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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.

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

Deacons delivered one bag with five items to Hastings Food Pantry on March 20, 2017.



2017 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

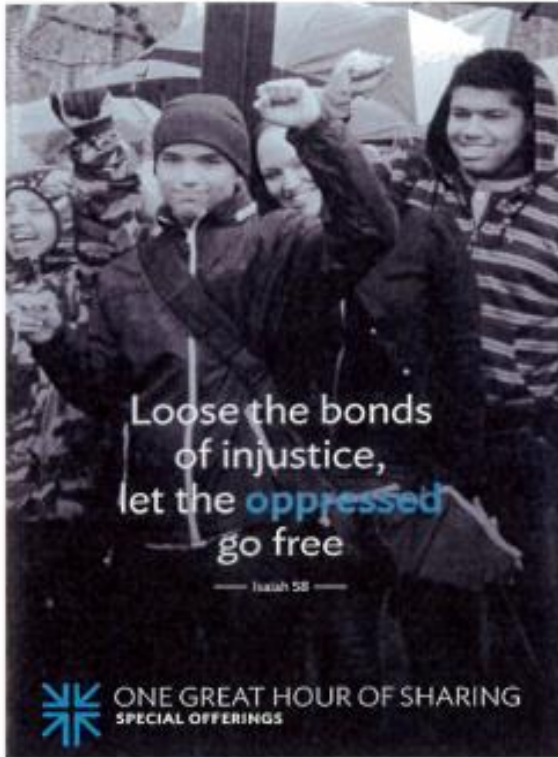
First Presbyterian Church--
Hastings, NE



We are "gearing up" for another great VBS! This year, we are using the Group: Maker Fun Factory VBS. The kids will discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life--something we call God Sightings.

Our VBS will be held May 22-26, 2:00-5:00pm.

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register as a volunteer at <http://fpchastings.org/vbs-2017/>. Or paper sign-up forms are located on the glass shelves near the church office. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions.




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One Great Hour of Sharing

is our direct response to God's call in Isaiah 58.

With your gift, you . . .

 **Loose the bonds of injustice**
Self-Development of People (SDOP)

You partner in projects like Jobs Not Jails, which has already assisted over 7,000 people with access to jobs and education as they establish new lives after prison, thus reducing the probability of repeat offenses.

 **Share your bread with the hungry**
Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

You engage in sustainable agriculture and water projects as well as initiate and support programs like Joining Hands, Peru, and Earth Care Congregations that creatively work to address long-term care of the earth to end hunger and poverty for the most vulnerable.

 **Bring the homeless poor into your house**
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

You provide food, shelter, and education to refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria and helped the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon rebuild 40 homes in Homs, Syria, for those who wish to restore the Syria they love.



Resources:
 *Data from the Criminal Justice System: Equal Justice Initiative. Accessed November 19, 2016. <http://www.eji.org/history-race-justice-race-and-criminal-justice>
 *New Cases in the States: "State of Arrests: The Resolving Crisis of Arrested Prisoners" (Washington, DC: The Pew Charitable Trusts, April 2012)
 *Report: The War on Marijuana in Black and White: American Civil Liberties Union. June 2015. Accessed November 19, 2016. <http://www.aclu.org/wp-content/uploads/assets/war-on-marijuana-black-and-white>
 *Using Disparities to Measure: "The Greening Project," The Greening Project. Accessed November 19, 2016. <http://www.greeningproject.org/press/2015-06-01-black-and-white>

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Self-Development of People helps people establish new lives after prison

Olga Pedraza left prison drug-free and excited to start her new life and career as a counselor in Holyoke, Massachusetts. But there was a catch. Olga's new job required a driver's license, which was revoked when she was convicted. The state demanded more than **\$4,500 to have it reinstated**—money she had no realistic hope of raising.

But Olga didn't despair.

Olga joined the OGHS-supported **Neighbor to Neighbor** organization, which promotes investment in jobs and education instead of prison. Their **Jobs Not Jails** campaign aims to change public policy to help ex-offenders reestablish new lives and reduce the likelihood of returning to prison.

And on March 20, 2016, they won a major victory. Gov. Baker signed a law repealing the suspension of driving privileges for most drug offenses and the accompanying fine. With her license reinstated, Olga was able to **start her new life and career as a counselor**, helping others recover from their drug addictions.

You can be part of this work by giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. Please give generously.

Patterns of Systemic Injustice

Systemic injustice is much more difficult to recognize than overt acts of racism, making it a much more difficult problem to address. Studies have shown that social institutions—such as schools, judicial systems, banks, and government organizations—give unfair treatment to people based on race or class. Over time, this has led to unequal opportunities for people of color and hindered the growth of their communities.

-  **Mass incarceration** has a clear racial impact: **70 percent** of American prisoners are non-white.*
-  **More than 40% of offenders** returned to state prison within **3 years** of their release from custody.†
-  **Staggering Racial Bias: Marijuana use is roughly equal** among Blacks and Whites, yet Blacks are **3.73 times** as likely to be arrested for marijuana possession.‡
-  **1 in 11 African Americans is unable to vote** due to laws that deny ex-felons the right to vote.‡

Ministries supported by OGHS are providing education and assistance to ex-offenders, and working to change public policies that make it more difficult for people to establish new and thriving lives for themselves.

