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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Sunday, November 13

“Living Scrapbook Wall” Unveiling Celebration at 10 a.m.

PRIOR to worship on November 13, all are invited to gather in the Memorial Room at 10:00 a.m. for a special unveiling of a new display celebrating the past, present and future of FPC. This display, created by Kili Wenburg and Colleen Schukei, is being installed in the hallway connecting the Memorial Room and the Fellowship Hall and seeks to glorify God, whose enduring love has strengthened and inspired people of this church since 1873.

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### **Buildings and Grounds Improvement Video**

#### **Led by Trustee Mike Hogan, Presented during 10:30 a.m. service**

Mike has served two consecutive terms as one of the Buildings and Grounds Trustees, and represents all Trustees who would like congregation to see the last 6 years of improvements made to the church.

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Harvest Dinner at 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 in the church office until **Wednesday, November 9**. Adults: \$10, Kids 6-12: \$7. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**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. Session approved assistance for tuition, fees, and books at the end of each successfully completed semester, up to \$8,755 per semester. For those who desire to contribute to this assistance, a **special offering** will be taken as part of the Harvest Dinner.

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Stewardship letters with 2017 suggested donation cards will be in the Memorial Room to be distributed to members of congregation. If you are unable to receive yours, it will be mailed the following day. Glory be to God!

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## Welcome New Members!!

On Sunday, October 30, 8 new members joined the FPC family. Seven join as full members and one as affiliate (Tarah Sorensen). Read about them below, and be sure to give them a warm welcome next time you see them!

Paul and Ruth Caldwell. Paul and Ruth are relatively new to the Hastings community and live just across the street from FPC. Both are retired but previously served God through teaching, nursing, and missions work.

Gary and Emily Johnson. Gary and Emily, along with their children, Chase (14) and Madeleine (11), have been worshipping with us for a few years and now join us in an official capacity. Gary is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Hastings College, and Emily is a speech-language pathologist working at the Hastings RiteCare Clinic.

Neil Riley. Neil joins us each week from Harvard, NE, where he serves as principal of the Harvard Public School.

Laurie and Brian Johnson. Hailing from a farmstead just east of Minden, Brian and Laurie join us by letter of transfer. Currently operating Brian W. Johnson Custom Carpentry, Brian and Laurie bring with them a wealth of church involvement experience.

Tarah Sorensen. Tarah is a second-year teacher with Hastings Public Schools. She teaches math at the high school and is engaged to Tony Davis.

## "The Chiapas Four"



*"Our first time together. What a great group! Three retired Presbyterian and Mennonite pastors out of 11. Crossing the border this afternoon - more later. Abrazos", --Denny*



*"We met up with the rest of our group at Frontera de Cristo this morning. We had the opportunity to speak with a member of the border. This afternoon we spent learning about the border wall. I think we all found the experience very emotional. We're told tomorrow will be a harder day with a desert "experience". Hoping for a good night's sleep tonight". --Jan*



Denny Storer, Pam Lay, Jeni Howard, and Jan Ham traveled in Chiapas, Mexico, where they toured the Mexico/Guatemala border, spent time with local families, learned about coffee farming, and had conversations with families affected by migration. They returned to Hastings on November 8.

Welcome Home!

At the Gadsden Hotel

**Hands Around the World Store** will have a Fair Trade Sale in the Memorial Room on Saturday, December 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. More information to come!

**HONEY SUNDAY on November 6** was a great success! Honey is sold out! It will be available again the same time next year.

**Deacons delivered** 3 bags with 24 items on November 7 to Hastings Food Pantry.

*"Prayers for our Nation, State, Church and Community, and all those whom Served, are Serving Now, and Will Continue to Serve. God Bless", --Jeff & Vicki Howard*

### **Veterans Parade Honored Presbyterian Vets and Others**

Thank you to Congregational Life Committee for organizing the FPC entry in the Veterans Day Parade. Thank you to Al Meyer for driving the van, to Daveta Brader for supplying the pre-parade refreshments, but most of all, thank you to our veterans--both for representing our church and for so honorably serving our country!!

