



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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For months now First Presbyterian has been involved in the process of finding a new pastor. In following that process there are three entities involved: church, presbytery, and candidate. All of those three are seeking the guidance of God's Holy Spirit in working toward finding that new pastor. If all are listening for that guidance, the process should move toward the end result.

Yesterday, April 3, that process brought the church to the place of meeting with and listening to Rev. Nathan Loudon. Following worship, after a time of questions and answers, a vote was taken to see if Nathan was the person to be our new pastor. I am assuming all that voted were seeking the guidance of God's Spirit and voted according to that guidance. The fact that some voted one way and others voted another does not make either group bad people. It means that some believed Nathan is what we need for a pastor and some did not. Either way, we have to honor the vote of our family members and not hold any kind of resentment toward them.

After the vote was taken (188 yes, 48 no) Nathan said that he would have to go home and pray about the call and let us know this week. Where we go from here is now up in the air, but again we will seek and trust God's guidance.

-Pastor Don Canady

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*Dear First Presbyterian Church: I want to extend my greatest appreciation for the shirts that your congregation donated to us for the migrant farmworkers that will come to Hastings this summer. I also want to thank Denny Storer, he has been great to work with. The long-sleeve shirts are vital to protect the farmworkers from sun and pesticide exposure. They often travel to Nebraska on a school bus which limits the number of supplies that they can bring with them. This summer when the workers arrive, we will go out into the fields and teach them pesticide safety and heat stress safety. During these trainings we will hand out the shirts. Again, thank you very much for your generosity. Sincerely, -Jody Stutzman*

*(46 additional shirts were delivered 3/31)*

*Thank you so much for your support of SASA and interest in working with us to possibly fulfill some needs for our new shelter space as well as, perhaps our new youth/teen/women's center.*

*For the shelter and for residents transitioning from that shelter, needs continue to be:*

*Microwave, shower curtains, shower rods, vacuum, twin sheet sets, buckets, mops, cleaning supplies, brushes, pillowcases, and comforters of varying size.*

*Items we keep on hand for families moving into the shelter:*

Laundry soap pods (for easier distribution to families), dish & hand soap, toilet paper/ paper towels, new children's underwear/socks and women's underwear/ socks, sports bras sized large or xl, non-perishable foods, especially quick microwavable foods like easy mac, ravioli, ramen, soup; infant/ toddler snack foods, child snack foods that can be easily portioned or come as single-servings, juice boxes, etc. (we purchase fresh foods weekly when we have clients in residence, but if we shelter very late at night, this provides some quick meals in the event we can't get to the store).

*If there are members of your congregation interested in getting involved with donating to our new Project ReStart Program, we would be open to developing a list for that space as well. Project ReStart is something we're very excited about. It is a multi-pronged program that is designed to unite survivors of violence with a supportive community of caring individuals through group programming that is both fun and interactive. Programming will include Zumba, art, sewing, walking groups, social hour, women's support group, children's support group, teen talk, access to our donation room and community resources. Programs will be open to survivors and community members free of charge. We would house this programming in the 2,000 sq foot office space we just acquired next door to our current office. Once renovations are underway, we'll be looking for volunteers to support the renovation (painting, minor demolition tasks, decorating, etc.). As the space nears completion we will be looking for a variety of furnishings (child specific or teen specific), various learning toys, bean-bag chairs, small child-sized tables, folding chairs, folding tables, etc. Some of these needs we'll be fleshing out as we get closer to opening the space.*

*Thanks again for your willingness to support our cause! -Jamie Manzer, Executive Director, [402-463-5810](tel:402-463-5810).*

Vicki and Jeff Howard delivered 2 bags with 22 items to the Food Bank this last week (thank you!). Canned and dry food may be brought to the Memorial Room or kitchen anytime for church deacons to deliver to the Hastings Food Bank.

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### **Don't Miss "Part 2" with Dan Deffenbaugh!**

On April 10, the Forum welcomes Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College professor of religion and philosophy, back to FPC for "Part 2" of his "Jesus' Sacrifice" class, which will provide an overview of the evolution of atonement theology. Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

### **Women's Retreat Day**

Need to get away for some rest and reflection? If so, join us Saturday, April 30, 9:00-5:30 for a day characterized by a refreshing rhythm of learning and reflecting, listening and discussing, time together and time alone. The retreat will draw on material used by the Soup Group but is open to all women. Retreat will be held at The Leadership Center in Aurora. A fee of \$25 includes lunch. Register by April 22 by contacting Kili Wenburg.

