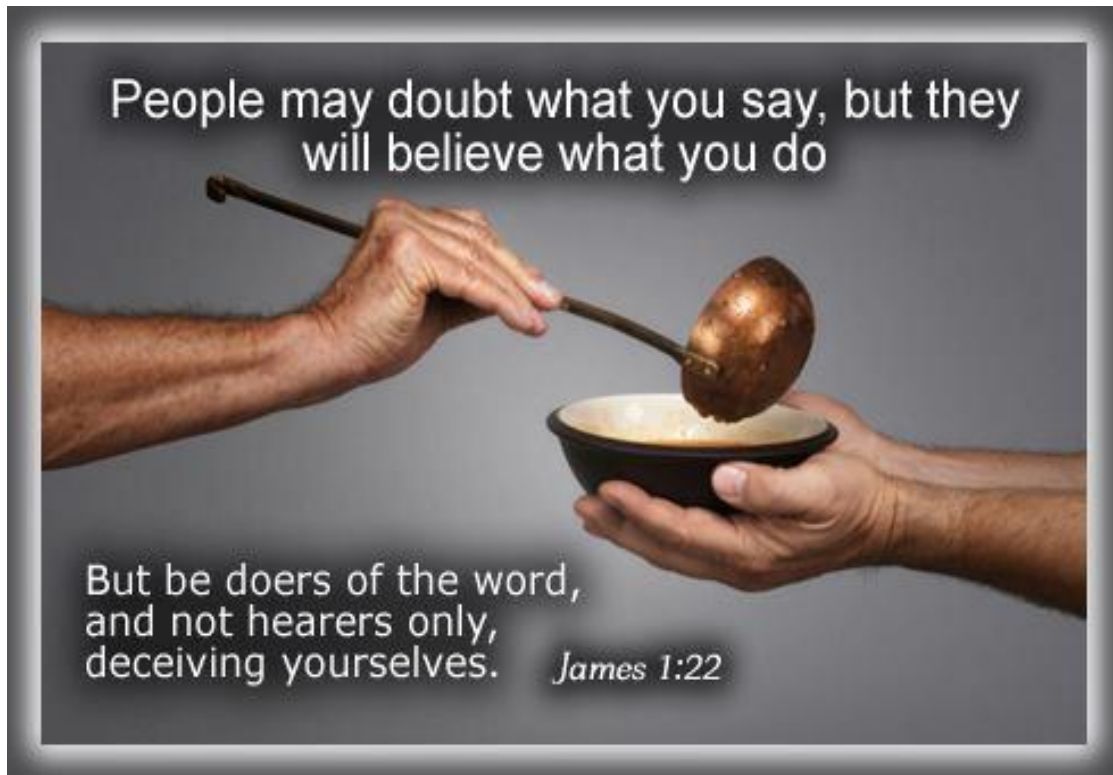


# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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*"Maryland Living Center, through CASA of South Central NE, is in receipt of your charitable monetary gift in the amount of \$855.00. We sincerely **thank you** for your kind and generous gift. We are honored that you have included us in your philanthropic and charitable giving. Please know how much we appreciate your support of the Maryland Living Center and the youth we serve. –Jenifer Knuth, MLC Program Director"*

*"First Presbyterian Church, Thank you for your generous donation. It will help out our Program along with our youth. Thank you again for your help in making our program stronger and helping it grow. –Maryland Living Center Staff"*

**FPC Deacons delivered** 9 bags with 51 items to the Hastings Food Pantry on February 6. Glory be to God.

Know a college student or young adult in need of a summer job? Highlands Summer Camp in Allenspark, Colorado, is the perfect place for those interested in working with kids, serving as program leadership, preparing delicious meals, and helping maintain facilities. Applicants must be at least 19 years old and be available to work from May 29 to July 31. Applicants can email Summer Camp Director, Steven Bohn at [registrar@highlandscamp.org](mailto:registrar@highlandscamp.org) or apply online at [www.highlandscamp.org](http://www.highlandscamp.org). Benefits include salary, room and board, paid training and experience to last a lifetime!



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!!!!

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# First Presbyterian Church

## *Child Protection Policy Training*

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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

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*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](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org)

### **It's Here! 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." Watch Ms. Nazario's moving lecture given in September 2016 at the Lied Center as part of the February 19 Forum class!

- 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!

### **Could you "adopt" a couple college students?**

FPC is once again seeking to support college students through the "adopt-a-student" program. Students will be assigned in pairs to adoptive individuals or families. Those serving as "adopters" are asked to pledge to offer tangible signs of support to their assigned students on at least a monthly basis (invite them out for lunch after worship; send them cookies in the mail; have them over for a home-cooked meal; hand-deliver a care package (and a hug!) during finals week; and so on). Contact Kili to sign up!

