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First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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April Services - Come Worship with Us!

April 9 (Palm Sunday), 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

April 13 (Maundy Thursday), 7:00 p.m. with Communion

April 14 (Good Friday), 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. services in style of Taize in the Chapel

April 16 (Easter), 10:30 a.m. with Special Offering to *One Great Hour of Sharing*

April 23, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., High School Senior Recognition,
3:00 p.m. Hastings College Spring Choir Concert at FPC

April 30, 10:30 a.m., Christian Education Volunteer Recognition

Greeters

Apr 9 (Palm Sunday)

Melissa & Michael Karloff, Eleanor Jorgensen

Apr 13 (Maundy Thursday)

Lois & Jim Hahne, Georgie Evans

Apr 16 (Easter)

Kili & Justin, Carter & Selah Wenburg

Apr 23

Paul & Lynette Krieger, Kathy Utter

Apr 30

Connie & LaVerne Franzen, Alice Throckmorton

Ushers (Team 2): Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer-Captain, Clyde Sachtleben

*Please note: April ushers are scheduled for Maundy Thursday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services

Communion Servers

April 13 - Maundy Thursday (Team 1): Erica Brooks, Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Katharine Davis, Susan Hoff, Byron Jensen, Deb Jensen, Chris Junker, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

Sign Up for the Easter Prayer Vigil

Once again, members and friends of FPC will be offering a continuous stream of prayer from 8 p.m. on Good Friday until 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Memorial Room for one (or more!) one-hour slots. All are welcome to submit prayer requests to be held in prayer during the vigil.

Second Annual Long-Sleeve Shirt Drive

Bring your donations of new or gently used long-sleeved shirts to the basket in the Memorial Room. Mission Committee thanks you for your help in protecting farmworkers against pesticides and heat stress.



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, April 10, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. To donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285. Your donation is needed & makes a difference!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
EASTER EGG HUNT

Hosted By: First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 8 at 11:00am

Located at Alexander Park

(just north of First Presbyterian Church)

Alternate location in case of rain: First Presbyterian Church Annex Gym

Age Divisions: • Age 0-2 years • Age 3-5 years • Kindergarten-3rd Grade

**Please bring your own basket for collecting eggs.



For more information contact Stephanie at
402-462-5147 or stephanie@fpchastings.org

Volunteers are welcome to help fill eggs at 9 a.m. in the Parlor
on Thursday, April 6. Thank you!



Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

- **International development:** More than 308,000 people who were living in extreme poverty in more than 30 countries now have increased food security and livelihoods, and stronger leadership and organization through international development work. **Take a Reflection-Action Trip.**¹
- **National development:** 65 grant partners in the United States have impacted local and national change in maintaining effective safety nets, addressing worker and immigration issues for the working poor, and developing robust and healthy alternative food systems that address rural and urban poverty in sustainable ways. **Do a mission trip or volunteer with a US partner.**²
- **Policy and law:** Millions of people are directly impacted by programs that drive changes to laws and corporate practices that affect hunger and poverty. Activities include successful congressional petitions to maintain funding to safety net programs like SNAP and WIC, as well as campaigns with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and other farm and food workers to encourage companies to pay a better living wage and monitor working conditions. **Join a campaign action.**³
- **Environmental action:** 190 Earth Care Congregations are leading the way in Biblical reflection and action to lessen carbon footprints and create more sustainable ways to live as a community. **Become an Earth Care Congregation.**⁴
- **Fair trade:** 1,088 congregations participate in Eco-Palms; 1,619 congregations purchased over \$1 million worth of fair trade products—predominantly coffee—to increase farmers' income in 40 cooperatives. **Switch to Fair Trade for Coffee, Palms, and Clothes.**⁵
- **Hunger action programs:** Partnered with hunger action enablers in 29 presbyteries to leverage \$1.6 million for local, national, and international hunger work.

Find out more about the ongoing work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program at presbyterianmission.org/hunger

¹<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/trips/>

²<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/meet-our-partners/>

³<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/national-development/fair-food/>

⁴<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>

⁵<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/enough/fair-trade/>

Please bring your offering during our Easter celebration.

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).

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Easter Lilies may be purchased thru Thursday, April 13th
for Easter Sunday publication.

UNITED HARVEST



MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, April 15**
Saturday, May 20
Saturday, June 17

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

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

April communion offerings to United Harvest Mobile Pantry will be accepted throughout the month. As this mission continues to grow, so do the needs. Your support is greatly appreciated!



