



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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The 3rd Annual Troop 200 Leaf Raking Fundraiser was another success. The boys raked leaves during three weekends in November and raised \$600! The trailer loads of leaves went to the Hastings Middle School garden for mulch. The leaf raking funds and other contributions went to two families identified by Mary Lanning Healthcare's Healthy Beginnings program. The scouts purchased gift cards and gifts for Healthy Beginnings to deliver before Christmas. This has been an annual tradition for Troop 200 for many years. Thank you for your continued support! ~Dave Patterson

We want to send a special letter to thank you for your generous donation of \$291.00 given to the Hastings Food Pantry. So many people will be blessed with your giving and we appreciate it so much! Thanks so much for thinking about us as this really helps.

On behalf of the children and clinicians of the Scottish Rite Speech and Language Clinic, please accept our appreciation of your generous donation of \$415.50 to the Hastings Valley Scottish Rite Foundation. All services are at no charge to the families, so your donation will assist a number of area children. Thank you again for your support. ~Phillip Odom

Where do you volunteer?

The Mission Committee is currently putting together the list for 2016 communion offering recipients, and your suggestions are welcomed! Perhaps you volunteer with a worthy local organization that could use some extra funds. Perhaps you are passionate about a local service agency that our congregation needs to learn about. Communion offerings--with their attendant "Minutes for Mission"-- accomplish both educational and fund-raising goals. Local organizations are preferred. Contact a Mission Committee member with your input! (Phil Odom, Susan Hoff, Cindy Strasheim, Jane Marsh, Denny & Carole Storer, Jeni Howard, Pamela Lainson, Meg Stewart-Magee, Sharon Brooks, and Kili Wenburg).

On Dec 17th,
FPC Hastings
donated 255
diapers to
Catholic Social
Services.

Adult Field Trip

You loved field trips as a kid....here's your chance to enjoy one as an adult!

On Tuesday, January 5, we'll load up the church van and drive to the UCC church in Harvard, NE, for a 5 p.m. presentation by Ellen and Al Smith, who have served as PC(USA) missionaries in Moscow for more than a decade. *Because soup and sandwiches will follow, we need to know in advance who will be attending. RSVP to Kili a.s.a.p. if you plan to attend.*

Red Cross Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Drive will be in Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 11 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com.

Dates of Interest

January

3--No Sunday School

6--WNL theme January
Birthday Celebration

13--WNL theme Pajama
Party

20--WNL theme Little Italy

27--WNL theme Glow in
the Dark; Jr/Sr High dodge
ball with FUMC youth
7:30pm-8:15pm

Help needed!

Did you know that, at times, we have over 10 different groups of children and youth meeting at one time? This creates an on-going need of adult volunteers to keep things running smoothly. This is really one of the best "problems" to have. Our children and youth are present and active in learning about God, sharing God's love, and glorifying God!

Adult volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Jr. & Sr. High WNL teachers (rotating schedule)
- 1st-5th Grade Sunday School and WNL teacher helpers and subs.
- Sr. High Sunday School teachers (rotating schedule)
- Preschool/Kindergarten WNL helpers
- WNL Greeters, Table Setters, Cooks

Please contact Stephanie and let her know you can help! 402-462-5147 or stephanie@fpchastings.org

Attendance

Date	Teachers	Children/Youth
Wed. 12/2	15	57
Sun. 12/6	No Sunday School	
Wed. 12/9	15	44
Sun. 12/13	No Sunday School	
Wed. 12/16	5	38
(no Jr/Sr High)		
Sun. 12/20	13	35

Children & Youth age 2 1/2* thru 18 please
join us for Sunday School!

Sundays 9:15am -- 10:15am

*We ask that children be potty trained before they attend.

Acolyte Schedule

January 3: Chase Johnson & Michael Boeve
January 10: Hannah Hafer & Nyaguor Duang
January 17: Eric Brader & Tanner Bauer
January 24: Maddy Johnson & Shannon Canady
January 31: Grace Canady & Lyndie Eddleman

Join us on Wednesdays for
Wednesday Night Live!!!
Activities include Recreation Play,
Worship Skills (bells/choir), Bible
Study, and Family Time Meal.

