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CANADY'S CHRONICLE

Each Sunday, there are three lectionary passages that I often read during our worship (at times maybe only two.) Each Sunday, one of those passages is used as the scripture on which the message is based. The problem is, there is good information in those passages not chosen, which we miss unless we go home and read them for ourselves.

Looking ahead for October 2, there are great words in the 137th Psalm that is part of the lectionary. I am hoping that you will take the time to read that passage for yourself, but I also want to speak about it in this chronicle:

The people of Israel fought in a battle against the Edomites and lost. At the end of that battle, the Edomites are quoted as saying, "Tear it down! Tear it down!" That is, tear down the temple in Jerusalem. And it was torn down, and many of the people of Israel were taken captive and taken to the land of Babylon. There, they lament about their situation and pray that in their captivity they not forget their homeland. When asked by their captors to sing a song of their homeland, they lament to God that such an activity is not possible in a foreign land. At the same time, they are praying that in their captivity they will not forget where they came from and the wonders of their blessed Jerusalem.

The power of the Psalms is that they show people of the ancient past as those who have the same feelings, hurts and pains as we do. In their sorrow for Jerusalem, the Israelites voice their deep anger against their captors: "O daughter Babylon, you devastator! Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!" Revenge is heavy upon their hearts, and they won't be satisfied until they can get even. The sense is that the good guys will win in the end by the enemy getting what is coming to them. Revenge can take many forms.

We live in a society that puts revenge and getting even at the top of our priorities. If someone harms us, then we won't feel good until we can harm them back (we call that war sometimes). But I am here to tell us that revenge is not the way of God. God is not in the business of getting even. Jesus calls us to love our enemies: "You have heard that it was said, '*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*' But I say to you, '*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*' so that you may be children of God in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous."

As hard as those words are to follow, we do so because the ways of God are far better for our world than the ways of the world. We want to honor the words in Psalm 137, but we also want to measure them against the words of Jesus.

--Pastor Don Canady

*"We want to send a special letter to **thank you** for your generous donation of 6 bags of food given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What a wonderful donation!! So many people will be blessed with these gifts!! This helps so much and we appreciate all you do!!"* – Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors

Mission Committee volunteers delivered 276 diapers September 22 as part of the Happy Nappy program. Thank you for helping those most vulnerable.

Upcoming Forum Classes

"Hunger in Hastings: A Sabbatical Research Report and a New Solution" led by Dr. Jean Heriot, Hastings College; and Brian Winfield, United Methodist Church.

Even with the Open Table, the food pantry, Catholic Social Services, etc., many Hastings residents still deal regularly with food shortage. Dr. Heriot will present her sabbatical research on this sad reality. Additionally, Mr. Brian Winfield will describe the vision and logistics behind the new United Harvest mobile food pantry operating out of our Annex.

Oct 2, 9:15a.m, Fellowship Hall.

"Protest and Resistance: From Jesus to Colin Kaepernick" led by Kili Wenburg; Dr. Gary Johnson, Hastings College Academic Dean; and Dr. Mark Zajack, Hastings College psychology professor. Colin Kaepernick's kneeling during the national anthem has garnered strong reactions nationwide, both positive and negative. During this Forum class, participants will consider biblical stories of protest and resistance and then apply those themes to today's protest movement initiated by Kaepernick.

Oct. 9, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Hunger Sunday at FPC

On October 2, please join your church family in observing "Hunger Sunday" with...

- your **mind**: Come to the Forum at 9:15 to learn about hunger in Hastings
- your **wallet**: Communion offering will go to: Hearts and Hands Against Hunger of Hastings (formerly Kids Against Hunger) (25%), and national and international PC(USA) efforts to achieve peace, justice, and reconciliation (75%).
- your **body**: Please fast on Oct 2, at least from breakfast, to stand in solidarity with hungry brothers and sisters in Hastings and around the world.

This Thursday: Happy Hour Book Club!