*"On behalf of the Hastings Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors, I want to **thank you** for your donation to the newly initiated HHS Pantry Program. The HPS Foundation is pleased to assist in the development and maintenance of this program. Your trust in the future of this program is, in a way, a guarantee that there will be an effective program at the high school. In addition, we understand that these funds were raised by the youth group! Please express our sincere thanks to them for this generous contribution!"* –Betty Kort, Executive Director, Hastings Public Schools Foundation

Thank You, Don Rasmussen,

for the beautiful wooden custom candle lighter holder! This contribution will be appreciated for many years to come.

You Are Welcome at "Soup Group" This Friday!

Good food.

Good friends.

Good conversation on that ever-challenging adventure called parenting.

Fellowship Hall, 12:00-1:00, Friday, April 7.

Moving from Uncertainty to Understanding

It is widely recognized that sentiment among Christians in our current social climate spans the continuum when it comes to attitudes toward Muslims. Some of us are accepting; some are afraid; some just don't know. Recognizing that Jesus has called us to love all people, and recognizing that love is difficult without knowledge and understanding, the Christian Education Committee encourages all members and friends of FPC to take advantage of upcoming opportunities to learn about Islam, the faith of our Muslim neighbors.

- "Intro to Islam, Part 1" Taught by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College Professor of Religion. 7:00 p.m., Wed., Apr. 12, Memorial Room
- "Intro to Islam, Part 2" Taught by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College Professor of Religion. 7:00 p.m., Wed., Apr. 19, Memorial Room
- "What It's Like to Be Muslim in the Midwest in 2017" Invited lecture by Dr. Abba Hasan, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Professor of Practice of Arabic Language and Culture. 7:00 p.m., Fri., Apr. 28, French Memorial Chapel, Hastings College.
- Follow-up Discussions. Sun., Apr. 30, 9:15 a.m. FPC Parlor; led by Damen Heitmann. Sun., Apr. 30, 3:00 p.m., Blue Moon; led by Rev. Jessica Palys.

UPCOMING FORUMS

"Appalachian Trail: Journey of Body and Soul"

Having hiked the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail in 2016, Hastings Middle School science teacher Jayson Stoddard joins us to share what six months of hiking taught him about the amazing human body, the kindness of strangers, and the sharpening of personal priorities.

Sunday, April 9, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 16, No Forum. Happy Easter!

"Creation Care"

Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College Religion Professor, will join us to share his passion for caring for God's creation. Author of "Learning the Language of the Fields: Tilling and Keeping as Christian Vocation," Dan is an avid bird watcher, organic gardener, beekeeper, theologian, and bluegrass musician.

Sunday, April 23, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Happy Hour Book Club Is Coming Soon

If you haven't done so already, finish reading your copy of *Enrique's Journey*, and make plans to join us for discussion at Perkins restaurant on Thursday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join in the discussion, even if you haven't read the book.

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 2:00 p.m.

Prayers for Mark Canady, Celia Ganow, Larry Nowka, Don Reynolds, and families.

**Sunday,
April 9, 2017**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship,
With Celebrate Band,

Message by Greg Allen-Pickett

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

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship,
Baptism of Briella Irene Borrell,
Message by Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Condolences to Richard & Linda Johnson for the loss of Richard's mother Wilma (Billie) Johnson, who died March 28. Services were Saturday at FPC in Bridgeport, NE.

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.



Richard and Evelyn Viglicky celebrate 70 years of marriage on April 16. Congratulations and sentiments may be mailed to: 926 East "E" Street, Apt. 114, Hastings, NE 68901.

Presbyterian Women (PW) – April Events

April 19: 9:30 am – Circle 1 in May Wierenga's home; Mary Jeanne Cooke is the lesson leader
9:30 am – Circle 2 in Joy White's home; Susie Graham is the lesson leader
1:15 pm – Circle 3 in the church parlor; Sue Medsker-Nedderman is the hostess;
Jane Pollak is the lesson leader

The Bible study this month is, "Who is Jesus – according to the non-canonical gospels."

2017 Directory Update: **BARROWS**, Andrew, p.1: Add email address: barrowsal@inebraska.com.

The **church office** will be **closed** on Monday, April 17th.

"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 26, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	35
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	200
General Fund (2017)	\$5,399.00
Plate Collections	\$71.00
Per capita	\$30.25
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$36.03
Christian Ed Sunday School	\$21.83
Food Pantry	\$14.00
Memorials	\$2,806.00

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