



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Canady's Chronicle

Yesterday in worship I used the lectionary gospel reading to base my message. It is a familiar story which is known by people even outside the church. For we know the implications of the story are quite simple: if someone is in need, then followers of Jesus Christ are to help. But I think that meaning is understood by most people, not just those who follow Jesus.

I have preached so many times on this parable that I think I understand it. However, I must admit that I don't, in any way, understand what is going on in our country with the hate that has been built between two segments of our society—police and blacks and blacks and police. Luke's gospel, containing the parable of the good Samaritan, has Jesus talking about loving God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and loving your neighbor as you love yourself.

Where is the love? Where is the love? Oh, I am not naive enough to think that there is no reason for caution by either segment that currently is in battle, but the readiness to attack is quick on both sides. I don't know what it is like to be black in our American society where you feel you are being treated unfairly. Neither do I know what it is like to be a policeman who feels threatened by the actions of some of the black community. I do know that the troubles between these two segments of our country will not be resolved with hate. Jesus gave us directives to love, not as a gesture of nicety but as the only solution to make the world a great place to live.

It is easy for me to make judgments concerning the situations that have shaken our world recently because I am not directly involved, but there are happenings in my world every day that need God's love. Sometimes I take the lead to love and sometimes I "pass on the other side of the road." We all need to reach out, love more, and hate less.

LOVE SHOULD ALWAYS WIN.

