb and also found him missing. For some it was not until that moment that they understood he had risen from the dead. He was alive.

We come on Easter as people of God to celebrate that good news. Only now we know that he is alive and lives with us in *our* lives. Raise your voice with all Christians everywhere proclaiming this Sunday, “He Is Alive.”

-Pastor Don Canady

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**From the Mission Committee: Long-Sleeved Shirt Drive** On March 9, Governor Ricketts signed 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.

28 shirts were  
taken to Proteus  
on 3/17

### **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.

### **Check the table in the Memorial Room for info on these great opportunities:**

1. Spanish classes offered via free will donation by a teacher visiting Hastings this spring from Guatemala.
2. "Pilgrimage"--a weekend retreat (similar to Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus) for adults held April 7-10 at Calvin Crest (near Fremont).
3. Training opportunity for women interested in becoming disaster preparedness trainers. Held in Sioux Falls, SD, June 18-19, all expenses paid.

### **No Sunday School this Sunday, March 27**

Classes for all ages are cancelled for Easter Sunday so that teachers and students can attend the Easter brunch. The brunch is an "open house"-style event. Come anytime between 9:15 and 10:15. Bring a breakfast item to share, and enjoy fellowship with your church family!

### **It's time to reel in the fish (banks)!**

Bring your fish banks (and other offerings) to church on March 27 or April 3, as the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on those Sundays. *Non-fish bank offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing can be given using the communion offering envelopes in the pews.*

### **Looking for a video-recording volunteer...**

Kili has received multiple requests that the Forum classes be regularly video-taped. The church already has the equipment to make this happen, but we need a few individuals to take turns making sure the equipment is set up and going during each Forum class (9:15-10:15, Sunday mornings). Contact Kili if you can help. Thank you for your consideration!!!



## ***Congregational Lives***

**Hospitalizations:** we care about one another and like to know who is hospitalized so that we can offer our support and encouragement. Sometimes however, health care's tightening privacy regulations can make it difficult for our church staff to know who is in the hospital at all times. Other times, privacy is requested. If you or your loved one is hospitalized, *and if you are comfortable with that information being made public*, please let the church office know so that your name can be listed in the Home Page and/or Sunday bulletin. The church staff appreciates your assistance making hospitalizations known, and your patience in understanding when hospitalizations are not.

**Quilters** meet every Tuesday at 1:00p.m. in the Annex. If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please contact Bev Stein at 402-463-1410.

**Indoor walking group** meets Mon-Thurs at 8:15 in the Annex gym. Exercise followed by coffee and conversation. Everyone is welcome. Contact Jan Ham with questions.


**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling the church office or, during the month of March, Deacon Mark Hemje at 402-469-2991.

**Adult mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico**, in October is now filled.

**2016 Directory** is available, bound or as an insert. Pick up your copy in front of the mailboxes in the common office area or in the Memorial Room.

The **Pastor candidate** will be visiting and giving a sermon on nametag Sunday, April 3.

*Synod School 2016*



"People having so much fun  
while examining issues related to faith"

"Wonderful, thoughtful, energetic, fun-loving  
teachers, staff and leaders."

"A place where the needs of the entire family are considered."

"Gives me the incentive to try new things in my church."

"The 'connectedness' and warmth of Christian community."

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July 24-29, 2016  
Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

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800-328-1880, ext. 207

**Connecting with Jesus  
in an Over-Connected World**

**Presbyterian Women luncheon** is Wednesday, April 6 at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall. Joyce Dean, a certified lay pastor from Beaver City, presents "Good Samaritan", a dramatic program. Circle 1 is scheduled to host; Circle 3 set-up, devotion, etc. Everyone is invited. \$5 donation is requested. Please reserve your spot by calling the office no later than Monday, April 4.

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Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering is at FPC on Saturday, April 9, from 8:30am – 3:00pm. Registration costs \$10 per person (\$3 will be sent to the Presbytery, \$7 will go to PW). Deadline is listed as April 4 but reservations will be accepted through Friday, April 8. Forms and more information are available in the Memorial Room.



2016 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up



We're getting ready for a great VBS! This year, we are using Concordia Publishing House's *Barnyard Roundup*. VBS children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too! **Our VBS will be held May 23-27, 2:00pm-5:00pm.**

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions

YES, I will join the group as they gather together in Jesus' saving love at *Barnyard Roundup* VBS!

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please mark the top (3) three areas you would like to volunteer.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-School Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Leader/Shepherd |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Station Leader | ○ 1 st |
| ○ Bible Challenge | ○ 2 nd |
| ○ Story Telling | ○ 3 rd |
| ○ Snacks | ○ 4 th |
| ○ Crafts | ○ 5 th |
| ○ Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Media operator/Photographer |
| ○ Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating/Tear Down |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opening/Closing skits | |

Notes: _____

PLEASE DELIVER COMPLETED FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Ministry of Music

Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program

----Application----

2016 Spring (February - May)

RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY May 31, 2016

Application Date: _____
Month Day Year

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____
First Last First Last

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ e-mail _____

Area (Circle One):

Piano Organ Voice Guitar String Instrument: _____

Wind/Percussion Instrument: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

Teacher Address: _____

Teacher Telephone: () _____ Weekly Cost of Lessons: \$ _____

Verification of Instruction and Participation

(Near the end of May, the teacher may be notified to verify the completion of lessons)

Private Teacher's Signature _____

FPC Music Staff Signature _____

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____

Students must be age 6 – 18 and MUST participate in the children's/youth choir/ music program of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska.

