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CANADY'S CHRONICLE

In our October 2 worship, the gospel reading included a request from the disciples asking Jesus to “increase our faith.” I suggested that it is not up to Jesus to increase our faith but we have to find ways to increase our own faith. Two things I suggested for increasing our faith were praying and reading the Bible.

Praying? Whenever that is mentioned, people always comment, “but I don’t know how to pray” or “how do you pray?” Well, there are no formulas that we pastors learned in seminary that we can share, but the apostle Paul has some suggestions.

First of all, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” No matter what happens in our daily lives, we need to rejoice that we have a God who wants to be in relationship with us. We rejoice because God loves us as we are, not necessarily as we should be.

Second, Paul says, “pray honestly.” I wonder if many Christians are afraid to pray. They don’t want to treat God like some sugar daddy or mommy, so they hesitate to ask for “things” because it seems so greedy. “Let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Third, “thank you.” Often we remember to pray when we think things are not going well. When we feel in need of God, we reach out with a prayer that almost sounds like we are begging. On the other hand, when all is right with the world and our life seems like we have all things in control, we forget that God is with us and helping us in all we do. Those can be the times when we forget to say, “thank you.”

Fourth, “carry on.” We know what is expected of us and how to do things. Paul tells us to “Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me.” Carry on knowing that God has given you what you need to prosper each day.

Everyone needs a time to pray. To share life with God. To reach out. To rejoice in God always, to pray honestly, remembering to say thank you, and then to carry on each day with confidence. And remember, “The God of peace will be with you.”

P.S. You learn all those things which Paul taught only by reading the Bible.

--Pastor Don Canady

"To the Church Family, Thank you from the bottom of my heart for bringing the Pantry Truck to Hastings. The amount of food and wonderful variety is such a blessing for me. I live on a very limited income and this is going to help so much. God has answered a prayer for me this week. Thank you."

FPC delivered 27 bags with 164 items to the Hastings Food Pantry!

Upcoming Forum Classes

Fall Break: No Class on October 16

"Immigration and Human Trafficking: Hidden Connections"

A link exists between immigration and human trafficking. Learn more about this link, what is being done to protect vulnerable individuals, and how you can become an advocate. Sue Medsker-Nedderman and Kerry Huber will lead the class. Sue will share knowledge she gained from a California conference on the topic, and Kerry, as representative of the Hastings Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition, will update us on local efforts to end this horrific practice.

Oct. 23, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Now you can watch Forum classes on-line!

The Christian Education committee is proud to announce that equipment was purchased this summer which enables FPC to record and post Forum classes on-line. This is a great way to catch up on important topics even when you're out of town!

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**Now Available on the Church Website** ([www.fpchastings.org](http://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/>)
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**Trick  
or  
Treat!**

**Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17**

This year the children of First Presbyterian Church will be continuing the tradition of helping other children around the world by participating in the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign. The annual tradition has helped provide countless children around the world with clean water, nutrition, medicine, immunizations and education. You can visit [trickortreatforunicef.org](http://trickortreatforunicef.org) to learn more. Last year, our children raised \$116.08. Let's try to top that amount this year!!

UNICEF boxes will be distributed to each child to enable them to collect donations. Boxes and information will be sent home a week before Halloween.

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On October 26, the FPC Jr. & Sr. High youth groups will participate in packing meals for **Hearts & Hands Against Hunger**. Our group will be packing from 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. during their regular youth group time. ALL are welcome to come and join our youth in this important mission.

Fall Break: NO Sunday School for all ages on Sunday, October 16

### **United Harvest volunteers needed on Saturday, Oct. 15!**

We need your help to keep our new ministry going strong!

Volunteers should report to the Annex and can help in one or both ways:

- Help unload and organize the food (8:00-9:15 a.m.)
- Help distribute the food (9:15-11:30 a.m.)

\*We especially need volunteers who can carry boxes of food from the Annex to recipients' vehicles (9:15-11:30 a.m.).



A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution.

**Brought to you by First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings**

The mobile pantry is available to you free of charge!



**FOODBANK**  
FOR THE HEARTLAND

# **UNITED HARVEST MOBILE PANTRY**

**HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS**

**Date: Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 9:30am-11:30am**

**Location: Annex Building**

Between the First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church

**Hastings Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Hastings, NE**

**Contact: (402)-463-6733**

**Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry food. No need to pre-qualify.**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider





## Committee News

**Christian Education Committee:** Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2016

Attendance: Nancy Grams, Kris Horton, Stephanie Brader, Kili Wenburg, and Matt Fong

7:03 p.m. – Matt opened the meeting with prayer.

**BE IT RESOLVED the minutes from the September meeting be approved.**

*Motion by Kris Horton, seconded by Nancy Grams - All in favor*

**Director of Education Infant & Youth Report** – Stephanie Brader

- **Remodel of Junior High School Room** - Trustees will be working to improve the flooring and some minor remodeling of the room.
  - The committee discussed wall colors and furniture options for further improvements in the room. Furniture includes 3 activity tables, 20 chairs, and 2 couches.
  - Additional needs would include a rug, fridge, art, lighting, and accent tables.
  - Stephanie has completed the Mona Searby Request Form for funding to not exceed \$6,000.
  - **BE IT RESOLVED the CE Committee approves the Mona Searby Request Form for funding to purchase items for the renovation of the Junior High School Room. Costs to be estimated at \$6,000.**
    - *Motioned by Kris Horton, seconded by Nancy Grams. All in favor*
- **PreK-2nd Grade Curriculum Change:** The “Bible Studies for Life” curriculum we started using this August is not as good as we hoped it would be. After discussions with the PreK-2nd grade teachers, we have decided to return to using the SPARK Classroom curriculum. Everything has been ordered, and we will begin using the SPARK curriculum at the end of the Fall Bible Studies for Life session.
- **VBS Dates/Time:** May 22-26 with afternoon sessions.

**Director of Adult Education and Spiritual Formation** – Kili Wenburg

- **College Connections:** Trying to determine the best way to make worthwhile connections for college students. Kili will schedule a meeting with those that volunteered for outreach.
- **United Harvest** volunteers needed for this Saturday’s food distributions.

**Budget:** Kili and Stephanie presented a proposed budget for 2017. Dollars have been moved around into appropriate budget line items, but the baseline dollar amount remains the same as 2016.

- **BE IT RESOLVED the proposed CE budget for 2017 be approved.**
  - *Motioned by Kris Horton, seconded by Nancy Grams. All in favor*

**Next meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

Stephanie closed the meeting in prayer – 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Fong

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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*

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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.

**Hands Around the World**

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**Open every Sunday**

**9am – 12noon**