



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Another amazing week at First Presbyterian--Sunday's worship, both at 8:30 and 10:30, lifted the spirit and filled the heart and mind. The celebrate band filled the sanctuary with joy for and to the glory of God. Their anthem "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" was excellent and showed their love of God through their sharing of their musical talents. Then Joe Black led us to an understanding of what it means to say, "God is my refuge, in him only is my strength." It is such a powerful time when our lay people share their faith through the sharing of God's word.

At our 10:30 worship we are so blessed to begin worship with our wonderful chancel choir. "I Love you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you" began our worship with beautiful sounds and spirit. Every time they sing in our worship we are blessed. Robin Koozer always leads them and us into such a worshipful time. With Ashley Ehrich's absence due to a death in the family we were blessed to have Hannah Jensen playing in our worship. With glorious music, God's word read and spoken, we were all able to worship with a new and lively spirit.

I can never say enough good things about the staff we have in the church. However, there is one item that concerns me. Our staff works hard during the week and on Sunday to provide the best Christian education and worship possible. However, on Sunday morning, for the most part, they are here to learn and to worship. To ask them about some event or make some suggestions for them to consider about their jobs is not appropriate. Allow them time to enjoy the fruits of their labor and fill their own spirits. All staff is in the office on Monday morning and will be glad to visit with you at that time.

May God bless your week so you can serve God and community with a spirit of Christ.

~Pastor Don Canady

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## Hastings and Immigration

Our community is more diverse all the time. How do we welcome and integrate immigrants--those who may be different from us and thus qualify as "stranger"? Carlos Barcenas of the Center for Rural Affairs will lead this Sunday's Forum class entitled "Discover Your Why: *Interacting with the Stranger*." Carlos will inform us about his localized research on this topic and help us to consider why this matters for us individually and as a church.

### **Heirs Apparent Class Resumes This Sunday**

After a week off, the Heirs Apparent class will resume watching and discussing the History Channel's mini-series *The Bible*. Class meets at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the Anderson Conference room. All are welcome!

### **Coming Soon: Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study!**

Plans are underway for a Bible study that will meet the needs of those for whom our Wednesday morning Bible study is too early. The new group will be led by Joe Black. Stay tuned for more info on this exciting new opportunity!

### **Don't forget: Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Every Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m., adults of all ages and Biblical background meet for breakfast and lively discussion. Led by Don Canady, the group is currently discussing the book *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg (a copy of which is available in the church library). Newcomers are always welcome!!

### **Attend One Financial Peace University Class Free**

If you are interested in but undecided about taking the Financial Peace course, we have tickets available for one free class. Classes begin Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 6:00 p.m. Contact Kili for your free class ticket.

### **Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide**

Sheryl WuDunn--business executive, writer, lecturer and Pulitzer Prize winner--will be giving a lecture at the Lied Center in Lincoln on Tuesday, February 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m. *This lecture can be viewed live via video stream at the Hastings College Wilson Center* (lower level). The public is invited for this free event.

WuDunn teaches that, "while there is no simple economic formula for overcoming global poverty, there is growing evidence that one of the simplest and most effective ways is to educate girls, empower them with knowledge and the ability to make their own decisions, and then help them develop financial independence."

### **Congregational Lives**

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> **PW members** will be attending Sermons a la carte at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral. Meet in our church parking lot at 11:45 to walk to St. Mark's, or if you would rather, you can meet the group at St. Mark's for the service at 12:05. Lunch will follow the service. The cost is \$3.00. (Executive team members will meet at 11:00 in the church library before going to the service.)

#### **In Memory of Don McCrady, July 20, 1930 - January 10, 2016.**

Private family burial will be at a later date. Private condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lbvfh.com](http://www.lbvfh.com). Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home & Cremation Center is serving the family.

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 during the month of February, Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

**Sympathies** to Mary Seiler for the loss of her brother, Jonathan Wacker, age 59, of Murdock, NE. Jonathan died on Monday, February 8th. The funeral was Friday in Ashland. He is survived by his parents, wife and stepchildren, and sisters.

**Library News**

**The Presbytery Woman's 2016 Reading Lists are now available in the library.**

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

**Register NOW for 2016 Summer Camp—Something for everyone!**

Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Camp Calvin Crest and Highlands Summer Camp brochures are now available on the glass shelves near the Church Office door. Scholarship Applications are also available. **\*\*\*Camp Calvin Crest has an Early Bird Discount for registrations received by March 15\*\*\***

Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) with any questions.

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World Day of Prayer * March 4, 2016

Receive Children, Receive Me

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. More information will be provided in Sunday's bulletin and next week's Home Page.

For those who may not be aware, all church functions and activities may be monitored and/or publicly broadcast.

Publication Errors:

Last week's Home Page included in error sympathies to William and Amy Hermes and family, and listed Prayer Chain contact Mary Fisk's phone number incorrectly. It is: [402-460-7880](tel:402-460-7880). Also, last Sunday's bulletin announcements included sympathies to Elmer and Irmise Heeren and family for a loss unknown to them.

Our sincerest apologies for the errors and confusion!

Due to regular publication errors, effective immediately the deadline to request publication listings will be one day earlier:

the cut-off time for Home Page listings is now 12 noon Friday
and for the bulletin 12 noon Thursday.

This will allow another day for review and verification of reported information.

Also, submission by email to tarci@fpchastings.org is preferred.

Comments and suggestions are welcome!

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Music: Spring Vespers

Sunday, March 6, 2016 –

6:00pm to 7:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

The College Choir, HC Singers, Men's Choir

If you would like to continue to receive the Home Page by mail, please contact the office @ 402-462-5147 or email tarci@fpchastings.org.

Sunday February 21, 2016

9:15 Sunday School

Adult Forum, Carlos Barcenas

Heirs Apparent, Curtis Reimer

10:30 Worship

Music: Chancel Choir

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

10:30 Worship Attendance	213
General Fund	\$4,855.62
Plate Collections	\$15.00
Per Capita	\$29.80
PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins	\$34.76
Sunday School	\$7.00
Food Pantry	\$15.00
Memorial Gifts	\$140.00
Church Maintenance	\$100.00
Church Use	\$30.00
Annex Bldg Use	\$40.00
Food 4 Thought	\$1,185.66

Remittances:

Healthy Beginnings	\$128.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund	\$119.42
Presbytery of Central NE	
General Assembly	\$291.66
Synod	\$350.00
Presbytery	\$2,945.83
Annual Per Capita	\$20,520.00

Thanks be to God!

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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 Friday 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.

***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!***