### **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.

## UPCOMING FORUMS

**Forum next Sunday** will be "(Un)Wanted: Foster Care--Before, During, After." Come and learn about: a program keeping kids out of foster care, the current state of NE foster care, a program supporting kids who age out, and the foster care-related projects FPC is considering.

# 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

*Jared Goldfarb is an independent educator and licensed tour guide based in Jerusalem with nearly 20 years experience in the field.*

*Born and raised in New Hampshire, he studied at Brandeis University, and has since lived in 6 different countries.*

Jared Goldfarb is an independent educator with 20 years experience. Now based in Jerusalem, he was born and raised in New Hampshire and studied at Brandeis University. After working for the Jewish Federation in Boston from 1994-96, Jared decided to spend a year in Israel ... and never left. He spent 5 years studying the Jewish textual tradition in various yeshivas, and served as Program Director for 8 more. Since 1999 he has worked as an independent guide for families, faith communities, and multi-narrative students in Israel and Palestine and as a faculty member at Jerusalem institutions that welcome Christian clergy from around the world to the Holy Land. Jared and his family live in Jerusalem.

PW circles meet **Wednesday, February 15**. Circle 1 will meet in Jean Barber's home at 9:30 am. Circle 2 will meet in Jane Foote's home at 9:30 am. Circle 3 will meet at the church at 1:15 pm. Katherine Davis is the hostess. This month's Bible study is "Who is Jesus -- according to Paul".

## 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 Larry Nowka, Celia Ganow, Art Langvardt and families.

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Call Tarci in the office at 402-462-5147 if you'd like a copy to pick up or be mailed.

**2017 Directory** is now available as a bound booklet or as an insert packet for the picture directory. Feel free to stop in 6a.m – 6p.m. to pick up yours from the Memorial Room greeters' stand, or call Tarci in the office if you'd like to have it mailed.

### 2017 Directory Correction:

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** (p.15) Session Rep: Add Kay Georgiana

**PW Circle 3** (p.25) Vice Moderator: Jane Pollak (not Jane Marsh); Visitation & Mission Yearbook of Prayer: Marie Rasmussen; and Least Coin: Jill Kramer

**SACHTLEBEN**, Clyde & Katherine (p.23) Add Home Phone: 402-462-9029.

**Sunday,  
February 12, 2017**

**8:30a.m.** Worship  
Celebrate Band Service

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

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

IRS recently announced the **new standard mileage rates for 2017**. Effective Jan. 1, 2017, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- \*53.5 cents per mile for business miles driven, down from 54 cents for 2016
- \*17 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down from 19 cents for 2016
- \*14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

### Hastings College Music

**Sunday, Feb. 19**  
**FR: Debra Rhodes,**  
**woodwinds**  
*[unaccompanied & multi-media compositions]*  
Perkins Auditorium /3:00 pm

**Tuesday, Feb. 21**  
**FR: Marc LaChance,**  
**trombone**  
Perkins Auditorium /7:30 pm

**Sunday, Feb. 26**  
**\*GR/SR: Hastings**  
**Symphony Orchestra**  
*(HS Young Artists Concert)*  
Masonic Center /3:00 pm

\*\*Dr. Rhodes recital is postponed and to be rescheduled.



