



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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"It takes a village to raise a child." There is not a more true statement than that. That was very evident last Wednesday as the Session met with the confirmation class. However, it was not just the students and Session that were present. The three leaders of the confirmation class were present, each student had a mentor that worked with them throughout the year that was there, and parents were there. On Sunday morning the family is going to be enlarged because during the confirmation service the congregation is going to be asked for their support and help in being a part of developing the faith and commitment of these young Christians. So it does take an entire family to develop the faith and spirit of our members.

I know that this family of faith will do all asked of them to work with the students of our church. I don't know about you but my family at times has disagreements. When we don't agree we discuss and argue. But, we don't walk away from one another. Because we still love one another. We give the situation time to simmer and then we talk and move forward, that is my prayer for our congregation. We have had a disagreement and now it is time to step back and evaluate the situation and eventually find a time we can talk and hopefully move forward. Jesus and his disciples did not always agree but they stayed together and worked together to discover God's will.

-Pastor Don Canady

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The Mission Committee delivered three long-sleeve work shirts to Proteus for the farm workers program and 263 diapers to Catholic Social Services this week.

*We want to send a special letter to thank you (Middle School Youth) for the donation of 2 large boxes of food plus paper products given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What a wonderful donation!! So many people will be blessed with these gifts and we appreciate it so much!*

-Hastings Food Pantry



**American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Adams County**  
**Friday, June 3, 6:00p.m. – 12:00 Midnight**  
**Hastings High School Track**

***To Remember or Honor a Loved One***

Relay for Life is the nationwide, signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is a community event in the fight against cancer, and as part of the ceremonies, volunteers and survivors line the track with luminaria (lighted candles in weighted, white bags) inscribed with an individual's name. At sunset, everyone is invited to participate in the incredibly moving Luminaria Ceremony and observe a heart-felt-moment of silence as the candles are lit. Each luminaria is lit in honor of someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has lost his or her battle to cancer. Donations for luminaria are \$10 each. All money goes to the American Cancer Society mission to help others Stay Well, Get Well, Finding Cures and Fight Back.

First Presbyterian Church once again will be participating this year. We are working towards our goal of \$2,000.00! Luminaries are available each Sunday beginning May 8 at a table in the Memorial Room or in the church office during the week. Donations can also be made via the web site:

***[www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org)***

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TeamMates Mentoring Program

Tom and Nancy Osborne founded the TeamMates Mentoring Program in 1991 in an effort to provide support and encouragement to school-aged youth. The goal of the program is to see youth graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education. To reach this goal, youth meet one hour per week with a caring adult who serves as a mentor. Mentors are volunteers from the community who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the life of a young person. Mentors give youth a sense of hope, purpose and vision.

The mission of TeamMates Mentoring Program is to positively impact the world by inspiring youth to reach their full potential through mentoring.

Nominate a TeamMates Mentor, or sign up to be a TeamMates Mentor today. Only one visit per week can change the life of a young person! Visit www.teammates.org, email newsletter@teammates.org, or call 402-323-6252.

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**HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT**

(a year-round ministry of PC (USA) and Presbyterian Women)

Mother's Day cards will be offered in the Memorial Room again this Sunday, May 1st, and in the church office throughout this week. The suggested donation is \$10 with the proceeds going to support programs of Presbyterian partner churches overseas that directly impact the health and well-being of women and children.

Donations of any amount are welcome. Please fill in the form below and return to PW or the church office.

All women will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 8.

Card in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

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Discover Your Why

We *see* how things should be done, but do we take time to *see* the situation from others' perspectives?

We *see* the spring flowers and our children's smiles, but can we learn to *see* them more fully?

May: *What do you see?*



Adult Forum Schedule

[5-01-16] *Seeing Ethics via Drama*
Hastings High Improv
Students and Katie Funkey

[5-08-16] *Seeing God via*
Photography
Emma Redinger
Bring your camera!
Cell phone camera is fine.

[5-15-16] *Seeing Our Community via*
Prayer Walk
Kili Wenburg
Wear your walking shoes!