Age 4 thru 5th Grade: 4:00pm - 6:45pm
6th thru 12th Grade: 6:00pm - 8:15pm

Youth Usher Schedule

January 3: Jennifer Boeve & Josh Brooks
January 10: Arich Fruehling & Lauren Canady
January 17: Noble Henderson & Sydney Kerr
January 24: Maggie Nielsen & Thomas Kerr
January 31: Lily Kingsley & Sophia Pankratz

Congregational Lives

Bob Nedderman & Sue Medsker-Nedderman celebrated their 40th "Ruby" anniversary on December 21st.

Congratulations also go to Bob and Sue on the November 14th wedding of their son, Andre "Drew" Nedderman and Madeline Weiland. Madeline is the daughter of Michael Weiland and Shelley MacGregor of Gurnee, Illinois. Madeline and Drew live in Lincoln where Drew is a customer service representative for Design Logic, a software company. Madeline is a pre-school teacher at the Prairie Hill Farms Montessori School.

Zach Spurgeon is home! He will need shoulder surgery, but all is well!

It's been brought to office staff attention that news about Zeppa Kreager which included the picture of Joe Biden and his wife in the Dec 20 Home Page may have been received offensively.

This news was intended to celebrate Zeppa Kreager's monumental experience, not to show political support. Thank you for contacting us. Our sincerest apologies for any misunderstanding!

Thank you for the flowers. They helped to brighten my holiday. ~ Virginia Malouf

Charlie & Mimi have safely arrived to their new home! Mail may be sent to: 315 Greenfield Ave., Winchester, VA 22602.

A 13-week video series of GriefShare will begin Thursday, Jan 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Youth & Family Ministry Center, 4th St. & Lexington Ave. (West door). Those who have lost a loved one to death are invited.

For more information, go to
www.griefshare.org.

DECEMBER 6

10:30 Worship Attendance	158
General Fund / Plate Collections	\$12,901.00
Per Capita	\$29.80
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$24.20
CE Sunday school	\$2.00
Joy Offering	\$100.00
Horizons Recovery	\$491.00
Church Postage (PW)	\$100.00
Library Fund	\$100.00
Poinsettias	\$130.00

DECEMBER 13

8:30 Worship Attendance	45
10:30 Worship Attendance	209
General Fund / Plate Collections	\$13,487.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$18.52
Go & Serve Bake Sale Proceeds	\$606.00
Go & Serve Donations	\$225.00
Bid Board Sales	\$2,472.00
ARC Gift Tree Donation	\$25.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Poinsettias	\$600.00

DECEMBER 20

10:30 Worship Attendance	188
General Fund / Plate Collections	\$24,767.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$25.70
CE Sunday school	\$16.50
Bid Board Sales	\$1,807.00
Joy Offering	\$140.00
Poinsettias	\$40.00
Food Pantry	\$21.00
Church Utilities (PW)	\$50.00
Pastor Discretionary	\$100.00
Poinsettias	\$90.00

Thanks be to God

Sunday, January 3

Communion Offering

will be donated to the Healthy Beginnings program, which offers help and encouragement for parents and families, and provides:

~Suggestions for positive expectations & limits

~Prenatal parenting education

~Child health and developmental assessments by nurses

~Links to with other providers and referrals

2016 "Box Sets" (numbered and dated offering envelopes stored in a decorative little box) are now available in the office to any member who would like one.

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The newsletter seeks to inform, instruct and challenge its readers to become engaged in the ministry of FPC.

Articles will be accepted on Monday of each week. Submissions will be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: tarci@fpchastings.org or call 402-462-5147.

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Assembly
is every Tuesday
at 9:00 a.m.
in the common
office area.**

**Volunteers
are always
welcome!**