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CANADY'S CHRONICLE

Yesterday following worship, a new member class was offered for those who wanted to join our church. During the class, as we looked at the history of the church, the Reformation became a large part of our discussion. Even though we know the Reformation is part of our church history, what is its importance?

The Reformation was a time in church history when God brought about the right people at the right time in the right circumstances to do the right thing to further the gospel. Leading to the importance of the Reformation was the development of Guttenberg's *moveable type*. From this invention, books could now be printed more easily than handwriting. The first book published was *The Holy Bible*. The Bible soon became more widely available in the languages of the peoples. In economic life, a middle class emerged making money apart from landholding. Politically, the authority of the Pope began to wane as landholders began to have a voice in governing and as members of the royalty distanced themselves from papal dominance.

Into that mix of trends and movements, religious scholars gained a voice, most notably Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Ulrich Zwingli. In their study of the Bible, these scholars and leaders discovered how human tradition had replaced biblical truths, but more notably, they urged people to read for themselves and come to their own conclusions. And they did.

All of this is significant to us because leaders of the 16th century Reformation identified how we as individuals and churches should be faithful in our lives. They stressed the importance of divine initiative in the work of salvation - there is nothing that we can do to merit or earn God's saving grace. But they also stressed that we as individuals can and must discover these truths for ourselves and thus demonstrate a reformation faith in our own lives.

So how do we understand the Reformation, not just as a time in history but as a way of Christian discipleship? First, God makes a covenant with each of us individually and with all of us as God's people. That is, God wants us to know divine grace and love personally, not subject to the interpretation of "correct teachers." Second, we all have access to God's word and God's grace. That means that we can know for ourselves, but also that we have no excuses for ignorance. Martin Luther stated this reformation principle: "But it is a hundred fold better that man deeply within himself learns and understands the what and the how of this life - what God is working and doing in him and how God wishes to use him and not to use him." We have that knowledge directly available to us, and the decision to obey or turn away from God as we choose. Do you find this free access to God in your life? God is available to you, directly and immediately, if you reach out for God, particularly through the word.

In other words—READ YOUR BIBLE.

~ Pastor Don Canady

Change in Pastoral Relationship

On October 2nd, the Session met to accept the resignation of Rev. Don Canady as Head of Staff as of October 24th. Pastor Don will continue to serve as Temporary Pulpit Supply, preaching and moderating any Session and congregational meetings until a new pastor arrives. Clerk of Session Karen Doerr will serve as Temporary Head of Staff on a volunteer basis. At the October 20th meeting of Session, Don's employment contract was adjusted accordingly.

We are grateful that Pastor Don has served as Head of Staff (as well as Pastor) since January. He has found the administrative burden of the position to be "more than he can handle" (his words) as his service has been extended beyond original expectations. He is, however, leaving the office in great shape, and our new pastor will find our ship in good order. For those in the congregation who deal with the administrative aspects of the church, Pastor Don's leadership as Head of Staff has been far beyond what we could have asked from a "Temporary Supply Pastor." Thank you, Pastor Don, for your service. You have been a great blessing!

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?

October 2016 United Harvest

On Saturday, October 15, volunteers from FPC and First United Methodist Church distributed more than 20,000 pounds of fresh, frozen, and canned food to 224 families representing 622 individuals. No one was turned away, and both volunteers and recipients deemed the mission a success once again! Glory be to God!

Mission Committee Team Members delivered 190 diapers + 1 package baby wipes to Catholic Social Services on October 22nd.

November Communion Offering will be for Camp Calvin Crest. The offering will be received Sunday, November 6, following a Minute for Mission by Craig Huffman, Calvin Crest Director.

Pray for "The Chiapas Four"

Four members of our church (Denny Storer, Pam Lay, Jeni Howard, and Jan Ham) will be leaving Hastings early on Wednesday, October 26, traveling to Chiapas, Mexico, where they will tour the Mexico/Guatemala border, spend time with local families, learn about coffee farming, and have conversations with families affected by migration. They are scheduled to return to Hastings on November 8. Please pray for them and for their experience--that they might be blessed with safe travels and expanded hearts and minds, and that they might be a blessing to those with whom they interact.