### **Two More Chances to Join the Soup Group**

The final two sessions of the Soup Group will be held on April 15 and 29. These noon – 1:00 gatherings provide an opportunity to enjoy a warm meal with friends, to share and be heard, and to learn from a great book: Brene Brown's *The Gifts of Imperfection*. It's not too late to join in! Free child care is available, but please contact Kili if you need child care.

## **Congregational Lives**

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling the church office or Deacon Moderator Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

**The radio broadcast** airs Sunday @ 10:30am during service on KICS 1550 AM.

**Deepest condolences** to Bonnie Grams and family for the loss of her mother, Joan Knowlton.

***Thank you,** Jeanne Hastings, for delivering to me the Easter lily. It has plenty of little buds and is still blooming! It is just gorgeous! -Darlene Howard*

***Sincerest apologies,** Susan **Medsker**-Nedderman, for misspelling your last name in last week's Easter Lilies honorary section of the bulletin! -Tarci Matthews*

**In the Hospital:** Arlene Kort, Sandra Wimer (Bryan LGH, Lincoln), Dean Meyer

**Darleen Howard** will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday April 26 (Happy Birthday!) Her family requests a card shower in her honor: 224 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. #5 (not "apt"), Hastings, NE 68901.

First Presbyterian Church is proud to offer **two scholarship opportunities** for the 2016-2017 school year! The Ann Binfield Scholarship and the Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship. April 30 is the deadline to apply. Applications are available on the church website, in the church office or by emailing [tboeve@hastings.edu](mailto:tboeve@hastings.edu).

**Hastings College Spring Choir Concert** (The College Choir, HC Singers, Men's Choir, Spectrum) will be performing at the church April 24 at 6:00p.m.

Tickets for this year's **May Friendship Day** celebration are \$5 each and available for sale in the church office. "Finding Grace at the Table" will be held at Grace United Methodist Church (in Hastings) at noon on Friday, May 6 and is sponsored by Church Women United.

**Chorus of the Plains** is hosting the *Hastings Got Talent Show* on Wednesday, June 15 at the Masonic Temple. Tickets are \$10 at the door. A portion of proceeds go to charity.

Are you a Military Veteran Family Member? Would you like to contribute to improving community services for military families and veterans? If so, you are invited to join us for **Making Connections, Community Conversations**, a statewide effort to help shape an action plan for Nebraska veterans and their families. Meet at South Heartland District Health Department @ 606 N. Minnesota Ave., Ste. #2, Hastings, on Thursday, April 28, 12pm-1:00p.m. -or- 5:30-6:30p.m. To reserve your spot or to answer any questions, contact Amy Market at 402-462-6211 or toll free 800-238-7595 by Friday, April 22, 2016. (Light meals will be provided and gas reimbursement will be available for those traveling more than 10 miles.)

**Nebraska Soundscapes** performs Sunday, April 24, 3:00 pm at the Masonic Center Auditorium. Featuring: A newly commissioned work, "Flyover," created specifically for our 90th season. This piece will be performed while scenic Nebraska photographs taken by Jorn Olsen will be projected in the auditorium. Tickets \$15 adults | \$13 seniors | Students FREE.

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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 by Friday of each week. Submissions may 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.

**Maundy Thursday Attendance 95**

**Sunday,  
March 27, 2016**

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|---------------------------|------------|
| 8:30 Worship Attendance   | 63         |
| 10:30 Worship Attendance  | 331        |
| General Fund              | \$7,146.00 |
| Plate Collections         | \$161.00   |
| PC(USA) Hunger Fund coins | \$21.62    |
| Food Pantry               | \$11.00    |
| Scholarship               | \$4.00     |
| Memorials                 | \$1,470.00 |
| OGHS                      | \$1,317.47 |
| Pooh Corner               | \$400.00   |

**Thanks be to God!**