

The Home Page

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CANADY'S CHRONICLE

What glorious good news came to us yesterday after we had worshiped with the good Presbyterians of Lexington. Greg Allen-Pickett is the new called pastor for First Presbyterian Church in Hastings. In our opinion, what a wise choice. Each time I met with Greg, or visited with him on the phone, I have been so impressed with his commitment to God and the church. He will lead this congregation with compassion and love. The future of FPC is bright as it strives to be God's servant in this community and the world.

In conversation with Greg, and I assume mentioned at the meeting yesterday, he will plan on beginning his ministry March 12. My last Sunday with you will be March 6.

It has been such a joy to serve with you for the past months and pray that all goes well in days to come.

--Pastor Don Canady

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Join us for *Youth Sunday*  
10:30a.m., February 5  
Communion: Souper Bowl Sunday,  
Hastings High School Food Pantry

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"We want to send a letter to thank you for your donation of 5 bags – 23 items of food given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What a wonderful donation! So many people will be blessed with this gift! This is going to such a wonderful cause as it will be feeding hungry people in our community! Thank you so much for all you do!!" –Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors



Save the Date

VBS

May 22-26

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Watch for more details in the coming months!

ATTENTION: Mandatory Training for ALL First Presbyterian Church Child & Youth Adult Volunteers!!!!

First Presbyterian Church

Child Protection Policy Training

Who: All persons 18 years of age or older who desire to or presently work with the children participating in FPC programs and activities

When: Attend 1 of the following; *If you cannot attend one of the following dates/times, contact Stephanie to make other arrangements*

- Saturday, February 18 @ 9:00–10:00 am
- Sunday, February 19 @ 1:00–2:00 pm
- Thursday, February 23 @ 7:00–8:00 pm

Where: First Presbyterian Church–Fellowship Hall

*First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our programs and activities. Training of adults working with FPC children is a **MANDATORY** requirement of the newly, session-adopted policy.*

Questions? Contact Stephanie at 402-462-5147 or stephanie@fpchastings.org

Special Invitation to Veterans

All veterans--and those who wish to thank and bless them--are especially invited to the next Taize service, during which participants will meditate upon scriptures, songs, and prayers illuminating the concept of God's protection. There will be a time for a special blessing of all veterans in attendance. The 40-minute service will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to write notes of thanks to veterans. Sunday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Coming Soon: Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Beginning February 8, Joe Black will lead participants in a study entitled "Grace and Gratitude," an exploration of the freeing power of God's grace and the importance and power of saying "thank you." This study will be held in the Kessler Room, 5:15-6:45 p.m. every other Wednesday evening for six sessions. Study participants can enjoy a night off from cooking, as a communal meal is part of the fun! (\$2 suggested donation) Participant books are complimentary. All levels of biblical knowledge are welcome in this study, and please feel free to arrive as you are able (latecomers are welcome!).

Spread the word to any college students you know!

Beginning February 12, all college students are invited to gather at FPC (Kessler Room) on Sundays following worship for lunch and discussion about the "big questions" of life. Prayerful discernment approaches to these questions will be taught and practiced. Group will be led by Rev. Damen Heitmann, Hastings College chaplain.

Happy Hour Book Club Is Back!

Let's read and learn together! We'll read the book *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario, who is described by the E.N. Thompson Forum as "a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist whose stories have tackled some of this country's most challenging problems, including hunger, drug addiction, and immigration. She spent 20 years reporting about social issues for newspapers including the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Los Angeles Times*. Her best-selling book *Enrique's Journey* relates the story of a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the U.S." You can watch Ms. Nazario's moving lecture given in September 2016 at the Lied Center [here](#).

- Please purchase *Enrique's Journey* from your favorite book seller.
- The first half of the book will be discussed at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, at WineStyles.
- The second half will be discussed at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at Perkins.
- Invite a friend! This is not just for Presbyterians!
- The true story of Enrique tracks much of the same terrain travelled by our "Chiapas 4" and thus offers a great way to carry their mission forward!

LAST CALL for Contemplative Prayer Retreat, March 10-12

***Reservations need to be made with Kili by Friday, February 3.*

Learn to rest in and connect with God through silence.

This retreat is not led by nor exclusively open to Presbyterians. It is an inter-denominational retreat led by Fr. Thomas Leitner, administrator of the St. Benedict Center. FPC has a few spots reserved; contact Kili Wenburg to sign up. (Cost is \$192.85, and a \$50 deposit--applied toward the total cost--is required at sign up.)

Did you miss Michella Marino's excellent lecture on polarization in America?

If so, you can find the audio of the lecture, along with her PowerPoint presentation on the [church website](#)! Just click on "Ministries" and then "Adult Education." You'll find these items and video from other Forum classes among the blue buttons on the right side of the page. Check it out!