**Winter/Spring Department of Music Events  
2017**



**January**

**M /16** 4:00 GR: Middle School Honor Band Concert (*free concert*) **FC**

**February**

**Sa/4** 3:00 **S** GR: HS Honor Band, Orchestra Choir Concert **KG**

**F /17** 6:30 SR/GR: Hispanic Event **PA**  
*Cultural Celebration*

**Su/19** 3:00 FR: Debra Rhodes, woodwinds **PA**  
*[recital of unaccompanied & multi-media compositions]*

**Tu/21** 7:30 FR: Marc LaChance, trombone **PA**

**Su/26** 3:00 **S** GR/SR: Hastings Symphony **MC**  
Orchestra (*HS Young Artists Concert*)



**M /27** 7:30 SR: Sigma Alpha Iota **PA**  
*"Mockcital"*

**March**

**Su/5** 5:00 SR: Spring Vespers (Choral) **FPC**

**M /6** 7:00 SR/GR: Young Men in Harmony **FC**

**Su/12** 3:00 FR: Jonathan Sokasits, piano **PA**

**Sa/18** TBA GR: SCNCC Choir Clinic & Recital **TBA**

**Th/30** 7:30 SR: Sigma Iota Concert **PA**  
*In honor of Women's History Month*

**April**



**Sa/1** *All Day* Gladys Frisch Piano Festival **PA**

**Su/2** 7:30 SR: Aaron Spracklin, baritone **PA**

**Tu/4** 7:30 SR/GR: Jazz Festival Concert **FC**

**F /7** 4:00 \*GL: Peter & Mary Alice Amidon **PA**  
*Composition/Arranging Techniques*



**Sa/8** 10:00 \*Harmony Singing Workshop **PA**  
GL/W: Peter & Mary Alice Amidon

**Su/9** 3:00 SR: Wind Ensemble Band Concert **MC**

7:30 SR: Alexis Leonard, mezzo-soprano **PA**  
& Laurianna May, bass clarinet

**Tu/11** 7:30 SR: Colt Hoselton, bass-baritone **PA**

**Sa/22** 3:00 SR: Symphonic Band Concert **MC**

**Su/23** 3:00 SR: Spring Choir Concert **FPC**  
(The College Choir & Mixed Choir)

7:30 SR/L: Dakota Ghegan, Irish Music **PA**

**M /24** 7:30 SR: Vocal Jazz Ensemble & 1-2-5 Ensemble **FC**

**Sa/29** 7:30 GR: SCNCC Spring Concert **FC**  
*(Children's Choir)*

**Su/30** 3:00 **S** GR/SR: Hastings Symphony **MC**  
Orchestra

7:30 SR: Nathan Jensen, bass **PA**

**May**



**Tu/2** 7:30 SR: Bell Choir **PA**

**F /5** All Day GR/SR: Hastings Symphony **TBA**  
*Orchestra Education Concert*

**S /7** 3:00 FR: Deb Johnson, flute **PA**

**R-Recital (S-Student / F-Faculty / G-Guest) L-Lecture**

**S-ticket available at the door / \*HC Artist lecture Series**

**PA-Perkins Auditorium / FC-French Chapel / KG-Kiewit Gym  
MC-Masonic Center / FPC-First Presbyterian Church**

♦ Call (402)-461-7448 to verify dates/times  
[www.hastings.edu/music](http://www.hastings.edu/music) Fine Arts Calendar

# UNITED HARVEST



## MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, January 14**  
**Saturday, February 25**  
**Saturday, March 25**

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

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

The Go & Serve Youth will be hosting a craft/vendor sale on March 18 from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the annex gymnasium across the street from First Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in renting a booth the cost will be \$40.00 for a 10'x10' space with a 8 foot table.

One vendor per business on a first come first serve basis.

If interested fill this out with your payment and have it in the First Presbyterian Church office by February 28. All proceeds from the booth rentals will go towards the Go & Serve Youth trip to Charlotte, NC in July.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need electricity? YES / NO  
(these booths are limited)

Advertising for this event will be done through social media, distributing of fliers and the local newspaper. This event will be on Whooper/Hooper weekend.

Any questions email Kim Hermann - craftshowhastings@gmail.com

Make Checks Payable to: First Presbyterian Church

Mail this with your deposit to:  
First Presbyterian Church  
c/o Go & Serve Craft Fair  
621 N Lincoln Ave.  
Hastings, NE 68901

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**MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF SESSION  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA  
January 19, 2017**

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held their regular meeting on January 19, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Room.

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

**Class of 2017**

- P - Chris Junker
- P - Erik Nielsen
- P - Tim Redline
- P - Mary Olsen

**Class of 2018**

- P- Sharon Brooks
- P - Kay Georgiana
- P - Harold Korb
- P - Kraig Lofquist
- P - Clerk: Karen Doerr

**Class of 2019**

- E - Chuck Bauer
- P - Anne Bohlke
- P - Mary Fisk
- P - Jessica Meeske



Moderator was Rev. Don Canady. Guests included Jeanne Hastings, moderator of the Deacons and Kim Hermann. Kraig Lofquist opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion and a second to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

**Board Reports:**

**Deacons:** No action items to bring forward. Deacons offered communion at the nursing homes on January 3 and 5, 2017.

**Trustees:** No action items to bring forward.

**Foundation:** No action items to bring forward.

**Personnel:** No action items to bring forward.

**PNC:** Terms of call for a new solo pastor and head of staff presented for information.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion and a second to place Bob and Carol Morris on the inactive list per their request. Upon a voice vote, motion carried. Request received from Max and Linda Wharton, Todd and Tammy Lay and Rachel Lay to transfer their membership from Hanover Presbyterian Church, now closed, to FPC. Motion and a second to approve the request; upon a voice vote, motion carried.