Bring a friend and join us at Papa Ray's at 5:15 on Thursday, Sep. 29. We'll get a pizza or two for appetizers, and everyone can order their favorite beverage from a selection of sodas, coffee, and adult beverages. Even if you haven't read the book, you're welcome to join what's likely to be a challenging, important, fun, and spirited discussion!

Copies of the book are still available through Kili. Call and reserve yours today!

A Little Friendly Competition with the Methodists...

- *Which church can raise the most funds (per capita) for the upcoming CROP Walk?*
- *Losing congregation provides donuts for volunteers at the October United Harvest distribution!*

Inspired by our work on the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry with our First United Methodist Church (FUMC) neighbors, the FPC Mission Committee issued to FUMC the challenge stated above. The challenge has been accepted, so we have to get to work!

The real winners in this challenge will be hungry teenagers in Hastings and wounded, suffering refugees world-wide.

**Find more details about the CROP Walk elsewhere in this *Home Page*.

Taize Prayer Service This Sunday: October 2, 7 p.m., Parlor

- An opportunity to connect intimately and personally with God, supported by the community of faith around you
- Beautiful, meditative, prayerful music
- Contemplative, candlelit atmosphere
- 30-45 minute service
- Led by Kili Wenburg, liturgist; Mary Plock, piano; Sarah Fruehling, vocals.

Taize Testimonial: "The Taize service has always been one of my favorite services for spiritual contemplation. In our busy, crazy, scheduled lives, it's such a needed break to be quiet, calm and peaceful in our minds and souls. It is in these moments of quiet stillness that I am most able to connect with the divine and discern my spiritual path. I appreciate First Presbyterian Church's commitment to connect and uplift our members through a variety of services." --Sarah Fruehling

It's not too late to join in the Bible@Breakfast discussions!

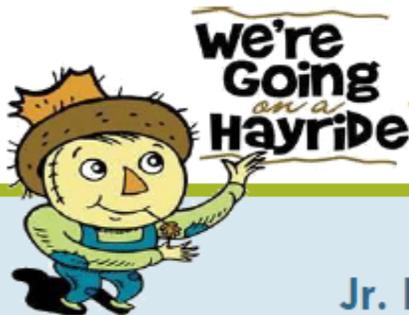
On Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. in the Parlor, early birds enjoy donuts and good conversation, and you can join them! The group is discussing the book *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity*. Sincerely living a life of faith often leads to wrestling with difficult questions, and this group is not afraid to thoughtfully, honestly, compassionately wrestle together.

Coming Soon: New Member/Inquirer Class

Class will be held following worship on Sunday, October 23.

Whether you already know you want to join First Presbyterian, or whether you are simply considering it as a possibility, please make plans to attend this class that will fulfill all membership requirements.

More details will be coming soon.



Jr. & Sr High Hayrack Ride & Cookout

October 12

Jr. High 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Sr. High 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Hannon Farms

Jr. High will leave the church at 5:30pm and Sr. High will leave at 6:30pm. Special arrangements should be made with Steph if needed. Youth will NOT be permitted to drive themselves. Volunteers will be helping with transportation. The Jr. High group will return to the church by 8:30pm and the Sr. High will return by 9:30pm. Each youth may bring 1 guest. Sign up will end Sunday, October 9. Only persons who Sign-Up will be permitted to attend. Sign-up sheets are located in the youth rooms and on the Children & Youth Announcements bulletin board. We will have hot dogs, chips, fruit, drinks, and s'mores.

Now Available on the Church Website (www.fpchastings.org) under the Children & Youth menu....

1. Children & Youth Calendar (<http://fpchastings.org/children-youth-calendar/>)
2. Acolyte schedule (<http://fpchastings.org/acolytes/>)
3. Youth Usher schedule (<http://fpchastings.org/youth-ushers/>),
4. WNL Theme calendar (<http://fpchastings.org/wednesday-night-live/>)



American Red Cross

Our next blood drive is **October 13 from noon to 6pm**. If you would like to donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at ericalynn128@gmail.com or [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285). You can also make an appointment to donate at redcrossblood.org. Your donation makes a difference!

