



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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“Jesus loves the little children.” We sing that before the Moment with Children time each Sunday. We sing that because it is true. The disciples thought Jesus was much too busy to be bothered with children, but he said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Yesterday the middle school and high school students brought the Kingdom of Heaven closer to us all. Their leadership in our worship was such a joy and created a spirit that filled us all. The music under the leadership of Linda Johnson and Mary Plouck added so much to the entire worship. Stephanie Brader put it all together for a worshipful Sunday.

Then there was the congregation--that is a congregation filling so many of the pews. And with that many people worshipping together we can feel the new spirit that gave us a new hope and joy. To prove my words about numbers in the pews, all of the communion trays were empty but two when they came back to the communion table and there were only a few left in those last two trays. Praise be to God!

Recently, Kili Wenberg and Stephanie Brader attended the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators meeting in Chicago. This is the national meeting for those involved in Christian Education. They have returned with many new and exciting ideas to try and implement in our church. The problem is we were not exposed to those exciting ideas as they were and it will be harder for us to get on board with what they present. So I encourage us all to hear them out and maybe even implement some of the ideas they present to help us all learn how to expand our faith and hope.

~Don Canady

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*Thank you for your generous donation to Revive Ministries Inc., Horizon Recovery & Counseling Center/The Unity Houses. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. We want to send a (special) note to thank you for adopting Revive Ministries for your mission for the month of December. Also thanks for letting Roger Craig speak at one of your services. We appreciate you and all you do for us! God Bless!! Board of Directors – Revive, Inc.*

*We received your check for utilities assistance from the congregation, how wonderful! I will send out a formal thank-you letter, but wanted to let you know how appreciative we are! Churches like First Presbyterian make all the difference – God Bless! Terra Blasé, Social Services Director, The Salvation Army.*

### **Do you love playing with little children?**

If so, we need you!! You'll have fun while also helping with church budget concerns! Kili is putting together a list of those who would be willing to offer their time and talent by occasionally providing child care for weekday events. Call the church to be added to the list. Thank you!!

### **Taize Worship on Thursday**

Taize worship is a 30-minute, quiet, prayerful service that includes scripture readings, prayers, and songs specially chosen to help individual worshippers connect personally to God. Please join us Thursday night in the Chapel at 7:00. February's theme is LOVE.

### **Soup Group Begins This Friday**

Women and friends of First Presbyterian are invited to join together in the Fellowship Hall at noon this Friday, February 12, for a soup lunch and beginning discussion of the book *The Gifts of Imperfection*. (Next session will be Feb 26.)

### **Financial Peace Preview This Sunday**

If you're considering being a part of the Financial Peace University class, please join us before worship for a 15-minute preview on Sunday, February 14, in the Parlor.

### ***Congregational Lives***

**Mary Fisk** has agreed to be the new leader of the **Prayer Chain!** Thank you Mary! She may be reached at 402-460-7800 and [maryjanefisk@gmail.com](mailto:maryjanefisk@gmail.com).

Belated (but heartfelt!) congratulations go out to Matt Fong who earned his MBA from the University of Nebraska-Omaha this past December.

On Feb 1<sup>st</sup>,  
First Presbyterian  
Church donated  
185 diapers to  
Catholic Social  
Services.

**The Lost and Found Box is full!** Located next to the soda machine between Fellowship Hall and the Chapel, please check to retrieve items before they are donated.

If you or someone you know would like **a ride to church on Sunday** from one of our church Deacons, please contact the office during regular hours or Jan Ham at 402-301-9061.

**Sunday's service may be seen on Channel 181** on 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.

**~ In Loving Memory ~**  
**Jean Boeve**  
**August 5, 1929–January 30, 2016**

**Sympathy and prayers** for  
William and Amy Hermes and  
family in the death of Bill's  
brother, Darrell Hermes  
and  
Teri and Tam Nguyen and  
family in the death of Teri's  
father, Ernest Whipple.

*The Thomsen family would like to let our church family know **Renee Thomsen** was given great news after her scan last week at M.D Anderson. She has won this first battle of her war of cancer. She will return to M.D. Anderson every three months for a scan for the next two years. All your prayers, support and kind words are much appreciated. The benefit that was held for her was a huge success. Thank you for your donations and help. We ask you to continue to keep Renee and her family in your prayers, as they continue to fight this war. God Is Great! Thank you, Julie Thomsen*

**The Prairie Dulcimer Players have moved** to Hagar Hall in Good Samaritan Village. All are welcome to join (even if you don't know anything about music) to play or just listen. Contact Felix Aldana [402-469-9666](tel:402-469-9666) or Mary Robbins [308-627-4435](tel:308-627-4435) for times.

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Mark your calendars!
March 19, **Go & Serve Youth Craft/Vendor Sale**
in the church annex gym.
Contact Stephanie Brader in the office with questions.