Hands Around the World Store is open Sundays, 9-noon. Feel free to browse the fine selection of fair trade coffee, chocolate, textiles and jewelry. Items come from nonprofit, fair trade organizations dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans and farmers and their families out of poverty. Your purchase makes a difference!

Did the Civil Rights Movement Work?

While major advancements in racial equality were made in the 1960's, the reality is that "the 11:00 hour on Sunday morning is [still] the most segregated hour in America." What is happening--or not happening--in our churches such that Martin Luther King, Jr.'s observation (as quoted above) from 50 years ago continues to apply today?

We will address this question and more at the **Happy Hour Book Club!

- * Thursday, October 27, 5:15 p.m., Blue Moon Coffee Shop.
- * Discussion based on the book *Dear White Christians* (copies available through Kili)
- * All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book.

FPC-Hastings Addresses Racial Inequality Head-On With Three Special Events

- 1. Discussion of the book *Dear White Christians*, which seeks to reconcile the church's decades-long championing of integration with the concomitant failure to achieve integration. All are welcome to join in the discussion and envision a way forward! <u>Thur., Oct. 27, 5:15 p.m., Blue Moon.</u> *This provides a great introduction to the material addressed by the second and third events!!
- 2. Forum class "How Do Christians *Engage* the Concept of White Privilege?" Bob Nedderman will lead a lecture/discussion class helping participants to think through what it really means to be white in America. In the face of persistent racial inequality, neither guilt nor denial are helpful. Instead, this class will invite participants into deeper awareness and honesty. Sun., Oct. 30, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall.
- 3. Forum class "How Do Christians *Respond to* the Concept of White Privilege?" Continuing the discussion begun the previous week, this class will enable participants to move from new thought to new action. Led by special guest, Elona Street-Stewart, member of the Delaware-Nanticoke tribe and Executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Elona joins us from her post in the Twin Cities. *Don't miss this special opportunity to learn from and hospitably welcome Elona!! Sun., Nov. 6, 9:15 a.m., Chapel.

Upcoming Taize service offers special Blessing of the Grieving

Grief takes many forms and is unique to each individual. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, the loss of your health, the loss of a job, or any other loss, grieving is both painful and personal. If you are grieving today, you are especially invited to the <u>Taize prayer service on Sunday night, November 6, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor</u>. Join with members of your church family to pray together, sing together, heal together.

Taize Testimonial: "When I'm looking for a break from the political hysteria, demands of my work, and the intrusions of electronic gizmos, I need to reconnect with the one true source of power. Taize services allow me to spend 40 minutes in quiet communion with the One who knows and loves me better than my own mother." --Mary Plock

BLACK WES MATTER



"It is appalling that the most segregated hour of Christian America is 11:00 on Sunday morning."

~Martin Luther King, Jr.



FPC Hastings addresses racial inequality head-on

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special
events

Discussion of Dear White Christians

Happy Hour Book Club-Thur, Oct 27, 5:15 p.m. Blue Moon Why is 11:00 on Sunday morning STILL segregated?

"How do Christians *Engage* the Concept of White Privilege?"

Forum Class-October 30, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall Neither guilt nor denial, but awareness and honesty.

"How do Christians Respond to the Concept of White Privilege?"

Forum Class-November 6, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Chapel Move from new thought to new action!

Calvin Crest Camp FEAR NOT Youth Retreat



Friday, November 11, at 6:30 PM through Saturday, November 12, at 2:00 PM

Come out for an overnight retreat at Calvin Crest with special guest Michelle Phillips. Open to Middle School and High School youth. Start with supper at 6:30 in the Calvin Crest Dining Hall. We'll have worship, sessions, games and more food at this youth retreat. We'll finish the retreat after lunch on Saturday.

For more information and to register go to http://www.calvincrest.org/1112-111316-fear-not-youth-retreat/ or contact Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center 2870 County Road 13, Fremont, NE 68025 at (402) 628-6455. Retreat fee is \$35.