- Pastor Don Canady

~~~**From the Church Office**~~~

**Watch your mail!**

**Mid-year donation statements** mailed last Friday. Children receive their own. Please do not hesitate to call with questions, comments, concerns, or if you do not receive yours timely.

**SASA was the scheduled recipient for July Communion** this year, not Open Table. Donations for both have been received and posted to accounts as marked. Do not hesitate to contact me if corrections are needed.

**On a personal note**, I remain thankful every day for the opportunity to serve in this beautiful church - it just doesn't get any better for me than to be employed to do God's work! And with the end of May marking my first year anniversary here, I have a renewed enthusiasm and excitement for great things yet to come! Thank you for allowing me to serve, it is nothing less than a true blessing!

–Tarci Matthews, Administrative Specialist

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*“Thank you for your continued support of the **Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother’s Day Project**. Passionate Presbyterians like you have helped provide mosquito nets & fistula repairs for women in Africa, trauma healing & psychosocial programs for refugee families in Middle East, health & hygiene training for female factory workers in Asia, and small business loans for women across the globe. Together we are helping make a difference alongside our global partners. Donations are still coming in, but so far we have raised more than \$20,000 to benefit women and children around the world. Thank you again for your dedication to the project in support of Healthy Women Healthy Families.”* –Frank Dimmock, Global Poverty Alleviation Catalyst, Presbyterian World Mission

Thank you Presbyterian Women for your continued dedication, and to everyone who contributed to this project!

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*“Dear Congregation, Thank you First Pres. Church, I am having fun. It is day one. I am hanging with my friends. Thank you for paying for the camp. I hope I could come next year. Love. Tethloach.*

*P.S. Sorry that I wrote it upside down.”* –Tethloach Duang

*“THANK YOU! Thank you so much for your donation. We appreciate you! We cannot thank you enough for your support of Sole Hope”.* –The Sole Hope Team

“SASA provides support, guidance and education to men, women and children to live a life free from domestic and sexual violence. At SASA, it is our mission to be a source of help, hope, safety and inspiration to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We embrace and focus on the story of each individual with deep concern and care in order to understand, facilitate, advocate and support. SASA’s vision is to plant seeds of change that create communities who redefine norms, seek justice, promote self-worth and inspire healthy relationships. The team at SASA strives to put ourselves in others’ shoes with a positive attitude and mindfulness. We refuse to judge, but rather, nurture hope through compassion and creativity. We will be present. We will hear. We will listen deeply. We inspire change and will never, ever give up hope”.  
– <http://www.sasacenter.org/>

The following ‘thank you’ is for the donation made by Dale Behrens on June 1 and was presented during July 3<sup>rd</sup> service. Donation collections for SAS continue thru July to be submitted in early August.

**Thank You!**



### Project ReStart

SASA Crisis Center would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$3,900. SASA Crisis Center has been a source of help, hope, safety and inspiration to many survivors of domestic and sexual violence in the community with your contribution we will be able to continue this work.

Each year SASA Crisis Center is able to advance in it’s mission of hope, and inspiration to survivors of domestic and sexual violence, because of gracious donors like you. Through our services we have seen many lives changed for the better. In particular we hope to have a great amount of success with Project ReStart.

Project ReStart is a program designed to unite survivors of violence with a supportive community of caring individuals through group programming that is both fun and interactive.

The goal of Project ReStart is to continue to make a difference in the lives of survivors with the help of donations from supporters such as you.

We want to thank you sincerely from the bottom of our hearts for your generous support to SASA Crisis Center! Check out the pictures below to see how we have put the funds to good use!



# SASA's Wish List



SASA CRISIS CENTER  
220 S. BURLINGTON, #4  
HASTINGS, NE, 68901  
402-463-5810  
[www.sasacenter.org](http://www.sasacenter.org)

## ♦ Baby and Children

- Diapers in size 4, 5, and 6
- Teen boy/girl clothing
- Hypoallergenic Baby Wipes
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Boys and Girls Pull-Ups
- Boys and Girls clothes sizes: 4T, 5T, 6
- Coloring/Activity Books
- Hypoallergenic Baby Shampoo/lotion
- Boys/Girls Shoes –Any size

## ♦ Bathroom

- Shower Curtain
- Shower Rod
- Face Wash
- Bath Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Facial Tissues
- New hair brushes
- Hair ties
- Sun Screen-
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash

## ♦ Laundry and Cleaning Supplies

- Hypoallergenic Laundry Soap
- Hypoallergenic Dryer Sheets
- Cleaning Supplies
- Cleaning Rags and Sponges
- Blankets/Quits
- Pillows
- Bedding
- Brushes
- Buckets
- Mops



## ♦ Household Furniture/ Products

- Box fans
- Duffel bags/luggage/backpacks
- Vacuum
- Twin set sheets
- Tall square kitchen table w/chairs
- Lamps
- Throw rug
- Totes
- Light Bulbs
- Air Fresheners
- Postage Stamps



## ♦ Kitchen

- Dish Cloths
- Dish Soap
- Hand Towels
- Paper Towels
- Microwave
- Wooden spoons
- Whisks
- Rubber spatulas
- kitchen gadgets
- Can openers
- Mixing bowls
- Muffin tins
- Canisters
- Pitchers
- Aluminum Foil
- Plastic Wrap
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- 33 Gallon Garbage Bags
- Gallon Ziploc Bags



**Donations accepted:**

**Mon –Fri 8:30- 5:00pm!**

**FPC donations** last week include: 5 bags with 33 items to Hastings Food Pantry, 151 diapers to Catholic Social Services, and 53 long-sleeve shirts to Proteus! Thank you for your contributions to those in need!

*“We want to send a special letter to thank you for your donation of \$221.00 on Check #11798 and 5 sacks of groceries (33 items) given to the Hastings Food Panty on July 5<sup>th</sup>. What awesome donations! You are so generous! So many people will be blessed with this gift and we appreciate it so much! It is only because of the donations of caring people like you that we are able to meet the needs of the hungry in our community.”*

–Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors

### **Open Table Sack Lunch Program**

July 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> are the final two Sundays to assemble sack lunches in Fellowship Hall for the Open Table Project administered by Catholic Social Services. 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!

### **Project Homeless Connect: Navigators Needed**

**Navigators** (volunteers who assist a homeless guest in filling out a basic in-take form and navigate the guest throughout the process of accessing professional services offered at the event) are desperately needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual “**Project Homeless Connect**” scheduled to 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. Downloadable volunteer sign-up forms are available in front of FPC office and online at <http://www.phchastings.org/download-forms.html>.

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# 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



**ywca**  
eliminating racism  
empowering women

## Congregational Lives

**FPC's new parking lot project** will continue thru July. Ample parking is available east of the church at the Annex. Lincoln street doors have "entrance" signs and remain unlocked during the week. Glory be the God!

The handbell quartet, **Forté, is performing** at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00pm. This ensemble from Colorado Springs is on their return trip home after performing for the National Handbell Festival held in Rochester, NY. Ever wonder how four people can play 50 or more bells? Well you can begin by visiting their website at [www.fortehandbells.org](http://www.fortehandbells.org), and by attending their program on July 19. Please help get the word out. Thank you.

–Byron Jensen

**Sunday, July 17, 2016**

10:30 Worship  
Pastor Don Canady  
11:30 Open Table Assembly

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Sunday, July 24, 2016

10:30 Worship
Pastor Don Canady
11:30 (Final) Open Table Assembly

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

Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Recent technical issues have been corrected. Current services will now be broadcast.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

2016 DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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In Loving Memory

Roderick D. "Rick" Waltemath, Sr., 09/15/1944 – 07/08/2016



Committee News

Please pray for our members of PNC: Jim Duval, Chad Murrell, Mike Karloff, Joan Shaw, Chris Junker, Pam Lay and Jeni Howard.

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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 or call 402-462-5147.

June 26, 2016 **Go & Serve Sunday**

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| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 131 |
| General Fund | \$5,133.00 |
| Per capita | \$30.00 |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund | \$24.44 |
| Project Homeless Connect | \$20.00 |
| Radio/Flowers | \$3.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$5.00 |
| Annex Use Income | \$1,100.00 |

July 3, 2016

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|--------------------------|------------|
| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 160 |
| General Fund | \$8,345.00 |
| Plate Collections | \$165.00 |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund | \$23.16 |
| SASA | \$282.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$10.00 |
| Open Table | \$100.00 |
| Annex Gen Expenses | \$1.00 |
| Annex Use Income | \$500.00 |

Thanks be to God!