Parents MUST be members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, Nebraska.

-----For Office Use Only-----

Check Number _____ Date of Check _____ Amount _____ Authorized _____

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/01	Karen Huber	04/11	Carolyn Miller	04/22	Kenny Graham
04/02	Sara Knaub		Brianna Zubrod		Jenni Bauer
04/03	Shelley Nuss		Mattie Eddleman		Lindsey Telecky
	Brett Erickson	04/12	Carol Medsker		Walker Hermann
04/04	Wendy Propp		Sarah Nottage-Tacey	04/24	Helen Vollweiler
	Hannah Wray		Tom Portwood		Norah Snell
	Meredith LaMaster	04/13	Kevin Junker		Job Ehrich
04/06	Norma Saathoff		William Hermes	04/26	Darleen Howard
	Ruth Swingle		Broden Hultine		Elaine Specht
	Will Locke	04/15	Lynn Barrows		Taylor Musgrave
	Kenton Grams		Harold Korb	04/27	Dave Johnson
	Andrea Franzen	04/16	Chuck Evans		Curtis Reimer
	Zo Kreager		Laura McCarthy		Thomas Kerr
04/07	Michael Brooks		Collin Hermes	04/28	Cole McCoy
04/08	Barb Harrington	04/18	Dean Meyer		Julie McCarthy
	Irina Belikova-Erickson		Jim Baldwin	04/29	Kristan Harrenstein
	Stephen Howard	04/19	Charles Bishop		Sammi Malouf
04/09	Cathy Pershing	04/20	Robert Grams	04/30	Alex Peterson
	John Pershing		Belinda Nuss		Julia Reimer
	Dennis McPherson	04/21	Kathy Warriner		
	Anne Halbert				
	Daniel Tut				

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike & Marcia Hogan	04/02/1983
Mark & Lorna Zajack	04/07/2001
Paul & Belinda Nuss	04/08/1978
Frank & Heather Cassidy	04/08/2006
Joe & Ashley Ehrich	04/11/2006
Jim & Lois Hahne	04/15/1961
Richard & Evelyn Viglicky	04/16/1947
Clyde & Katherine Sachtleben	04/21/2012
George & Colleen Adam	04/26/1975
Jorn & Mary Olsen	04/26/1975
Dave & Sandra Dirks	04/29/1989

HASTINGS COLLEGE MUSIC

Thursday, March 31

SR: *Sigma Alpha Iota Concert*
(in Honor of Women's History Month)

Perkins Auditorium / 7:30 pm

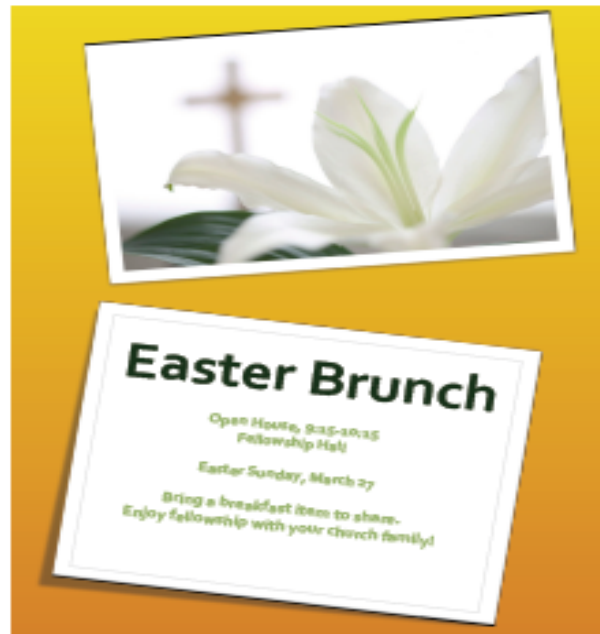
Date Change:

GR: Dr. Irena Ravitskya, piano

New Date- April 18

Perkins Auditorium / 7:30 pm
(Rescheduled from Mar 6)

MARCH OFFERING -One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Easter Sunday, March 27, and April 3, 2016. **One Great Hour of Sharing** funds are used for *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.*



EASTER SUNDAY – March 27

8:30 a.m. Worship; Celebrate Band

9:15 a.m. Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall

10:30 Worship; Pastor Don Canady

Music: Chancel Choir,

Calvin/Westminster Choir

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Sunday, March 13, 2016

8:30 Worship Attendance	69
10:30 Worship Attendance	155

General Fund	\$9,108.00
Plate Collections	\$83.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$31.54
CE Sunday School	\$2.13
Food Pantry	\$13.00
Open Table	\$359.00
Memorials	\$20.00
Adult Bible Study meal donations	\$20.00
Church Use	\$145.00
Annex Building Use	\$840.00

Funds remitted:

PC(USA) Hunger Fund	\$123.25
Presbytery of Central Nebraska	
General Assembly	\$291.67
Synod	\$350.00
Presbytery	\$2,945.82
Food4Thought	\$1,280.66

Thanks be to God!

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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 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.

At the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), the Session is calling a **special congregational meeting for April 3** following worship to vote on the candidacy of Rev. Nathan Loudon. After months of work, the PNC is recommending Nathan to be the next Pastor at First Presbyterian Church.