Congregational Lives

November 5 is the **Veteran's 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 will

Go & Serve Rally Friday, November 4 5:30p.m., Annex Gym

All 9-12 grade youth are invited to spend the evening welcoming
Pastor CJ and discussing details about our upcoming Go & Serve trip for 2017.
Meals will be provided.
Hope to see you there!

be transported to the parade line by 9:30 a.m. <u>Youth are invited to carry flags during the parade</u> with parents/members who wish to join. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our love and support to our veterans.

Do You Know Any Veterans Who Are Associated With Our Church?

The Congregational Life Committee sincerely wants to identify our beloved veterans, that we might personally invite them to participate in the November 5 Veterans Day Parade. Please help us out by calling the church office with names and contact information for veterans you know. Thanks! ~the Congregational Life Committee

Not up for joining a committee but still want to help the church?

God may be calling you to take on a specific task in the life of our congregation! We are currently looking for two organized volunteers who would each take on one of the following: (1) Planning and leadership of a Christmas Caroling event for our congregation (social! outreach! fun!); and (2) Planning and oversight of our annual Easter Prayer Vigil. **Contact Kili if you are interested in learning more about these opportunities.

Be Sure to Join Us for Worship on Sunday, November 6! Pastor CJ Lowe from Ganado Presbyterian Church (last year's Go & Serve destination) will be filling the pulpit. Lunch will be provided where he will be speaking about the Presbyterian Church in Ganado and the Navajo Nation. If you would like to attend, please RSVP for lunch to the office by Thursday, November 3.

Zach Spurgeon has enrolled as a student at Dubuque Seminary this fall, where he is on track to work toward a Master of Divinity degree. Prior to a seminary student's enrollment, several things have to take place. First, a local church must sponsor the student and recommend that the presbytery endorse their recommendation. Our church's Session has whole-heartedly endorsed Zach's educational plans, and, likewise, the

Sunday, November 6, 2016

9:15a.m. Sunday School
(All Ages Welcome)
10:30a.m. Worship
Minute for Mission, Calvin Crest
Message by Pastor CJ Lowe
11:30a.m. Luncheon with Pastor CJ
7:00p.m. Taize Service

presbytery (via the Committee on Preparation for Ministry) has given its blessing to Zach and is overjoyed with his decision.

Any kind of education, including seminary, is rather expensive, and our Session has voted to help Zach financially. The Session knows that many of you are also interested in helping Zach and Becky with the cost of his education. Therefore, a special offering will be taken on Sunday, November 13, as part of the Harvest Dinner, which directly follows the 10:30 worship service.



HARVEST DINNER Sunday, November 13th, 2016 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a delicious, traditional turkey dinner while enjoying fellowship with the congregation and offering of thanks for the many blessings we enjoy! This meal is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Tickets may be purchased before/after service Oct. 23, Oct. 30, and Nov. 6th, and during the week in the church office until Friday, Nov. 11th. Adults: \$10, Kids 6-12: \$7. We look forward to seeing you there!

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, November 2, at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Willa Cather Foundation will be presenting the program and Circle 2 is responsible for the meal. Circle 3 will set the tables and provide centerpieces, nametags, and devotions for the day. The coordinating team will meet at 11:00 in the church library. Please RSVP to your circle representative or call Tarci in the office at 402-462-5147 by November 1 if you are able to attend.

Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program, Fall 2016 Grant Application

First Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to participate in a very exciting program offered by our church. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the children and youth of our church in their musical pursuits. Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Lessons are verified by Worship, Arts and Music committee members. NOTE: Although grants are renewable, parents MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Ministry of Music

Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program

----Application---2016 Fall (September - December)
RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY November 1, 2016