Why ask "Why?" ...

Habit and obligation dictate many of our daily decisions. But when habits get boring and obligations feel like burdens, with what motivations are we left? 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 May's theme, *What do you see?*

On May 1, Hastings High improv students and their teacher Katie Funkey will lead us in experiencing the intersections between the rules of improvisational drama and the rules of ethical decision-making. On the 8th, our own Emma Redinger, Hastings High Junior and competitor in photographic journalism, will teach us some photography basics, which will enable us to try out a new way of encountering God. Our final forum of the semester will be outdoors (weather permitting) as we embark on a "prayer walk," visually and communally lifting up our neighbors in prayer. *An alternate indoor activity will be available for those unable to walk with us.*

Adult Sunday School classes and Adult Education Director, Kili Wenburg, will be on break beginning May 16. Both will resume in the fall.



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!

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday School Open House

Sunday, May 15
9:45am – 10:15 am

Meet the children, youth, and teachers and discover all they have been learning about this year on a self-guided tour through the church classrooms.



Vacation Bible School 2016

May 23-27
2:00pm – 5:00pm
Pre-K thru 5th



Participant and Volunteer registration online at www.fpchastings.org
(paper registrations also available on glass shelves near church office door)

Jr. and Sr. High youth are encouraged to register as volunteers along with

Dates of Interest

May

1—High School Senior recognition at 10:30am service

1—Go & Serve Meeting 1:30pm in the Annex

1—Cal/West Bells play @ 10:30 service

8—Cal/West Choir sings @ 8:30 service

8—Children's Choir & Bells sing & play at 10:30 service

11—Last WNL/ Year-End Picnic

15—Last Day of Sunday School

15—Sunday School/WNL volunteer recognition

15—Sunday School Open House

22—VBS Volunteer Commissioning

23-27—VBS 2-5pm

27—VBS Program 4:30-5pm

WNL Year-End Picnic Libs Park--May 11

5:00pm-6:00pm gathering, fellowship, & play

6:00pm-7:00pm meal (The main dish, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.)

How do children benefit by attending worship?

- **Our children are members of the covenant community (the church):** Worship on Sunday morning is the primary activity the covenant community engages in together (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 10:24-25). Therefore, our children as members of this community should be included in this crucial aspect of covenantal life.
- **Our children will be present in the midst of the means of grace:** Our children benefit by being where the Word is preached (Romans 10:14), the sacraments are administered (Matthew 28:19-20), and corporate prayer is practiced (Acts 2:42-47).
- **Our children will be present in the midst of the entire congregation:** Our children benefit greatly by being in the presence of Christians of various ages. They are able to see that the faith of their parents is not a faith that they own alone, but is a faith that is important to all of these people who are gathered around them on Sunday morning. This only reinforces what Mom and Dad are modeling and teaching when they see this incredible gathering of people reading the Word together, praying together, confessing together, and singing together (Deuteronomy 31:9-13).
- **Our children will be present with their parents:** Worshipping together as a family helps to counter the current trend in our society of fragmenting our families.
- **Our children will witness their parents worshipping:** It is the Biblical role of parents to disciple their children in the faith (Deut. 6; Psalm 78; Eph. 6). What a benefit there is when children witness their mother or father singing with conviction, praying in reverence, listening intently to the sermon, or receiving the Lord's Supper in joy.

NO SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. First Presbyterian Church children will not be gathering for Sunday School during the summer months. Children are encouraged to participate in the full worship service. Nursery care for children under the age of 5 will still be available.

Youth Usher Schedule

May 1: Nyanhial Duang & Courtney Junker

May 8: Lydia Meyer

May 15: Jennifer Boeve & Josh Brooks

****Youth Ushers will not be active from May 22 thru September 4.**



Acolyte Schedule

May 1: Hannah Hafer & Nyaguor Duang

May 8: Eric Brader & Tanner Bauer

May 15: Maddy Johnson & Shannon Canady

May 22: Nathan Kerr & Tyson Kerr

May 29: Reagan Bradley

Congregational Lives

Congratulations to Greg and Kelsey Howard Schroeder on the birth of their daughter, Kensi Nicole Schroeder April 18 in Rapid City, SD. Kensi's grandparents are Greg and Michelle Evans Howard, great-grandparent Darleen Howard and Chuck and Georgie Evans, and great uncle and aunt Jeff and Vicki Howard.

