

# The Home Page

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## CANADY'S CHRONICLE

We can easily praise God when we feel blessed or in good condition. The question is can we still praise God when we are in strife? Can we keep our faith when we do not sense God's help? I ask these questions because of the recent death of a very good friend. During her illness, and as she approached death, did she and family and friends question God's help?

I ran across this illustration which helps me think about these questions: If carrots, eggs and coffee beans are boiled, the effect on each item will be different. The carrots will soften, the eggs will harden, and the coffee beans will change the color of the water and spread a delicious aroma. The boiling symbolizes problems or pressures in our life. The carrots, eggs, and coffee beans symbolize different human reactions to problems or pressures. The soft carrots represent people who grumble, complain, and pity themselves when faced with problems. The hardened eggs represent those who become stubborn, rebellious, and angry at God during tribulations. But the coffee beans represent people who obey and trust God, changing the atmosphere around them while spreading the fragrance of Christ.

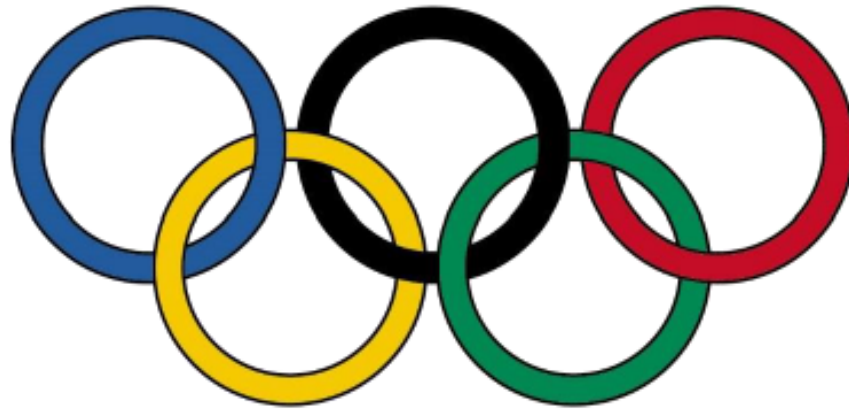
God offers to each of us faith greater than any problem we face. The magnitude of the problem is not as important as our reaction to the problem. Our faith determines how we will respond as we meet the challenges of daily life—as a carrot, a hard-boiled egg, or a coffee bean.

In visiting with our friends, they were very clear that during the two year illness their faith grew because they knew that God was with them throughout the entire time. They didn't bury the problems and feelings; they discussed them, prayed about them and trusted God.

– *Pastor Don Canady*

**Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live Teachers and Volunteers are needed** in several areas. Please contact Stephanie Brader ([stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org)) or the church office: 402-462-5147 and let her know how you can help!

# Go for True Gold with GOD



## **2016/2017 Children, Youth, and Adult Programs Kick-Off/Opening Ceremony First Presbyterian Church Sunday, August 21**

### *Families with Children*

9:00am-9:15am: Parents/Guardians, Students, and Teachers will gather in the Memorial Room for fellowship and breakfast pastries, juice and coffee.

9:15am-10:15am: Pre-K thru 12th grade students will proceed to classrooms for Sunday School.

9:15am-10:15am: Parents/Guardians will proceed to Fellowship Hall for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live parent information meeting followed by kick-off celebration for Fall 2016 adult activities and classes.

### *Families/Others without Children*

9:30am-9:45am: Gather for fellowship and enjoy breakfast pastries, juice and coffee in the Memorial Room.

9:45am-10:15am: Proceed to Fellowship Hall for kick-off celebration of Fall 2016 adult activities and classes.

*“We in the Hunger Program saw that you had given \$603.78 so far in 2016 and wanted to say thank you! Gifts like yours make a difference in lives around the world, helping families feed themselves and communities thrive. They also support the work inspired by Proverbs 31:8-9, which calls us to speak up for those who cannot and defend the rights of the poor and needy. **Thank you** for joining us in the mission of alleviating hunger and eliminating its root causes. (An impact report giving you a glimpse of how gifts to PHP made a difference last year is posted in the Memorial Room). Thank you for helping the work continue. With a grateful heart,” - Ruth Farrell, PHP Coordinator*

**Happy Nappies.** Your Mission Committee is always collecting diapers for our “Happy Nappies” project. Place your donations in the green bin in the Memorial Room.