- Three Ways to Give**
-  **Through your congregation**
 -  **Text OGHS 20222 to give \$10 now**
 -  **presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs**

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be collected on Easter.

Meet Your Nebraska State Senator!

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

Steve Halloran

District 33

Nebraska State
Legislature



A 5th-generation farmer who grew up in Hastings, NE, Steve Halloran is a businessman, a civil servant, and a man of faith. In this “get-to-know-you” hour, Senator Halloran will share a little about his life journey as well as about his hopes and concerns for Nebraska. Participants will have a chance to share with Mr. Halloran their hopes and concerns as well.

Soup Group Meets This Friday!

Do you struggle with negotiating "screen time" with your kids? Are you wondering what effects ubiquitous screens have on children and child development? Then don't miss this informative session led by Jody Lieske, mental health therapist with the Children and Adolescent Clinic. Meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall for lunch, fellowship, and clarity about the modern screen time challenge.

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, please note the new time: Sunday's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and *on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.* (instead of 9:00 a.m.)

**Sunday,
March 26, 2017**
8:30 a.m. Worship,
With Celebrate Band
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
(All Ages Welcome!)
10:30 a.m. Worship,
Message by Greg Allen-Pickett

Prayers for Lynn Barrows, Roger Bauer (Chuck Bauer's father), Shannon Canady, Celia Ganow, Richard Johnson and his mother Wilma (Billie), Roberta Lloyd, Larry Nowka, Don Reynolds, and families.



*In Loving Memory
Joe Heineman*

March 19, 1928 – March 15, 2017



Services for Joe Heineman were held Saturday, March 18, 2017, 11:00 A.M. at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings with Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett officiating. Burial with military rites by U.S. Air Force was Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 11:00 A.M. in Omaha National Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Kevin C. Heineman Memorial Forensics Scholarship at Hastings College.

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 and 2nd 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.) Flower memorials are available to all members of congregation and are free of charge. Mary can be reached at 402-462-2811 or molsen@charter.net.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Mike & Marcia Hogan	04/02/1983
Mark & Lorna Zajack	04/07/2001
Paul & Belinda Nuss	04/08/1978
Frank & Heather Cassidy	04/08/2006
Joe & Ashley Ehrich	04/11/2006
Bob & Mary Boerigter	04/13/1974
Jim & Lois Hahne	04/15/1961
Richard & Evelyn Viglicky	04/16/1947
Clyde & Katherine Sachtleben	04/21/2012
George & Colleen Adam	04/26/1975
Jorn & Mary Olsen	04/26/1975
Dave & Sandra Dirks	04/29/1989

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/01	Karen Huber	04/11	Mattie Eddleman	04/22	Jenni Bauer
04/02	Sara Knaub		McKenzi Kidd		Kenny Graham
04/03	Brett Erickson		Carolyn Miller		Walker Hermann
	Shelley Nuss		Brianna Zubrod		Lindsey Telecky
04/04	Galen Finley	04/12	Carol Medsker	04/23	Joan McCarthy
	Meredith LaMaster		Sarah Nottage-Tacey		Chad Rethorst
	Wendy Propp		Tom Portwood		Keaton Stroyek
	Lyndsey Witte	04/13	William Hermes	04/24	Job Ehrich
	Hannah Wray		Broden Hultine		Tyrell Nichols
04/06	Michael Benorden		Darin Johnston		Norah Snell
	Andrea Franzen		Kevin Junker		Helen Vollweiler
	Kenton Grams		Riley Pontine	04/26	Mike Hahne
	Zo Kreager	04/15	Lynn Barrows		Darleen Howard
	Will Locke		Harold Korb		Taylor Musgrave
	Norma Saathoff	04/16	Chuck Evans		Elaine Specht
	Ruth Swingle		Collin Hermes	04/27	Dave Johnson
04/07	Michael Brooks		Laura McCarthy		Thomas Kerr
04/08	Irina Belikova-Erickson	04/18	Jim Baldwin		Jill Oakeson
	Barb Harrington		Dean Meyer		Curtis Reimer
	Stephen Howard	04/19	Charles Bishop	04/28	Julie McCarthy
04/09	Anne Halbert	04/20	Robert Grams		Cole McCoy
	Dennis McPherson		Belinda Nuss	04/29	Kristan Harrenstein
	Cathy Pershing	04/21	Kathy Warriner		Sammi Malouf
	John Pershing			04/30	Alex Peterson
	Daniel Tut				Julia Reimer

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10. Twenty Easter lilies will be purchased. All additional proceeds will go to Adams/ Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens).

Lily in memory of: _____

Lily in honor of: _____

Given by: _____



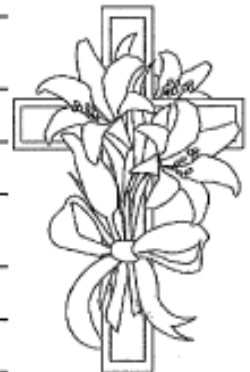
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Publishing Guidelines: The *Home Page* is a weekly publication (bi-weekly June & July) for the people and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

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 12, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	29
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	273
General Fund (2017)	\$7,491.00
Plate Collections	\$188.00
Per capita	\$272.25
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$38.51
Christian Ed Sunday School	\$12.92
Food Pantry	\$2.00
Communion-Miriam's Hope	\$30.00
WNL	\$20.00
PNC	\$75.00
Coffee Donations	\$4.51

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