Veterans representing FPC: Jim Cooke, Paul Caldwell, Dean Meyer, Jim Wenburg, Frank Medsker, Neal Hoff, Elmer Heeren, Dick Kleiber

Family members and friends joining them in the parade: Mary Jean Cooke, Ruth Caldwell, Verna Meyer, Rogene Wenburg, Carol Medsker, Susan Hoff, Chudier Duang, Ruel Duang, Carol Grummert, Mark Hemje, Al Meyer

*"Thanks to many of you folks, I passed my goal of \$10 for each of my 91 years and had a total of \$1,017.25. Thanks again for your help. Total for the CROP walk was 50% more than last year". -- Rev. Frank Medsker*

### **Thank You, Special Event Volunteers!!**

Volunteers have stepped forward to oversee two very important events in the life of our church. A big "Thank you!" goes out to these volunteers!

- Joan Shaw: Christmas Caroling event, to be held Dec. 11
- Lanae Hall: Easter Prayer Vigil, to be held from Good Friday evening through Easter Sunday morning

More than 90% of adults in the United States feel that registering, as an organ donor is the right thing to do, yet 52% of adults have yet to register.

**November 11-13, 2016 is National Donor Sabbath Weekend**, and the perfect time to take action and sign up on the Nebraska Donor Registry at [www.donatelifenebraska.com](http://www.donatelifenebraska.com). It's fast. It's easy. It saves lives!

## UPCOMING FORUMS

**"The Spiritual Practice of Yoga: Using the Body to Know the Soul"**

Lanae Hall, certified yoga instructor, will present an introduction to the spiritual tenets of yoga: its history, cross-religious application, and usefulness in facilitating the healthy connection of body and soul. Lanae will also provide an abbreviated yoga class experience that attendees may participate in or simply watch.

Sun., Nov. 20, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Parlor

**"The Gifts of Abraham"**

The biblical witness of Genesis 12 points to an evolving human consciousness. By grappling with questions such as "What does it mean to be human?" and "What does it mean to be in relationship with God?" the ancient near east descendants of Abraham developed answers that would later become known as the Hebrew tradition. Led by Dan Deffenbaugh, professor of religion and philosophy at Hastings College.

Sun., Nov. 13, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

### SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2016 - Wednesday, November 16

- 9:30 Circle 1 – Hostess: Jane Foot; Lesson: Pamela Lay.  
Circle 2 – Hostess: May Wierenga; Lesson: Rogene Wenburg.  
1:15 Circle 3 – Hostess: Carol Wheeler; Lesson: Jane Pollak. In Fellowship Hall.

**Troop 200 Boy Scouts** will be available the four Sundays thru November to rake leaves at your place of business or residence. Free will donations are accepted. All proceeds will go to Healthy Beginnings to help a couple of young, struggling mothers through the holidays with care packages for mother & child(ren). If you are interested in helping the Scouts with this charitable service project, please contact Tom Kleinjan @ 402-705-0553 or email him at [scouting200hastings@gmail.com](mailto:scouting200hastings@gmail.com). Let's help them spread some cheer this season - your contribution makes the difference!

### *Congregational Lives*

**A reminder** to those who use the kitchen: If you use the hand towels, please wash and return them. A basket located on the bottom shelf of the serving cart at the window may be used. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

**Sympathy to Don and Marie Rasmussen** for the loss of Don's brother, Ivan Rasmussen.

**Please pray for Mary Jo Emmons** who recently had skin cancer removed from her nose. She says she looks bad but is doing OK.

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

**Sunday,  
November 20, 2016**

**9:15a.m.** Sunday School  
(All Ages Welcome)

**10:30a.m.** Worship  
Message by Pastor Don Canady

**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 @ 10:30a.m. during service on KICS 1550 AM.

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

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

**Have a blessed week!**

"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





# 2016 World Community Day



## *Sharing Gifts at the Table*

Speaker: Anne Cannon  
of Hastings Literacy

Music: Choralettes



**World Community Day Service**  
Church Women United  
10 am, Friday, November 11 @  
**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**  
1338 Saunders, Hastings  
Soup Luncheon will follow the Service

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### **The Home Page**

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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**

**October 30, 2016**

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| 10:30 Worship Attendance         | 223        |
| General Fund                     | \$3,265.00 |
| Plate Collections                | \$93.00    |
| PC (USA) Hunger Fund             | \$38.36    |
| CE Sunday School                 | \$4.00     |
| Communion - Peacemaking          | \$10.00    |
| UNICEF                           | \$0.45     |
| Food Pantry                      | \$11.00    |
| Special Offering – Zach Spurgeon | \$1,000.00 |
| Annex Building Use               | \$170.00   |

### **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