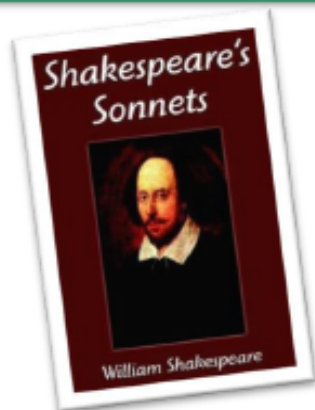
UPCOMING FORUMS

Shakespeare: The Holy Sonnets

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February Forums:

The Power of Words



Shakespeare: The "Holy" Sonnets

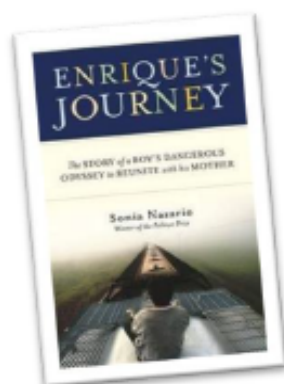
"The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly." -Proverbs 15:2

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"(Un)Wanted": Foster Care—Before, During, After

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." -Psalm 82:3

February 12: Luke Kliewer will speak about Miriam's Hope, a new local residential program he founded that seeks to keep kids out of foster care. Kathleen Stolz (DHHS) will describe the current state of the NE foster care system as well as the Bridge to Independence program, which offers support and guidance to kids aging out of foster care.



"Immigrant?" "Refugee?"

"And when did we see you a stranger and invite you in?" -Matthew 25:38

February 19: View and discuss Sonia Nazario's September 2016 lecture at the Lied Center. "Sonia Nazario is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist whose stories [*Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*] have tackled some of this country's most challenging problems, including hunger, drug addiction, and immigration. Her best-selling book *Enrique's Journey* relates the story of a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the U.S." (quote from the E.N. Thompson Forum website).

"Our Father, which art in heaven..."

"This, then, is how you should pray." -Matthew 6:9

February 26: Having led a six-week Bible study on the Lord's Prayer last spring, Joe Black came to deeper understanding of these familiar words and will share his insights, which invite all pray-ers to experience the Lord's Prayer freshly, mindfully, personally.



Special Guest Educator

JARED GOLDFARB

First Congregational Church of Hastings welcomes Jared Goldfarb, Educator from Israel for a 4-day educational series that will touch on religious and secular history, archeology, politics and opportunities for peace in a place held Sacred in several major religions.

- **Thursday, February 9th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm**
Bordering on Insanity: Defining the many boundaries of the Holy Land
- **Friday, February 10th, 10:30 am**
Biblical Text Study
The Origins of Jerusalem: Historical Narrative vs. Archaeological Fact
- **Friday, February 10th, 2:30 pm**
Middle Eastern cooking class!
Attendees will be invited to stay and share the Friday evening Shabbat (Jewish Sabbath) Meal.
Please RSVP to pastor@fcucchastings.org for the class and meal.
- **Sunday, February 12th, 10:30 am**
Jared will speak during service at First Congregational United Church of Christ on the lessons of living in a religious yet pluralistic society.

All are also invited to become more familiar with Israel and Palestine by attending one or all of these Sunday morning background classes on the region, 9-10 am at First Congregational UCC:

Sunday, January 29 — Century Political Dynasties & Dynamics

Sunday, February 5th — Modern Israel

First Congregational Church | 2810 W 7th Street | Hastings, NE
(Located on the corner of 7th and Marian)



Jared Goldfarb

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Check out these great devotional books, specifically for Lent!

A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent by Walter Brueggemann (\$8.45)

The Sign and the Sacrifice: The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection by Rowan Williams (\$9.75)

God Is on the Cross: Reflections on Lent and Easter by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (\$9.10)

Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A by N.T. Wright (\$9.60)

Lenten Reflections on the Confession of Belhar (\$12.95)

40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words: Lenten Reflections for Everyday Life by Bruce Reyes-Chow (\$9.10)

**Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is March 1.

**A group order on behalf of the church will be placed mid-February. Contact Kili to add your selection to the list.

CONGREGATIONAL LIVES

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Jeanne Hastings, Deacon Moderator, at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

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.

Prayers for Dean, Verna and Mike Meyer for the loss of their son-in-law /brother-in-law, Tony Hernandez. Service was in North Platte followed by a celebration per Tony's request.

Condolences to Penny Czarnek for the loss of her husband, Craig John Czarnek. Penny is a foster daughter of Kathy Nelson.

Condolences to Jerri and Fred Knapple for the loss of Jerri's mother, Shirley Bennett.

Congratulations for the birth of Ky Michael Juilfs, born January 15, 2017 to Kelly (Hogan) and Tyler Juilfs. Proud grandparents are Tim and Sally Juilfs, and Mike and Marsha Hogan.

Congratulations to the Redinger family. Emma Redinger has been selected to receive the Walter Scott academic scholarship at Hastings College. She will begin attending in the fall. Emma is the daughter of Bill and Javae Redinger.

A copy of last Sunday's service, as with any Sunday service, is available on DVD disc upon request by free will donation. Call Tarci in the office at 402-462-5147 if you'd like a copy to pick up or be mailed.

*"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

January 22, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	67
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	179
General Fund (2017)	\$6,075.00
Plate Collections	\$73.00
Per capita (2017)	\$338.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$31.96
Christian Ed Sunday School	\$6.95
Communion-Healthy Beginnings	\$56.00
Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
Food Pantry	\$13.00
United Harvest Food Pantry	\$10.00
Church Usage	\$75.00

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