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER

2-Nov	Grace Brader Linda Cooke	15-Nov	Sue Medsker-Nedderman
3-Nov	Megan Launchbaugh	17-Nov	Jane Tushaus
	Virginia Malouf		Sherry Welton
	Katherine Sachtleben	18-Nov	Mary Northrop
	Flossie Sanderson		Megan Stahr
	Wayne Specht	19-Nov	Sarah Burling
4-Nov	Kraig Lofquist		Jim Hoffman
	Charlie Ratzlaff		Joy White
5-Nov	Neil Jurgena		Peter Ratzlaff
	Mary Kay LaMaster	20-Nov	Chuck Bauer
	Monte Malouf		Judy Brown
6-Nov	Lauren Bliss		Ethan Stout
	Troy Essex	21-Nov	Kim Graviette
	Susie Graham		Melissa Karloff
	Betty Kooy		Roger Sunderman
7-Nov	Vernon Groves	22-Nov	Colleen Adam
	Stacy Kerr		Bonnie Grams
	Tim Williams		Rich Portwood
8-Nov	Pat Kern		McKain Ratzlaff
	Teresa Luther		Marcia Sovereign
	Eldon Mitzelfelt	23-Nov	Lois Hafer
9-Nov	Ken Stein	24-Nov	Irmise Heeren
	Matthew Welton		Tessa Menke
11-Nov	Cory Telecky		Duang Tang
12-Nov	Dennis Asmus		Gwen Weber
	Gary Bauer	25-Nov	Thomas Freetly
	Marcia Hogan		Willy Kummer
	Erikka Rhodes	26-Nov	Nancy Langford
	Lori Wright		Shaylee Stroyek
13-Nov	Sydney Kerr	28-Nov	Deborah Miles
	Lexi Lofquist		
14-Nov	Jean Barber	30-Nov	Heather Behrends
	Lily Black		Eric Bishop
	Kay Robbins		Mark Bliss
	Sarah Snell		Ron Wissing
	Julie Thomsen		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Barbara Fisher 11/0	4/1972
Justin & Stephanie Brader 11/1	0/2001
Frank & Kay Georgiana 11/1	1/1989
Brad & Dawna Whitcomb 11/1	2/2011
Jim & Deb Freeburger 11/1	5/1974
Tim & Deb Johnson 11/2	2/1974
Roger & Karen Doerr 11/2	3/1979
Mark & Stephanie Bliss 11/2	3/1991
Don & Marie Rasmussen 11/2	5/1951
John & Jane Pollak 11/2	5/1972
Ben & Armeshia Onken 11/2	7/2010
John & Cathy Pershing 11/2	9/1968

COMMUNION SERVERS, NOVEMBER 6 - TEAM 2

Kim Creech, Paula Crozier, Mary Fisk, Mike Hogan, Jeff Howard, Mary Kay LaMaster, Constance Malloy, Carolyn McKenzie, Chad Murrell, Kathy Utter, Rogene Wenburg

NOVEMBER USHERS

Dennis Asmus – Captain Ed Lockwood Rich Portwood
Dave Fisher Phil Odom

NOVEMBER GREETERS

Nov 6	Richard and Carolyn McKenzie
Nov 13	Jim and Linda Donohue
Nov 20	Peter and Pamela Lainson
Nov 27	Gaylon and Kim Hermann

Hastings Symphony Orchestra's first concert of the season will be at the Masonic Center on October 30th at 3:00 p.m. Concert title is "In modo di Bravura - Big Friendly Giants." Tickets will be on sale at the door, \$15.00 per person, students are free.

Committee News

MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF SESSION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HASTINGS, NEBRASKA September 22, 2016

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held their regular meeting on September 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Room.

Elders in attendance: P=Present E=Excused A=Absent

Class of 2016 Class of 2017 Class of 2018

E – Clerk: Karen Doerr

Moderator was Rev. Don Canady. Al Meyer opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Consent Agenda: Motion and a second to approve the Financial Report. Upon a voice vote, motion carried. Motion and a second to approve the minutes of the August 2016 meeting. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Board Reports:

Deacons: No report

Trustees: Items tabled. Erik Nielsen requested that a person be hired for one time for 40 hours to "tidy things up"

with computer issues.

Foundation: Did not meet this month.

Personnel: Applicant Linda Vollweiler performed an audition earlier that day. It is expected that she will begin her

duties as organist on October 16. Staff evaluations have been completed and everyone is "OK." No raises

recommended.