**Reports from Committees of Session:**

**Christian Education:** No action items to bring forward.

**Communication/Technology:** No action items to bring forward.

**Congregational Life:** No action items to bring forward.

**Global Mission/Social Witness:** No action items to bring forward.

**Worship, Arts & Music:** No action items to bring forward.

**Scholarship:** Did not meet.

**Annex sub-committee:** No report.

**Go & Serve:** Kim Hermann reported that the youth involved with Go & Serve did not wish to transfer any of the Go & Serve funds to support an adult mission committee.

**Committee Assignments for 2017:**

Christian Education – Harold Korb and Chris Junker

Communications/Technology – Erik Nielsen and Kraig Lofquist

Congregational Life – Kraig Lofquist and Jessica Meeske

Global Mission – Sharon Brooks and Anne Bohlke

Worship, Arts & Music – Erik Nielsen, Mary Olsen and Mary Fisk

**Memorial** – Mary Olsen and Kay Georgiana

**Scholarship** – Tim Redline

**Personnel** – Tim Redline and Karen Doerr

**Annex** – Harold Korb and Kay Georgiana

**Foundation** – Kay Georgiana

**Moderator's Report:** Communion was provided to the Congregation on January 1, 2017 at the 10:30 AM worship service.

A revised budget was presented. Motion and a second to approve the revised budget; upon a voice vote, motion carried. Dave Fisher, moderator of the Trustees will present the revised budget to the congregation at the annual meeting on January 22, 2017.

Zach Spurgeon reported that he has successfully completed the fall semester. Request to send the remainder of his tuition costs (\$8755 less the \$2500 already sent) to Dubuque. Upon a second and a voice vote, request granted.

Request to begin the process of digitizing the card files containing membership information. Upon a second and a voice vote, request granted.

Sharon Brooks offered to begin a review of the Manual of Operations.

**Session will hold its next stated meeting on February 23, 2017 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Anderson Conference Room.**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen G. Doerr, Clerk of Session

**MINUTES OF A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
First Presbyterian Church  
Hastings, Nebraska  
January 22, 2017**

The annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, Nebraska was held on January 22, 2017 in the sanctuary. Moderator, Rev. Don Canady confirmed that a quorum was present and opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes from congregational meetings on January 31, 2016, April 3, 2016, June 19, 2016 and October 30, 2016 were reviewed. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.

The retiring officers were thanked for their work and dedication over the terms of their service.

CLERK'S REPORT: The annual report of the Clerk was reviewed.

Membership, December 31, 2015 668

During the year, we received:

Profession of faith, reaffirmation, restoration 11

Certificate of Transfer 13

Losses:

Certificate 3

Death 10

Other (declared inactive, affiliate) 0

Membership, December 31, 2016 679

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Young Adult/Adult Baptisms 2

Infant Baptisms 4

Weddings 3

Funerals 10

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Special Offerings approved by the Session include:

One Great Hour of Sharing

Joy Offering

Peacemaking

Pentecost Offering

Bible School Offering  
Monthly Communion Offerings

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Average worship attendance:

8:30 service	64
10:30 service	189

Average weekly Sunday School attendance:

Youth (Nursery to grade 12)	52
Teachers	12

Average Wednesday Night Live attendance 51

Active Officers:

Elders	13
Deacons	16
Trustees	9

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Clerk's Report as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.

Necrology Report. The names of all members who passed away during 2016 were read and a prayer was offered.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Trustee Dave Fisher presented the 2016 year end budget review and the budget for 2017.

FOUNDATION BOARD: The Foundation report is printed in the annual meeting report booklet. A brief explanation was provided by moderator, Roger Doerr.

BYLAWS: Motion and a second to approve the bylaws of First Presbyterian Church as amended and reviewed by Session. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

For the Congregational Nominating Committee, the following slate is recommended: Member appointed from each board: Session, Deacon and Trustees.

Representing the congregation: Al Meyer, Richard Johnson, Tammie Nowka, Sally Smith and Vonda Essex. Motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of committee members as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.

Having no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Karen G. Doerr  
Clerk

*"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".*

## Home Page

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**Temporary Supply Pastor:** Don Canady

**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](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org) or call 402-462-5147.

### Financial Corner

January 29, 2017

10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	209
General Fund (2017)	\$6,664.25
Plate Collections	\$204.00
Per capita (2017)	\$151.25
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$52.71
Christian Ed Sunday School	\$3.74
Communion-Healthy Beginnings	\$5.00
Memorials	\$175.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
Flowers	\$600.00
Annex Bldg Use	\$680.00

### 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