



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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Sometimes life comes at us fast—faster than we are prepared to receive. At the end of May, Pam and I made the decision to sell our house and move to Regency Retirement Residence. We had talked to Regency and there was an apartment available. So we talked to a realtor and put our house on the market. The for sale sign went up in our yard on Thursday afternoon and on Saturday we signed the papers accepting the offer for our home. The offer was all cash and we had to be out in twenty days. That was not only fast but we felt like we had been run over by a train and it was not going to stop no matter what. Since then the deal fell through and our house is back on the market.

What I learned so far from this experience is to slow down and take a deep breath. Yes time was quick, but with the help of our amazing family and the offer to help of so many friends we realized slowing down would help us put the situation in the proper perspective and to take God with us on this journey. Pam and I do a daily devotion together each day. With the hectic schedule before us it was tempting to lay that aside for a while and pick it up later. But you don't put God to the side in any circumstance. God has been walking along side us through all of this and will continue to do so even when this time is over.

Each year we say, "Oh good, it's summer and things will slow down." I want to speak to the person who truly finds that to be true. Our busy activities change but we still live life at a fast pace. How many times have you heard a retiree say, "I don't know how I had time to work. My schedule is so full I don't know how I had time to work." Whether we are busy with our jobs or summer activities and whatever, remember that God is with you. When your day becomes hectic God will try and slow you down and don't miss what is right in front of you. When your day becomes a burden and weighs you down God will try and lift you up. At all times and in all places recognize the presence of God in your life.

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## **June Communion Offering: Project Homeless Connect**

The 5th annual "Project Homeless Connect" will take place at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church on July 21, 2016, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The annual event brings together service agencies, schools, veterans organizations, churches, businesses, community support, and hundreds of volunteers to help homeless and nearly homeless individuals residing in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. By providing critical care, services, and information, PHC helps recipients toward self-sufficiency. In 2015, 520 participants (315 adults, 205 children) received services. Both financial donations and volunteers are needed. Downloadable volunteer sign-up forms are available in the common office and at <http://www.phchastings.org/download-forms.html>.

## **OPEN TABLE SACK LUNCH PROGRAM begins Sunday, July 3<sup>RD</sup>.**

During the month of July, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church assemble sack lunches for the Open Table Project administered by Catholic Social Services. Each Sunday in July the assembly line will be set up in Fellowship Hall. Food donations may be brought to the church kitchen. Suggestions for donations needed for the sack lunches may be found in the Memorial Room on the table with the Volunteer sign-up sheet. Donations and volunteers are very much appreciated!

**Proteus** still needs long-sleeve work shirts for migrant workers this summer. These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. Donations may be placed in the white round basket in the Memorial Room. Your contribution makes a difference!

Donations for **Relay for Life** may be made in the office or via the web site: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) at any time. All money goes to the American Cancer Society mission to help others Stay Well, Get Well, Finding Cures and Fight Back.



The following have luminaries to date:

### **In Honor of:**

**Anne Chambers  
Charronna Chambers  
Keith Dreher  
Mike Evans  
Nancy Grams  
Larry Graham  
Charles Hermes  
Neal Hoff  
Jane Hopp  
Darleen Howard  
Jeff Howard  
Byron Jensen  
Tim Johnson  
Vernon Kooy  
Darrel Lloyd  
Will Locke  
Dwight Marsh  
Richard Marsh  
Carole Storer  
Renee Thomsen  
Doug Throckmorton  
Mary Vaughn  
Rogene Wenburg  
Rick Waltemath**

### **In Memory of:**

**Betty Anderson  
Don Anderson  
Judy Anderson  
Vern Anderson  
Florene Behl  
Millard Cates  
Ona Eggerss  
Norma Vanwinkle Essink  
Chip Essex  
Nancy Goodrich  
Mike Graham  
Jerry Hoff  
Alice Marie Hogan  
Earl Knigge  
Susan Long  
Mary Marsh  
Bob & Toni Mays  
Jann Meyer  
Lenora Meyer  
Andrew Murry  
Ruby Reis  
Marilyn Sachtleben  
Julie Soderquist  
Evelyn Wilcox  
Alvin Witte**

**Happy Nappies.** Your Mission Committee is always collecting diapers for our “Happy Nappies” project. Thank you for your help in serving the most vulnerable in our community! Place your donations in the green bin in the Memorial Room.