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CROP HUNGER WALKS began in 1947 under the wing of Church World Services and for many years has raised funds to help provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs both locally and globally. Our local Church Women United is sponsoring the Hastings CROP Hunger Walk event. On **October 9 at 2 pm** gather at Hazelrigg Student Union (9th and Elm) at Hastings College for registration and inspiration. This is also the donation collection point, and where we will then begin our walk around Heartwell Park before returning for refreshments.

First Presbyterian Church in Hastings has a team in this event. Please join our team as you donate to this much needed fundraiser. A table is in the Memorial room each Sunday until October 9 for your donations and will provide information of the walk event. You may also donate in the church office, at the event on the day of the walk. To donate online go to www.crophungerwalk.org, find the *Hastings NE Walk*, register & join a team, First Presbyterian Church, or start your own team, or just donate. Follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

This year, 25% of our Hastings walk fundraiser will be used locally to benefit our new Hastings High Food Pantry.

Join in on the fun October 9, register before the walk, it starts at 2 pm.

Walk with us so our community will become aware of hunger locally and around the world. Thank you. For your questions or help call [402-469-2638](tel:402-469-2638).

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HONEY BEARS will be available in November. The Adams/Clay Arc advocates for the Rights of All Citizens with developmental disabilities and provides support for their families. The funds from the Honey Bears are used for social events, resources and information, as well as advocacy. The Bears are \$5.00 per bottle this year. Thank you for your support.

October 5 is the annual P.W. Salad Luncheon. Presbyterian women from surrounding communities have been invited. Potato salad will be provided by the hostesses. Local members are asked to bring another type of salad that will serve 12 to 15 people. Sue Medsker-Nedderman will be presenting the program on her recent mission experience in the San Francisco Bay area. Circle 2 hostesses are also responsible for devotions, table decorations, and name-tags. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Congregational Lives

Congratulations to Megan and Karl Launchbaugh (and sisters Alexis and Harper) for the birth of baby girl Lennon Kate, born September 16, 2016.

Please **keep in your prayers** the family of Jonathan Specht, son of Wayne and Elaine, who will be having open heart surgery in Kansas City next week.

OCTOBER USHERS

Karen Doerr, Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben

OCTOBER GREETERS

Oct 02	Denny and Carole Storer, Eleanor Jorgensen
Oct 09	Scott and Willie Kummer, Clyde and Katherine Sachtleben
Oct 16	Gary and Carole Grummert
Oct 23	Steve and Lesa Cropley
Oct 30	Stacy and Neil Kerr

COMMUNION SERVERS, OCTOBER 2 – TEAM 1

Craig Balnicke, Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Matt Fong, Kim Hermann, Jeni Howard, Chris Junker, Al Meyer, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Although pastors and their families should be appreciated all days and months of the year, October is traditionally a time we say thanks.

When was the last time you told your pastor you were praying for him/her?

When was the last time you expressed thanks for your pastor?

Please pray for members of our PNC:

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER

Richard & Linda Johnson	10/01/2005
Bryce & Sara Knaub	10/04/2014
Denny & Carole Storer	10/06/1962
Bill & Javae Redinger	10/11/1997
William & Amy Hermes	10/11/2003
Kevin & Chris Junker	10/12/1984
Kirk & Karen Dielman	10/12/1985
Jeremy & Kim Borrell	10/15/1966
Roger & Cheryl Schukei	10/15/1966
Nick & Melissa Ferguson	10/16/2004
Matt & Kaleena Fong	10/27/2007