2016 DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

BROOKS, Sharon – 2016 CNC (p.10) Sharon is the Session Rep

BEAHM, Terry & Cindy (p.2) Remove phone number & both email addresses

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May 1, 2016 10:30a.m. Worship

Communion Servers (Team 4): Dick Brader,
Jan Ham, Jeanne Hastings, Mark Hemje, Kraig
Lofquist, Katherine Sachtleben, Ted & Lori
Schroeder, Wayne Specht, Alice Throckmorton,
and May Wierenga.

Ushers: Dennis Asmus-Captain, Dave Fisher,
Neal & Susan Hoff, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom,
and Rich Portwood

Greeters: Mary Creigh, Kim Creech

First Presbyterian Church is proud to offer **two college 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.

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

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

This year's **May Friendship Day** celebration, "Finding Grace at the Table", will be held at Grace United Methodist Church (1832 West 9th St.) at noon on Friday, May 6 and is sponsored by Church Women United. Hannah Jensen will be providing music, and the group will be honoring outstanding young woman Kris Horton. Tickets are \$5 each and available for sale in the church office.

Hastings Public Library is excited to announce a new delivery service for homebound citizens in Adams County. This service will bring library materials on a regular basis to those who are considered homebound and unable to visit the library. We are reaching out to local congregations to help identify individuals that may benefit from this service and to help spread the word about this new library resource in the community. We are also recruiting individuals that would like to volunteer their time to help deliver library items. This service is still in the development stage, but we are looking forward to a full launch in May. If you know of anyone that can benefit from this service or would like to volunteer their time to deliver items, please have them contact me, Dana Still at dstill@hastings.lib.ne.us or 402-461-2346.



In Loving Memory

Jon Halsey Bohlke, June 22, 1942 – April 19, 2016



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Larry & Carolyn Nowka	05/06/1961
Robert & Nancy Grams	05/06/1972
LeRoy & Caroline Echternach	05/09/1969
Riley & Julie Mullen	05/10/2003
Jim & Mary Kay LaMaster	05/14/1983
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings	05/18/1981
Jeremy & Deborah Miles	05/19/2001
Tyler & Stephanie Adam	05/19/2007
Mark & Beth Funkey	05/20/1988
Bert & Lori Wright	05/22/2010
Rich & Karen Portwood	05/24/1980
Dick & Mary Plock	05/24/2003
Wayne & Elaine Specht	05/25/1963
Charles & Lois Hafer	05/26/1973
Chris & Sarah Fruehling	05/28/1994
Jim & Kathy Duval	05/29/2013
Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	05/31/1955

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

05/02	Bev Cooper	05/15	Sara Babcock
	Lydia Meyer	05/16	Wihlma Price
05/03	Tim Johnson	05/17	Susan Oliver
05/04	Clyde Sachtleben		Kim Borrell
	Ginny Locke		Lily Kingsley
	Mads Anderson		Ashton Essink
05/05	William Oliver	05/19	Dawna Whitcomb
	Alexis Grimmett	05/21	Bill Beck
	Michael Boeve		Avery Essink
	Shannon Canady		Campbell Schukei
05/06	Ben Reimer	05/23	John Northrop
05/07	Autumn Stahr		Chuck Hastings
05/08	Vernon Kooy		Fritz Mountford
	Marnie Soderquist	05/24	Jane Horton
05/09	Travis Thomsen		Barb Suck
05/10	Anne Bohlke		Deborah Damrow
	Nikki Miller		Ethan Kerr
	Oluchi Uche	05/25	Yvonne Ziemba
05/11	Susie Pettit	05/26	Gale McDonald
	Dee Toms	05/27	Dick Kleiber
	Becky Spurgeon		Molly Johnsen
	Sarah Wolf	05/28	Paula Crozier
	Nicholas Burling		Sarah Fruehling
05/12	Edith Farnham		George Dielman
	Rob Kerr	05/29	Chris Fruehling
05/13	Eldon Rhodes		Brian Grams
	Jeremy Miles	05/30	Lillian Baumann
	Rob Shoemaker		Paul Nuss
	Preston Ferguson	05/31	Brad Whitcomb
			Elianna Robbins