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### **Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program**

First Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to participate in a very exciting program offered by our church. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the children and youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. NOTE: Although grants are renewable, parents **MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER**. Applications are available on a glass shelf in front of the office, or online at [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org).

# Discover Your Why

You love your kids, help your neighbors, disagree with the "other" political party....  
What would you say if asked,  
"Why do you do that?"

February: *Interacting With Others*



## Adult Forum Schedule

[2-07-16] *Interacting with those we know*  
Jeff Howard, Gretchen Lainson,  
Irina Erickson, Kraig Lofquist

[2-14-16] *Interacting with the Enemy*  
Ramez Habash

[2-21-16] *Interacting with the Stranger*  
Carlos Barcenas

[2-28-16] *Opening the Gift*  
Personalizing and Applying  
February's Forum Topics  
Brady Rhodes

## Why ask "Why?" ...

Habit and obligation dictate many of our daily decisions. But when habits get boring and obligations feel like burdens, what motivations are we left with? Together, we'll pause to look more deeply at why we do what we do so that we can refresh our lives with intentionality, purpose, and joy!

Over the course of the Winter/Spring semester, Forum classes are addressing the "Why?" question from each of four different monthly vantage points, continuing with February's theme, *Interacting With Others*.

First, on Feb. 7, four brave individuals will be interviewed with regard to their faith: Jeff Howard, Gretchen Lainson, Irina Belikova-Erickson, and Kraig Lofquist. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, Ramez Habash, MD, a Jordanian-American, will help us explore interactions between *enemies* through a discussion of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Carlos Barcenas will join us on Feb. 21 from the Center for Rural Affairs as we consider our interactions with *strangers*—especially in the context of integrating immigrants into our community. And on the last Sunday of the month (each month), Brady Rhodes will facilitate discussions enabling us to expand and apply what we learned from previous classes.

## Heirs Apparent Class--Anderson Conference Room

Curtis Reimer continues leading the Heirs Apparent class in viewing and discussing episodes of the miniseries *The Bible*, originally aired on the History Channel. Join anytime! All are welcome!



## Sunday February 14, 2016

**8:30** Celebrate Service

**9:15** Sunday School

Adult Forum, Ramez Habash, MD

Heirs Apparent, Curtis Reimer

**10:15** Financial Peace Preview

**10:30** Traditional Service

Music: Cal/West Choir

## Hastings College Schedule of Events

-Sun Feb 21: Dani Madden, violin and Ruth Moore, piano @ 3:00 p.m.

-Mon Mar 4: Annual Jazz Festival

-Mon Mar 14: *Zachary Peterson*, piano and *Nathan Mertens*, saxophone @ 7:30 p.m.

-Mon Mar 15: *Zachary Peterson*, piano and Cody Muller, bass @ 7:30 p.m.

**We encourage you call Fuhr Hall  
(402-461-7448) to confirm the  
performance time/location.**

## JANUARY 24, 2016

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| 8:30 Worship Attendance  | 55  |
| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 196 |

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| General Fund              | \$3,101.00 |
| Plate Collections         | \$53.00    |
| Per Capita                | \$30.00    |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins | \$32.27    |
| Sunday School             | \$3.47     |
| Food Pantry               | \$8.00     |
| Radio Broadcast/Flowers   | \$5.00     |

## JANUARY 31, 2016

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| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 201 |
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| General Fund                  | \$10,377.00 |
| Plate Collections             | \$39.00     |
| Per Capita                    | \$447.60    |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins     | \$27.48     |
| Sunday School                 | \$6.00      |
| Food Pantry                   | \$5.00      |
| Go & Serve Donation           | \$50.00     |
| Wednesday Night Live Donation | \$20.00     |
| Annex Building Use Income     | \$355.00    |

**Thanks be to God!**

## Join an adult “Go and Learn” mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico

The Global Mission committee is sponsoring an adult mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico, October 28 to November 5<sup>th</sup>. This trip is organized by Frontera de Cristo (Café Justo), one of six Presbyterian Border Ministries, located in Agua Prieta, Sonora. Their trip is limited to 15 persons and is open to applicants from all 50 states, hence this will be a very small group from our church, and the trip will fill on a first come first serve basis. We have estimated the cost will be a minimum of \$2700 as airline fares have not been released yet. You need to remember that any travel outside the US is not risk free at this time, given the recent arrest of Chapo Guzman. Please email Denny Storer at [cdstorer@inebraska.com](mailto:cdstorer@inebraska.com) for further details and an application.

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**Publishing Guidelines:**

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](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org)** or call 402-462-5147.

***Home Page Assembly  
is Tuesday at 9 a.m.  
in the common office area.***

***Average volunteer time  
is 1 to 1-1/2 hour.***

***Come join us!***

***Everyone  
is  
welcome!***