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

10/02	Dwight Marsh Laura Kate Oliver	10/17	Will Reimer
10/03	Luke Brooks Karen Dielman Jason Hafer	10/18	Tyler Adam Cindy Fricke Susan Hoff Chris Schukei
10/05	Jim Donohue LeRoy Echternach	10/19	Linda Hall Bev Rader
10/06	Vonda Essex Emma Redinger	10/20	Margaret Hermes Robert Pankratz
10/07	Steve Cropley James Freetly Virginia Johnson Scott Snell	10/21	Richard Johnson
10/08	Clark Ehrich Elmer Heeren Kris Horton Sue Horton Junko Jurgena	10/22	Justin Wenburg Craig Williams Nancy Ziemba
10/09	Kathy Davis Vicki Howard Patty Kingsley	10/23	Zachary Henderson
10/10	Scott Kummer Beckman Onken	10/24	Paige Redline Jeanne Reynolds Ding Tut
10/11	Roger Doerr Jeff Hermann Ben Ore Lorna Zajack	10/25	Stella Thomsen
10/13	Janice Ham	10/26	Craig Balnicke Jane Pollak Selah Wenburg
10/14	Nathan Jensen	10/27	Ruei Duang Amy Hermes Zeppa Kreager Gladys Kuehn
10/15	Lexi Dettwiller Lucy Nielsen Madalynn Redline	10/28	Mary Creigh Matt Fong Jami Shaw
10/16	Nyabong Duang Laura Sunderman Carter Wenburg	10/29	LaVern Franzen April Kaul Tim Redline
		10/30	Milrae Korb
		10/31	Stephanie Brader

SAVE THE DATE

The tradition continues.....

Handel's

Messiah

Sunday, December 4, 2016

3:00 p.m./Lynn Farrell Arena Osborne Family Athletic Center

Join the choir...join the audience... join the celebration

For more information or register for the choir— www.hastings.edu/messiah



September Events

NEW- Faculty Sampler-Sept. 6 7:30p.m. / Perkins Auditorium

Hastings Symphony Orchestra-Sept. 11 3:00p.m. / Chautauqua—free event



Call 402.461.7448 to verify date/times www.hastings.edu/ArtsCalendar

November 5 is the Veteran's Day Parade at 10:00 a.m. Veterans are invited to gather at the church with family and friends @ 8:45 a.m. for coffee, tea, hot cocoa and donuts, and may be transported to the parade line by 9:30 a.m. Youth are invited to carry flags during the parade with parents/members who wish to join. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our love and support to our veterans.

2016 Directory Corrections

- Doerr, Roger & Karen (p.6) Roger & Karen's Email: kgdoerr75@gmail.com
Fruehling, Chris (p.8) Christian's Email: cfruehling@marylanning.org
Lewis, Mary (p.15) Email: jim.mary.lewis@gmail.com
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Committee News

Thank you from the Mission Committee

A total of \$470 was received for our September communion offering, all of which will go to support our local Habitat for Humanity chapter. THANK YOU!

Sunday, October 9, 2016
8:30 Worship with Celebrate Band
Message by Kili Wenburg
9:15 Sunday School (All Ages Welcome!)
10:30 Worship
Hastings College Sunday
Pastor Don Canady
Rev. Damon Heitmann

Please be sure to join us on October 9 for 8:30 a.m. Worship with Celebrate Band and 10:30 a.m. Worship specially designated as Hastings College Sunday.

Our October communion offering--received this Sunday, October 2, will go to the PC(USA) Peace and Global Mission Offering, 25% of which will stay local, going to the Hearts and Hands Against Hunger of Hastings (formally Kids Against Hunger); the other 75% of which goes to a diverse range of PC(USA) programs working for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

Still interested in getting a FREE HUGS t-shirt?

A second order will be placed on October 12. To request a shirt, contact Kili or sign up in the Memorial Room soon.

"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

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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.

Financial Corner

September 18, 2016

10:30 Worship Attendance	198
General Fund	\$2,056.00
Plate Collections	\$54.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$27.78
Sunday School	\$5.50
Scholarship	\$15.00
Annex Bldg Use Income	\$50.00

FPC fulfills its commitment and remits monthly \$291.66 to General Assembly, \$350.00 to Synod, and \$2,945.83 to the Presbytery.

Thanks be to God!

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,
and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?
So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

-James 2:15-17