**Hastings Food Pantry donations** may be left on the donation cart, found in the Memorial Room on the first Sunday of every month or in the kitchen all other days. Non-perishable needs requested by the Pantry are: paper products, pastas, canned fruit, boxed meals, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, and canned chicken, tuna, turkey.

**Deacons delivered to Hastings Food Pantry** 3 bags with 28 items on Monday, Aug. 8.

Share Your Garden Produce. Bring your extra, take what you need. **‘The Sharing Table’** is in the Memorial Room. Everyone is welcome to partake!

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**Mission team is requesting donations** of new or nearly new school clothes:

Boys sizes 8-10 slim or adjustable waist and sizes 10- 12 slim or adjustable waist;  
Girls sizes 10- 12 slim and also size 12-14 slim; and  
Plus girl's teen sizes 3-5 and 7-9 or small and medium.

Please call or drop off to Susan Hoff, 402-469-0985, 3611 Wendell Drive (please note: new address) Thank you!

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In coordination with First United Methodist Church and Foodbank For The Heartland, First Presbyterian Church is proud to announce **United Harvest**, the new mobile pantry food distribution service scheduled every last Saturday of the month in the Annex building located on Hastings and 7th Street (between First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church).

The first day will be:

Date: **Saturday, August 27th**

Time: **12:30p.m. - 2:30p.m.**

Please bring boxes or bags to carry food if you are in need, or contact Kili at [kili@fpchastings.org](mailto:kili@fpchastings.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

## Kids Against Hunger of Hastings

July 27, 2016

Dear members of First Presbyterian Church;

We are so grateful for your ongoing partnership in our work of feeding starving children and their families through Kids Against Hunger of Hastings. We have two pieces of news to share and celebrate with you.

The first is that we passed the 4 million meal mark this summer! That's an incredible milestone after only eight years and you helped us achieve it by providing the opportunity for thousands of volunteers to come through our packing site in the Ministry Annex Building to put their hearts and hands to work making a difference in the lives of starving people locally and globally.

Connecting with the hearts and hands of area people hungry to join us in our mission to feed hungry people is also the idea behind our second bit of news. We are changing our name from Kids Against Hunger of Hastings to Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings. With the name change we eliminate unnecessary franchise expenses and put money toward purchasing food.

Nothing but our name changes—we are still the same people in the same place with the same passion for feeding starving people around the world and around our community. We continue to provide life-saving meals to places like Haiti, the Philippines, Ecuador, Latvia and many, many other countries. We also provide meals to area food pantries, homeless shelters, assistance programs and churches engaged in feeding the hungry in our community.

We look forward to our continuing partnership with you in making a difference in the lives of people locally and globally. We are grateful to be in ministry to the hungry with you and look forward to working toward the 5 million meal mark now as Hearts & Hands Against Hunger.



Renee Johnson  
HHAH event coordinator  
402-460-8627



## Congregational Lives

**Thank you**, Mary Olsen, for giving the ladies from College View a tour of this beautiful church!

**Sunday, August 14, 2016**

**10:30** Worship

Pastor Don Canady

**Congratulations** to Joan Shaw for the birth of her grandson, Axton Roberts, 8 lbs., 15-1/2 oz., 21" long, born August 2 to Jami Shaw and Bobby Fender! The single red rose is in honor.

**FPC's new parking lot** is complete!

**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.

**Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181** Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

## Committee News

Due to special circumstances, **Session will meet August 25<sup>th</sup>** this month, instead of August 18<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled.

**Please pray for members of our PNC:** Jim Duval, Chad Murrell, Mike Karloff, Joan Shaw, Chris Junker, Pam Lay and Jeni Howard.

**FPC remitted:** \$231.03 to PC(USA) Hunger Fund, \$393.00 to SASA. Thank you for your contributions to those in need!

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." – Ephesians 4:4-7.

### Financial Corner

#### July 24, 2016

10:30 Worship Attendance	158
General Fund	\$4,559.00
Plate Collections	\$110.00
PC(USA) Hunger Fund	\$45.60
SASA	\$10.00
Open Table	\$300.00
Food Pantry	\$9.00

#### July 31, 2016

10:30 Worship Attendance	146
General Fund	\$3,524.00
Plate Collections	\$48.00
Unicef	\$149.80
PC(USA) Hunger Fund	\$18.83
Scholarships	\$24.00
Wednesday Night Live	\$40.00
Food Pantry	\$7.00
Pooh Corner	\$500.00

**Thanks be to God!**

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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.

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**9am – 12noon**

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