



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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## Holy Week

### WORSHIP SERVICES

*Join us in worship as we come together to give thanks to God for His great sacrifice to us.*

#### **PALM SUNDAY – March 20**

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship; Pastor Don Canady

Music: Children's Choir

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 24**

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Music: Chancel Choir

#### **EASTER SUNDAY – March 27**

8:30 a.m. Worship; Celebrate Band

9:15 a.m. Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall

10:30 Worship; Pastor Don Canady

Music: Chancel Choir, Calvin/Westminster Choir

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

### MARCH OFFERING

#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

This offering will be received on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** funds are used for *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.*

The following was part of the Taize service Thursday night. I was so moved by its words that I wanted all to read it. We are all a creation of God and need to fulfill all that that means to bring God glory.

## **Our Deepest Fear**

By Marianne Williamson

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you *not* to be?

You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

*-Pastor Don Canady*

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*Thank you so much for your kind donation to the Healthy Beginnings program. It is through donations such as yours that we are able to help families provide safer and happier homes. God Bless each of you! –Healthy Beginnings*

*Thank you! On behalf of the The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), I am deeply grateful to you, your session, and your congregation for receiving the 2015 Christmas Joy Offering. Through this Offering, you extend a lifeline to PC(USA) retired pastors and other church workers with income and housing needs, and to current teaching elders, educators, and other church workers who find themselves in financial crisis.*

*Grace and peace, -Reverend Frank Clark Spencer, President*

## **Forum welcomes Dan Deffenbaugh on March 20**

With Easter approaching, we prepare our hearts to celebrate that which Jesus did for us...but what, exactly, did he do? Dan Deffenbaugh, professor of religion and philosophy at Hastings College, will present an overview of the evolution of atonement theology and its relationship to sacrifice.

## **Check out the new book discussion group!**

This is an informal group gathering in the library on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. Participants share what they are currently reading and hear about what others are finding interesting as well. Lois Hafer and Ruth Nielsen, conveners.

**Check the table in the Memorial Room for info on these great opportunities:**

1. Spanish classes offered via free will donation by a teacher visiting Hastings this spring from Guatemala.
2. "Pilgrimage"--a weekend retreat (similar to Cursillo or Walk to Emmaus) for adults held April 7-10 at Calvin Crest (near Fremont).
3. Training opportunity for women interested in becoming disaster preparedness trainers. Held in Sioux Falls, SD, June 18-19, all expenses paid.

**Soup Group Friday, April 1**

Come to find support, connection, and insights about our shared imperfections! This group is especially designed for the needs of working women. Meeting every other Friday from noon to 1 and including lunch. Childcare will be provided.

**Easter Prayer Vigil**

It's time to begin signing up for this treasured First Presbyterian tradition! Sign-up sheets are located in the Memorial Room with one-hour slots, providing for a continuous stream of prayers to flow out of our chapel from 8 p.m. on Good Friday until 8 a.m. Easter Sunday.

New this year: we hope to have two people signed up for each slot as a way of both increasing security for participants and expanding the vigil.

**From the Mission Committee: Long-Sleeved Shirt Drive** On March 9, Governor Ricketts signed proclamations declaring March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day and March 24-31 as Farmworker Awareness Week in Nebraska. In observation of these events, our Mission Committee is partnering with our local Proteus organization to collect *new or gently used long-sleeved shirts* to be distributed to local farmworkers in need. Please bring your donations to the basket in the Memorial Room.

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**Congregational Lives**

**John H. Marsh** has been appointed to the Ninth Judicial District Court of Nebraska by Governor Pete Ricketts. John grew up in First Presbytery Church. He is our son. Margaret Koontz was his 5<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher and helped teach his Confirmation class. We are very proud. ~Jane Marsh

**Easter Lilies** may now be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$10. All additional proceeds will be remitted to Adams/Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens). Forms are located on the glass shelves in front of the office and in the Memorial Room. Please submit to the office.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>,  
First Presbyterian  
Church donated 65  
diapers to Catholic  
Social Services.

The **Pastor candidate** will be visiting and giving a sermon on nametag Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



# Easter Brunch

Open House, 9:15-10:15  
Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday, March 27

Bring a breakfast item to share.  
Enjoy fellowship with your church family!



# 2016 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up



We're getting ready for a great VBS! This year, we are using Concordia Publishing House's *Barnyard Roundup*. VBS children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too! **Our VBS will be held May 23-27, 2:00pm-5:00pm.**

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions

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YES, I will join the group as they gather together in Jesus' saving love at *Barnyard Roundup* VBS!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the top (3) three areas you would like to volunteer.

- Pre-School Leader
- Station Leader
  - Bible Challenge
  - Story Telling
  - Snacks
  - Crafts
  - Games
  - Music
- Child Care
- Opening/Closing skits
- Group Leader/Shepherd
  - 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - 4<sup>th</sup>
  - 5<sup>th</sup>
- Media operator/Photographer
- Registration
- Decorating/Tear Down

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PLEASE DELIVER COMPLETED FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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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 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.

**March 06, 2016**

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| 10:30 Worship Attendance  | 218        |
| General Fund              | \$7,820.00 |
| Plate Collections         | \$175.00   |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins | \$31.74    |
| CE Sunday School          | \$9.60     |
| Food Pantry               | \$25.00    |
| Weds Night Live donation  | \$40.00    |
| OGHS                      | \$10.00    |
| Open Table                | \$231.00   |
| Bldg Maint & Utilities    | \$100.00   |
| Flowers/Radio             | \$110.00   |

**Thanks be to God!**