Summer hours for ***Hands Around the World Store*** are 10 - 12 on Sundays. Please stop by to see the variety of coffee, spices, scarves, jewelry, household and garden accessories we have in stock. Our items come from nonprofit, fair trade organizations dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans and farmers and their families out of poverty. Your purchases make a difference!

FPC delivered 1 bag with 9 items to the **Hastings food pantry** this week.

On June 1, FPC donated \$3,964.34 to SASA per designation by Dale Behrens. Thank you Mr. Behrens! Glory be to God!

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Summer Hours for **Director of Education for Children & Youth**, Stephanie Brader, will be Monday and Tuesday mornings 8:00am-12:00pm.

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**From the Library:** Summer is a chance to do some reading that you maybe wouldn't do during the rest of the year. Check out the titles in the church library for a change of pace from your regular reading.

I love that people take books out to read, but I really would like to know who has what book. Even if you only check a book out for your child to use during worship, it helps if you go through the check-out process. That way, just in case your child decides to take the book home after worship, we know where it is. I have been doing some checking in the library and I've come across three books that I can't seem to locate. If you have one of them, please bring it back to the library. The three books are:

*The Three Questions* by Jon Muth. This is a children's book.

*New Bible Dictionary* - the card for this book was left on the desk, but not signed.

*Book of Confessions* - the card for this book was also left on the desk, but not signed.

Your help and cooperation with this is greatly appreciated!

## ***Congregational Lives***

**The radio broadcast** airs Sunday @ 10:30am during service on KICS 1550 AM.

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling the church office or Deacon Moderator Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

The family of Lula Buhr has kindly donated to FPC a **motorized wheelchair**. If you have a use for this, or know of someone who does, please contact Deacon Moderator Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

A friendly reminder that if you have been issued a **FPC kitchen door** code, please be sure to lock the door behind you. The door has been found unlocked recently during evenings and weekends. We want to be sure we keep the church and all assets within secure.

Let us welcome **Kurt Gibson**, FPC's new custodian! A native of Hastings, NE, he and his wife Kim live in Juniata with their four children Olivia, Dalton, Cailyn, and the youngest Mason. Kim operates her own daycare business out of their home, as she has for 17 years. Kurt has worked in the mental health field for more than 34 years, the last six as a case manager for South Central Nebraska.

Kurt grew up attending the Second Presbytery Church, and served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1975. Hobbies include working on motorcycles, riding motorcycles, fishing, construction projects, and going on vacations with his family. Kurt reports working at FPC is a great fit. As a people person, he looks forward to meeting everyone here!

### **2016 DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS**

**CANADY, Tim & Teresa** (p.4) Tim's Email is: [tcanady65@gmail.com](mailto:tcanady65@gmail.com).

**LAMASTER, John** (p.15) 2717 S. 118<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68144.

**WELTON, Todd & Shannon** (p.28) No home phone #; Shannon's new cell # is 402-303-9928.

**Prayers to Lillian Baumann.** She is going on hospice. Her place of residence is Perkins, Room 123. Her mailing address remains: P.O. Box 314, Hastings, NE 68902.

