



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Did you feel it as it filled our worship? The Spirit of God in every part of our Sunday worship. The Spirit that encompassed everything that took place in our sanctuary. The music from our Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells brought great joy. Even the singing of the congregation seemed to be alive and filled with God's love. Responsive readings, the smiles on your faces and all that you contributed made for a glorious worship.

When we look at all that took place we can trace it back to good leadership. Dr. Koozer, Dr. Jensen, Mary Plock, Nancy Grams, members of the choirs, ushers and greeters brought us to a place of great joy. Leadership, however, is not limited to those who lead us in worship. Leadership is so important in all the committees and activities that take place in our congregation. As we move into the future may the Spirit of God continue to use you and fill all that we do and make us alive to be God's people in this community.

~Don Canady

Red Cross Blood Drive Goal Met!

The 1-11-16 Red Cross blood drive met its goal with 30 units donated. Volunteers included Lois Hahne, Carolyn McKenzie, Cheryl Schukei, Margaret Koontz and Mary Fisk. Donors included Jimmie Mace, Carol Wheeler, Christopher Holt, Phil Odom, Harold Korb, David Scribner, Jim Wenburg, Chuck Hastings, Jim Kielian, Cindy & Dwayne Strasheim, Andy Barrows, Kristin Powell, Rita Knaning, Laura Schenk, Elmer Heeren, Gary Brooks, Shanda Spurgeon, Lynn Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker, Nancy Grams, Karen Doerr, Rhonda Berns, Laura McCarthy, Willene Kummer, Bonnie Grams, Christopher Koch and Kevin Sass. Thank you for making the drive successful! Our next blood drive is April 26. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate or volunteer during the drive, contact Erica Brooks at ericalynn128@gmail.com or 402-469-9285.

Thank you for your generous donation to the work of Foundation for Peace. Because of donors like you Foundation for Peace is able to touch the lives of thousands of children, women and men through education, clean water, medical care, churches, community projects, latrines – every single day! Your financial gift gives hope, transforms communities and brings a brighter healthier future to many. On behalf of all those touched by your generosity, thank you very much.

Gracias, mesí, asante, -Kenneth W. Culver M.D., Executive Director.

Thank you cards with the following sentiments are posted on the magnet board in the Memorial Room:

Thank you very much for the \$50 Walmart gift card, dish towels, markers and Secret Garden Inky Treasure Hunt and Coloring Book. –Connie Aman

Thank you for the dog biscuits, Amazon gift card and especially the DVD of "Lilies of the Field". I'm hearing impaired so I was elated that it had subtitles. It's one of my favorites, along with the movie, "Doubt". I believe you can find both at the library. May God bless you! –Lilly

The SCBS Assertive Community Treatment staff and clients wish to thank you for your exceptional generosity this past Christmas season. Having the opportunity to hand out these beautiful gifts to clients creates a great feeling; knowing we are able to come together to help and support those that would have gone without this year. Words cannot express the appreciation we all have for your care and generosity.

New Friday Noon Women's Group

Designed specifically for the busy schedules of working women, here is a new and fun opportunity to join together with church friends to learn and grow together! Every other Friday, women and guests of 1st Presbyterian are invited to gather for lunch, prayer, and discussion of *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown.

First Meeting: Friday, February 12, 12:00-1:00, Kessler Room. Discussion will be led by Kili Wenburg. *Please RSVP to Kili if you plan to attend.*

Adult Classes--January 24

Forum: "Revitalizing the Family-Life-Work Balance" with Sarah Fruehling

Combining Presbyterian faith, 20+ years of experience as a therapist, and recent training as a Life Coach, Sarah will offer guidance and encouragement toward that elusive goal of balance. *At 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall.*

Heirs Apparent: "The Bible" Mini-series will be viewed and discussed. Led by Curtis Reimer. *At 9:15 in the Anderson Conference Room.*

Financial Peace University Registration Information

Register by paper form by stopping in at the church office, or register online by calling or emailing Kili to request the registration link (kili@fpchastings.org). Classes will take place Tuesday nights (except committee meeting nights) 6:00-7:30/8:00, beginning Feb 23. Class previews will take place Sunday mornings, Feb 7 and 14. Registration payment will be due by Feb 15.

Kili and Steph are hitting the road!

Kili Wenburg and Stephanie Brader will be attending the APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators) annual conference in Chicago. Steph will be gone Jan 26-31, and Kili will be gone Jan 27-30.

Keep the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) in your prayers!

Thank you to all who continue to participate in the prayer vigil for the PNC. All additional prayers are welcomed and appreciated!! The PNC is making great progress, preparing soon to meet personally with the top few candidates.

2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be held this year on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. The Triennium runs from July 19 through July 23. Youth entering high school through graduated seniors are eligible to attend. Deposit and Registration information is due in the office by January 20. For more information, contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).

From the Library

Readers for Presbyterian Women, please turn in your reading list to Sue Medsker-Nedderman by January 31. You can leave them in the library box in the church office, on the library desk, or you can mail them to Sue. Remember to give the number of non-reading list books that you read on the back of your list.

The following book is missing from the church library: *Grey Mountain* by John Grisham. If you have this book, please return it at your earliest convenience. Thanks. –Sue Medsker-Nedderman

Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship
2015-2016 recipient is Ethan Kerr!
Ethan is attending the University of
Nebraska-Lincoln.

The Prairie Dulcimer Players meet in an east classroom in the Annex once a week. All are beginners and you are welcome to join them (even if you don't know anything about music) to play or just listen. Contact Felix Aldana 402-469-9666 or Mary Robbins 308-627-4435.

**Go & Serve Soup Lunch Fundraiser
January 31
Following 10:30am Worship Service
and Annual Meeting.
Free-will donation.**

The annual congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, January 31.

Church Mice are always recruiting walkers & volunteers!

Meet Mon-Thurs. @ 8:15am in the Annex Gym to walk, then enjoy coffee and conversation around a table. On Thurs., following coffee, Church Mice volunteer organizing pews and picking up the Sanctuary as needed. This is a time of fellowship. All are welcome to join! Contact Jan Ham @ 402-301-9081.

A Big Thank You! to the anonymous donor(s) of the *new* microwave for the common office area!

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**All 2015 donation statements have been mailed. If you do not receive yours timely and need a copy, contact Tarci in the office @ 402-462-5147 or [tarci@fpchastings.org](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org).**  
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**Hastings College
Music/Theatre
J-term Musical
Spamalot**

Thurs., 28, Fri., 29, &
Sat., 30 @ 7:30 pm
Sun., 31 @ 3:00 pm

For reservations e-mail
tickets@hastings.edu

Adults-\$7
Non-HC students &
Seniors-\$5

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

JANUARY 10, 2016

8:30 Celebrate Attendance	64
10:30 Worship Attendance	202

General Fund	\$11,156.00
Plate Collections	\$58.00
Per Capita	\$59.60
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$28.16
Food Pantry	\$8.00
Healthy Beginnings	\$30.00
Utilities	\$100.00
Copies	\$100.00
Annex Building Use Income	\$201.00

The following donations were remitted last Friday:

Joy Offering	\$1,040.00
Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program	\$800.00
Horizon Recovery (+\$15 check payable to Horizon)	\$694.00

Thanks be to God

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The *Home Page* is a weekly publication 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 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!**