Clerk's Report: No report

Reports from Committees of Session:

Christian Education: Recommended acceptance of the Revised Vision Statement. Upon a voice vote, motion carried. Changes are expected for the location of the Taize service. Attendance at the service held at the Hastings College Chapel on September 18 was 198!

Communication/Technology: No action items to bring forward. The projection screen will be replaced in Fellowship Hall. Until then, the screen should remain in the "down" position.

Congregational Life: No action items to bring forward. The Pastor "will do something different for Christmas" because it falls on Sunday.

Global Mission/Social Witness: No action items to bring forward. All are encouraged to help with the United Harvest Food Pantry on September 24 and the CROP Walk on October 9.

Memorial: Did not meet. The committee will meet in November.

Worship, Arts & Music: Recommended the purchase of books for the Taize service in the amount of \$84.00. Upon a voice vote, motion carried. The committee reviewed the flower policy and prepared a letter to be sent to the contact person who represent a separate funding source other than First Presbyterian Church.

Scholarship: Did not meet. The committee meets twice a year.

Annex Sub-committee: The committee presented a map indicating potential remodeling possibilities for the Annex building and reported that the director of Pooh Corner is excited, especially about the potential for added security. It was noted that fiber optic cable now ties the main church building with the annex. The sub-committee will proceed to put together numbers regarding costs and funding.

Moderator's Report:

- A. Communion was not served at the Kensington or Perkins this month.
- B. Zach Spurgeon has requested financial assistance for his seminary studies. Kraig moved and Kay seconded a motion to pay Zach's loans (presented to the Session in promissory notes) for tuition, fees, and books at the end of each successfully completed semester, up to \$8755 per semester. Upon a voice vote,

- motion carried. Kim moved and Kraig seconded a motion to begin raising money for Zach's ministry education by authorizing a special free-will offering during the Harvest Dinner.
- C. Members reviewed a substantial portion of the Bylaws document. Review will continue at the October meeting. Review of descriptions of the Committees and Organizations of the church revealed that reports are also needed from the Go and Serve Committee and the Communication Technology Committee. Review will continue at the October meeting, beginning with the section PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CASH RECEIPTS POLICY.
- D. The PNC is meeting regularly and reviewing applications and sermon videos.
- E. Sharon will work with Jan Ham to send postcards to members of parishes, inviting them to participate in upcoming congregational activities.

Session will hold its next stated meeting on October 20, 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Room.

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Closing prayer offered by Pastor Canady.

Respectfully submitted: Sharon B. Brooks, Clerk Pro Tem

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#### MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF SESSION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HASTINGS, NEBRASKA October 2, 2016

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held a special called meeting on October 2, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Anderson Conference Room.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a new employment relationship with Rev. Don Canady.

Elders in attendance: P= Present E=Excused A=Absent

Class of 2016Class of 2017Class of 2018P - Matt FongP - Chris JunkerP - Sharon BrooksP - Kim HermannP - Erik NielsenP - Kay GeorgianaE - Susan HoffE - Tim RedlineP - Harold KorbP - Al MeyerP - Mary OlsenP - Kraig Lofquist

P - Clerk: Karen Doerr

Moderator was Rev. Don Canady. Guests included Neal Hoff. Rev. Canady opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Upon a motion and a second, Don Canady will resign as Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church effective October 31, 2016. He will continue in the role of Temporary Pulpit Supply, preaching and moderating any Session and congregational meetings until a new pastor arrives. On a voice vote, motion carried.

Upon a motion and a second, Karen Doerr will act as Temporary Head of Staff, effective November 1, 2016. She will continue in this role until a new pastor arrives. On a voice vote, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen G. Doerr, Clerk of Session

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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.

Financial Corner October 16, 2016

10:30 Worship Attendance	122
General Fund	\$2,210.00
Plate Collections	\$51.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$18.25
Communion - Peacemaking	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$5.00
Church Usage	\$45.00

Thanks be to God!

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

-2 Corinthians 9:8