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 200

Dear Members of the First Presbyterian Church,

Hello from **your** very own scout troop! For those who don't already know us, we are Troop 200 and proud to be hosted, supported and chartered by the First Presbyterian Church here in Hastings, Nebraska. This has been a long-standing partnership that goes all the way back to 1936, and with mutual reverence and friendship it looks to continue to be a strong presence in Hastings for many years after I pass the torch to the next Scout master.

About us:

We currently have 13 boys, 4 patrols and a very enthusiastic, knowledgeable and dedicated council of leaders and parents. There is always room for more and we welcome and encourage all that want to join or volunteer your time. It is truly essential to keeping the scouting spirit alive.

Our young men strive to learn and advance skills that will help them help themselves in life, and teach the value of helping others along the way. We camp out (or gather for an indoor overnigher during hunting season) once a month. Then spend a week in the summer roughing it in a boy elected and BSA sponsored location. Focusing on outdoor activities such as fire starting and building, camping, cooking, first aid, emergency preparedness, personal fitness, aquatics, marksmanship, teamwork and more. We do charity work, service projects and some fund-raising to help with the expenses that come with the character building experiences throughout the year.

Boy scouts provides an opportunity to explore interests, and possible career choices they might make, through merit badge clinics, Camporees and work at meetings. There is a ranking system that holds a boy true to proving their skill, knowledge and loyalty in order to advance. They begin by earning the rank of scout and have the ultimate goal of earning Eagle Scout, which they earn by completing required merit badges, hours of service and leading a project that benefits the community. Only a handful of dedicated scouts achieve this rank and Troop 200 has a picture of every one of them on the wall downstairs in the church's scout room!

For those that do know us, know that we do our best to be a contributing factor in our community. We had some very generous members of the congregation donate during our leaf raking fundraiser. You helped us raise \$600.00 for the healthy beginnings program. To you, a very heartfelt a grateful *Thank you!* Not only did it help a worthy cause, it also was a great chance for the boys to learn to work together and unite as a group. Crucial to developing future leaders in our families and society.

Come join us on Monday nights!

I would like to personally extend an invitation to check us out. If you are a boy at least 11 years old, or about to go into the 6th grade, and have a parent or guardian to sponsor you (or more), feel free to contact us! Financial aid is always available to those in need, and no interested participant will be turned away. Doing our best for God and country is in our oath and we abide by our laws.

If you are a girl of the same age, grade, interests and support, I can put you in touch with Venture crews in Hastings or Blue Hill who do the exact same thing as co-eds in the scouting program.

You may send an e-mail to: scouting200hastings@gmail.com or call / text me directly at 402 705 0553 if you are interested in seeing our boys in action. Or contact Tarci at the church directly during the weekday 8:30-4:30 at [402 462 5147](tel:4024625147) and she will get a message to me.

