



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Notes of thanks for Pastor Don will be received in the church office and collected into a scrapbook for Don. Feel free to drop off your special message through **March 19**. You may write your note on the special paper available in the church office, or you may use your own paper.

“Hearts and Hands Against Hunger would like to thank First Presbyterian Church for the \$307.75 donation which will help us provide 1338 meals for hungry children and their families. It is gifts like yours that help us provide the ingredients for our volunteers to package the food for those in need. We are grateful for donations like yours that help us make a difference in the World.”

*“We want to send a letter to **thank you for your generous donation** of \$130 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! God bless in all you do!! – Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors”*

Deacons delivered 3 bags with 21 items to Hastings Food Pantry on March 10.

From the Mission Committee: Long-Sleeved Shirt Drive

March 26-31 is Farmworker Awareness Week in Nebraska. Because farmworkers face long hours of arduous work exposed to dangerous pesticides and heat stress, the Mission Committee invites your participation in our 2nd annual long-sleeved shirt drive--a simple project that can provide significant protection for farmworkers in our community. New or gently used shirts should be delivered to the basket in the Memorial Room. They will then go to our local Proteus organization, which will distribute them to farmworkers as needed.

United Harvest volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 25! NEW volunteer schedule: please choose one shift and report to the Annex at the start of your chosen time: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 12 noon – 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your service!

Prayer focus for March: Miriam's Hope (family residential program aimed at keeping kids out of foster care)

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Register NOW for 2017 Summer Camp—Something for everyone!

Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Camp Calvin Crest and Highlands Summer Camp brochures are now available on the Child & Youth Announcements Bulletin Board near the church offices. Scholarship Applications are also available.

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org with any questions.

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 7th Street in Hastings, NE

Contact: (402)-463-6733

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

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

An Opportunity to Grow in Awareness and Understanding of the Experience of Loving a Child Through Gender Transition

Sunday, March 19, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Forum Class--Fellowship Hall

A family-law attorney and mother of three, Joni Stacy will share her experience parenting a child through gender transition.



The Christian Education Committee recognizes that our modern world presents us with new ideas and new challenges all the time. Recognizing also that living a life of Christian love and welcome is difficult without understanding the experiences of the “other,” the CE Committee invites all to attend—with humble and honest curiosity--the Forum on March 19th.

Ongoing Adult Study and Fellowship Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Every Wednesday morning in the Parlor at 7:00 a.m. Currently studying the book *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity*. Includes breakfast.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Every other Wednesday in the Kessler Room at 5:15 p.m. Currently studying *Grace and Gratitude*. Includes dinner (\$2 suggested donation). Next session is March 22.

Heirs Apparent Sunday School Class: Every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Anderson Conference Room. Currently using a DVD-based study of the Gospel of John.

The Forum: Every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Classes are diverse and self-contained. Stop in anytime.

"The Big Questions" College Discernment Group: College students meet after worship (11:30ish) on Sundays. Includes lunch and discussion of prayerful discernment practices. No gatherings on March 19 or 26 due to Spring Break.

PW Circles and Luncheons: Luncheon on first Wednesday of each month; small group ("Circle") meetings (with Bible study) on third Wednesday of each month. Contact Rogene Wenburg for more information ([308-962-0187](tel:308-962-0187)).

Soup Group: Every other Friday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Includes soup lunch, discussion on parenting-related topics, fellowship. Next session is March 24.

Happy Hour Book Club: Once a month on a Thursday evening. Currently reading *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario. Next session is April 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Perkins restaurant.

Spiritual Direction: Confidential, 45-minute, one-on-one sessions available by appointment at no cost to church members. Contact Kili ([402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147)) for appointment.

Meet and Greet With Senator Halloran

During the Forum on March 26, Senator Steve Halloran will join us to share a bit about his personal journey of faith as well as his journey into the world of politics. Participants will have the opportunity not only to hear about Senator Halloran's concerns and hopes for Nebraska but also to share their own concerns and hopes for Nebraska.

Sunday, March 26, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Sunday,
March 19, 2017**
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
(All Ages Welcome!)
10:30 a.m. Worship,
Message by Greg Allen-Pickett

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 @ 10:30 a.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 Lynn Barrows, Roger Bauer (Chuck Bauer's father), Shannon Canady, Celia Ganow, Roberta Lloyd, Lavera Meyer (Al Meyer's mother), Larry Nowka, Don Reynolds, and families.

“Thank you for all the cards, prayers and well wishes, it means a lot! I have one more minor procedure to undergo, but the doctors report the cancer is gone and I’m healing.” – Darleen Howard

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Annex. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bev Stein at 402-463-1410.

Wood Carvers meet each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. If you are interested in joining, please contact Frank Georgiana at 402-460-8096 or Kenton Grams at 402-461-3150.

forty-fifth annual Lenten series

sermons
2017
begins
march 8th
a la carte

St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral
5th and Burlington, Hastings

Please join us on the following Wednesdays during Lent from 12:05 pm to 12:30 pm for a Lenten message followed by lunch served in our undercroft.
Lunch \$4.00

These **SERMONS A LA CARTE** "menus" are the gift of these sponsors:

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2017 Directory

Correction: 2017
Congregational
Nominating Committee
(p.11) Moderator: Kim Creech

COMMITTEE NEWS

Flower Memorial Dates

The following are open dates for flower memorials: 3rd and 5th Sundays in April; 3rd and 4th Sundays in July; 3rd Sunday in August; 4th Sunday in September; 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays in November and all the Sundays in December. Please contact Mary Olsen if you would like to have one of the Sundays or if you would like to have a specific Sunday that isn't listed above. Some of the filled dates can have more than one memorial listing. Mary can be reached at 402-462-2811 or molsen@charter.net.

**2017 Theme
God's Eternal Truth**

March 8
John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life".

The Very Rev. Catherine F. Scott
Saint Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral
Lunch by the Women of Saint Mark's

March 15
John 18:38

"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

Fr. Michael Houlihan
Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church
Lunch by the St. Michael's Altar Society

sermons
a la carte

March 22
Ephesians 4:15

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Pastor John Whitsett
Lakeside Community Church
Lunch by Runcie's Catering and the Women of Lakeside Community Church

March 29
John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor Steven Peeler
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Lunch by the Women of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

April 5

1 Corinthians 13:6
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Pastor Kent Rogers
Grace United Methodist Church
Lunch by the Grace United Methodist Women



American Red Cross

Our next **Red Cross blood drive** is Monday, April 10th, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. If you would like to donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com. You can also make an appointment to donate at redcrossblood.org.

"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

March 5, 2017

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| 10:30a.m. Worship Attendance | |
| General Fund (2017) | \$12,415.00 |
| Plate Collections | \$196.00 |
| PC (USA) Hunger Fund | \$30.99 |
| Christian Ed Sunday School | \$3.07 |
| Food Pantry | \$15.00 |
| Communion-Miriam's Hope | \$886.00 |
| Donations to Luggage Drive | \$145.00 |
| PNC | \$100.00 |
| Deacon's Fund | \$200.00 |
| Memorials | \$75.00 |
| Coffee Donations | \$12.65 |

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