**Prayers to everyone involved in the Orlando, FL tragedy.** Whether this was a hate crime or act of terrorism, we must pray for such events to end. I encourage everyone to pray every day towards this goal.   
*-Pastor Don Canady*

**Sunday, June 19, 2016**

10:30 Worship  
Pastor Don Canady  
**Special Congregational Meeting**

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**Sunday, June 26, 2016**

10:30 Go & Serve Sunday  
Pastor Don Canady  
Go & Serve Presentation  
**Stockholder's Luncheon**

Reminder for the members who purchased stock in the Go & Serve trip: there will be a banquet following the Go & Serve Sunday Service on June 26th. The kids and sponsors made it to Ganado, AZ and are busy at work helping with repairs and Bible school which started on Monday!! Please keep them in your prayers.



**SERVING COMMUNION JULY 3 – TEAM 2**

|               |                   |                  |                |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Kim Creech    | Mike Hogan        | Pam Lay          | Kathy Utter    |
| Paula Crozier | Jeff Howard       | Constance Malloy |                |
| Mary Fisk     | Mary Kay LaMaster | Chad Murrell     | Rogene Wenburg |

**JULY USHERS**

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Dale Behrens | Al Mayer- Captain |
| Matt Fong    | Ken Stein         |

**JULY GREETERS**

|         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| July 3  | Alice Throckmorton, Marilyn Nielsen |
| July 10 | Richard and Linda Johnson           |
| July 17 | Ted and Lori Schroeder              |
| July 24 | Gale and Dixie McDonald             |
| July 31 | Mary Kay LaMaster                   |

***Committee News***

**GO & SERVE COMMISSIONING**

|                 |                |               |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Lauren Canady   | Lily Kingsley  | Lucy Nielsen  |
| Nyanhial Duang  | Lydia Meyer    | Emma Redinger |
| Courtney Junker | Maggie Nielsen | Erikka Rhodes |

Sponsors: Kevin Junker, Constance Malloy, Becky Meyer, Chad Murrell, and Tammie Nowka

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A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 19 following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) to confirm the action by Session and Trustees to dispose of the temporary housing for the transitional minister, (2) elect Church Nominating Committee (CNC) members, (3) elect Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) members, and (4) elect Mary Olsen to replace Cindy Strasheim (recently resigned) to Session. All members are welcomed.

Congregational Nominating Committee

Ted Schroeder, Vonda Essex, Denny Storer, and Barb Harrington

Pastor Nominating Committee

Jim Duval, Chad Murrell, Mike Karloff, Joan Shaw, Chris Junker, Pam Lay and Jeni Howard

Session

Mary Olsen

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"When working with your attorney to update your will and estate plan, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation that will enhance the work of this congregation for many years to come. Our Federal Identification Number is 47-0710307." – Roger Doerr, Moderator of the Foundation



# Kids Eat Free!

Niños Comen Gratis! Ages 1-18\*

**MAY 23-27**

2015 W 3rd St by the Water Park

11:00am—12:30pm

**JUNE 6—JULY 1**

Carter Park on S Chicago and E Street

11:00 am—12:00 pm

Harms Park across from Duncan Field

12:30 pm—1:30 pm

**AUGUST 1—12**

2015 W 3rd St by the Water Park

11:00am—12:30pm



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empowering women

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**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a weekly publication (bi-weekly June & July) 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](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org) or call 402-462-5147.

### **May 29, 2016**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 135        |
| General Fund             | \$2,378.00 |
| Plate Collections        | \$69.00    |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund      | \$22.90    |
| Go & Serve Stock Sales   | \$50.00    |
| Pentecost                | \$5.00     |
| Tin Roof for Africa      | \$84.33    |
| Food Pantry              | \$5.00     |
| WNL Meals                | \$20.00    |

### **June 5, 2016**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 129        |
| General Fund             | \$4,878.26 |
| Plate Collections        | \$22.00    |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund      | \$19.53    |
| CE Sunday School         | \$11.25    |
| Go & Serve Stock Sales   | \$575.00   |
| Project Homeless Connect | \$207.00   |
| Pastor Discretionary     | \$20.00    |
| Food Pantry              | \$5.00     |
| Church Usage             | \$30.00    |

**Thanks be to God!**