Loyally yours,
Thomas Kleinjan,
Scout master,
Troop 200

~~~~~ Committee News

The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is looking for new members to join the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). If interested, contact Al Meyer at 402-463-0067 or alleemeyer@hotmail.com.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF SESSION
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
April 20, 2016**

Members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska, held their regular meeting on April 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Elders in attendance: P= Present E=Excused A=Absent

Class of 2016

P - Matt Fong
P - Kim Hermann
E - Susan Hoff
P - Al Meyer
P - Clerk: Karen Doerr

Class of 2017

P - Chris Junker
P - Erik Nielsen
P - Tim Redline
E - Cindy Strasheim

Class of 2018

P- Sharon Brooks
P - Kay Georgiana
P - Harold Korb
P - Kraig Lofquist

Moderator was Rev. Don Canady. Guests included Doug Soderquist, moderator of Trustees. Don opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Consent Agenda: Motion and a second to approve the Consent agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Clerk's Report:

Communion: provided to the Congregation on April 3, 2016 at the 10:30 AM worship service. Communion was provided at College View on April 5, 2016 and at Perkins Pavilion and The Kensington on April 7, 2016.

Motion and a second to approve the baptism of Chase Johnson, son of Gary and Emily Johnson prior to confirmation on Sunday, April 24, 2016. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Report of the April 2, 2016 Presbytery meeting was given by Karen Doerr and Rev. Canady.

Motion and a second to approve the resignation of Session member, Cindy Strasheim. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Board Reports:

Deacons: No action items to bring forward. Deacons will be reminded that the church by-laws require a member to attend Session meetings to provide a report.

Trustees: Trustees request that a copy of the Session minutes be sent to them. Recommendation from Trustees that the house on Jefferson St be placed on the market for sale. Second and upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Kay Georgiana reported for the subcommittee studying how to use the Kinley funds appropriately. They will bring to Trustees the bids for four projects: remodel the church kitchen, repair the outdoor entry flagstone, repair the HVC systems in both the annex and the church.

Foundation: Will not meet until May.

Personnel: No action items to bring forward.

Motion and a second to accept reports of the Boards. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

The Session suspended its regular agenda to meet with the members of the 2016 Confirmation Class and to hear each student's Statement of Faith. Motion and a second and a unanimous vote, to receive and welcome the following youth into membership of First Presbyterian Church:

Allie Bauer	Lyndie Eddleman	Jayden Propp
Lily Black	Cale Henderson	Grace Redinger
Michael Boeve	Chase Johnson	Carter Wenburg
Grace Canady	Nina Meyer	

Rev. Canady dismissed the confirmands, their parents and mentors with prayer.

Reports from Committees of Session:

Christian Education: No action items to bring forward.

Communication/Technology: No action items to bring forward.

Congregational Life: No action items to bring forward. Church in the park will be Sunday, June 12.

Global Mission/Social Witness: Recommendation from committee to allow the sale of luminaries in support of Relay for Life. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Recommendation from committee to provide \$1500 in scholarships for the summer band and orchestra program from the Langenberg Funds. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Recommendation that PW provide greeting cards for a donation in support of the Healthy Woman, Healthy Family project. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Memorial: No action items to bring forward.

Worship, Arts & Music: No action items to bring forward.

Scholarship: No action items to bring forward.

Motion and a second to accept reports of the Committees of Session. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Moderator's Report: Motion and a second that Rev. Canady's contract be amended to include 2.5 days of vacation per month, retroactive to December 17, 2015 and limit his evening obligations. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

PNC: Motion and a second to accept the resignation of the following members of the PNC: Dale Behrens, Jessica Bauer, Richard Johnson, Rob Kerr and William Oliver. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Motion and a second to retain the remaining three members of PNC, Chris Junker, Jeni Howard and Pamela Lay. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Motion and a second to direct the Church Nominating Committee to develop a slate of four candidates to be presented for a congregational vote to serve on the PNC with the current members. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Motion and a second that the Session of First Presbyterian Church will approve all marriages on a case by case basis. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Session will hold its next regular meeting on May 19, 2016 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Anderson Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.
Respectfully submitted:

Karen G. Doerr, Clerk of Session
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April 17, 2016 Women's Sunday

10:30 Worship Attendance	183
General Fund	\$16,794.00
Plate Collections	\$80.00
Per capita	\$59.60
Sunday School	\$8.51
Go & Serve Stock Sales	\$1,585.00
Hunger Fund	\$22.89
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$7.00

Thanks be to God!

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**Home Page Newsletter
volunteer assemblers
are no longer needed.**

**However,
many opportunities exist
to assist our
Christian Educators
Kili Wenburg and Steph Brader.
Please contact them
for the details.
Thank you!**