

# The Home Page

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## CANADY'S CHRONICLE

“If I just could win the lottery, then my life would be so much better.” How many times have we heard people say that? How many times have we said that ourselves, or at least had that thought?

According to Jesus, people who think this way are in trouble. That's the clear implication of the story in Luke about the rich man and Lazarus. We're in trouble if our love of money blinds us, as it most often does, to the people of the world for whom earthly resources are a scarce commodity. Contemporary Lazarus figures are everywhere—men, women, and children of every description, whose lives are daily agony because of insufficient means.

Jesus begins his parable of the rich man and Lazarus by highlighting the gap that exists between the two—the rich man lives in affluence, while just outside the gates the poor man sits, dogs licking the sores on his body. The rich man goes to bed each night having had his fill of food, while the poor man goes to bed hungry. To make matters worse, the rich man pays no attention whatsoever to the poor man's plight.

A story like this should give most of us pause because the truth of the matter is, in terms of relative affluence, we are the rich man. Therefore, we need to sit up and pay careful attention to what Jesus is telling us here.

For one thing, Jesus is telling us that God has a deep protective instinct for the poor. All through the Bible there are hundreds of references that clearly attest to this truth. And, of course, in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ we see this concern revealed to perfection. Jesus proclaims that God has a broken heart for the unfortunates of our world and that God identifies with them, so much so that our showing kindness to such folks is equal to showing kindness to Christ himself.

Most of us understand full well what we're being told in this story. The challenge is to take what we now know and translate it into actions whenever and wherever possible. We need to look around and see the many different faces of Lazarus that surround us. They are everywhere. We just need to open our eyes to see them.

May we take the Lord's word to heart and begin with renewed earnest: we are to care for the broken and beggarly of our world—not out of fear for our eternal well-being, but out of love for their earthly well-being.

*--Pastor Don Canady*

Visit [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org) *Children & Youth* tab to find valuable information about Children & Youth Sunday School, the Nursery, Wednesday Night Live, and more!

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### Upcoming Forum Classes

"Summer Book Club Recap" led by John Harrington and friends.

Participants in the FPC Summer Book Club will present their insights from and reactions to the book "Islam Without Extremes: A Muslim Case For Liberty" by Mustafa Arkyol.

Sep 25, 9:15a.m., Fellowship Hall.

"Hunger in Hastings: A Sabbatical Research Report and a New Solution" led by Dr. Jean Heriot, Hastings College; and Brian Winfield, United Methodist Church.

Even with the Open Table, the food pantry, Catholic Social Services, etc., many Hastings residents still deal regularly with food shortage. Dr. Heriot will present her sabbatical research on this sad reality. Additionally, Mr. Brian Winfield will describe the vision and logistics behind the new United Harvest mobile food pantry operating out of our Annex.

Oct 2, 9:15a.m, Fellowship Hall.

### Hunger Sunday at FPC

On October 2, please join your church family in observing "Hunger Sunday" with...

- your **mind**: Come to the Forum at 9:15 to learn about hunger in Hastings
- your **wallet**: Communion offering will go to Hearts and Hands Against Hunger of Hastings (formally Kids Against Hunger)
- your **body**: Please fast on Oct 2, at least from breakfast, to stand in solidarity with hungry brothers and sisters in Hastings and around the world.

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### Calling all Food Pantry Volunteers!!

Volunteers will be needed to help unload, organize and distribute food for the 2nd United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry. Volunteers should arrive at the Annex at 8:30 a.m.; distribution will be 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Hastings Food Pantry** donations are accepted throughout each month. Blue totes are located in the Memorial Room for you to place your items in. **Recently updated needs requested** by the Pantry are: paper products, pastas, canned fruit, instant mashed potatoes, boxed scallops, hamburger helper, stuffing mix, Jell-O, peanut butter, jelly, and canned chicken, tuna, turkey. Please refrain from donating canned vegetables at this time, especially corn and green beans, they are well overstocked. Thank you for helping those in need!

### A Little Friendly Competition with the Methodists...

- *Which church can raise the most funds (per capita) for the upcoming CROP Walk?*
- *Losing congregation provides donuts for volunteers at the October United Harvest distribution!*

Inspired by our work on the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry with our First United Methodist Church (FUMC) neighbors, the FPC Mission Committee issued to FUMC the challenge stated above. The challenge has been accepted, so we have to get to work!

*The real winners in this challenge will be hungry teenagers in Hastings and wounded, suffering refugees world-wide.*

\*\*Find more details about the CROP Walk elsewhere in this *Home Page*.



**American Red Cross**

Because the July 5 **Red Cross blood drive** far exceeded its goal, First Presbyterian Church is being recognized on the Red Cross Sponsor Spotlight. Thank you to all of the donors and volunteers who make these drives a success. If you haven't been to one of our drives, please stop in and check it out!

Our next blood drive is **October 13 from noon to 6pm**. If you would like to donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at [ericalynn128@gmail.com](mailto:ericalynn128@gmail.com) or [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285). You can also make an appointment to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Your donation makes a difference!

**CROP HUNGER WALKS** began in 1947 under the wing of Church World Services and for many years has raised funds to help provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs both locally and globally. Our local Church Women United is sponsoring the Hastings CROP Hunger Walk event. On **October 9 at 2 pm** gather at Hazelrigg Student Union (9<sup>th</sup> and Elm) at Hastings College for registration and inspiration. This is also the donation collection point, and where we will then begin our walk around Heartwell Park before returning for refreshments.

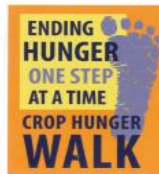


First Presbyterian Church in Hastings has a team in this event. Please join our team as you donate to this much needed fundraiser. A table is in the Memorial room each Sunday until October 9 for your donations and will provide information of the walk event. You may also donate in the church office, at the event on the day of the walk. To donate online go to [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org), find the *Hastings NE Walk*, register &

## Walk. Give. Change the world.

### Hastings Crop Hunger Walk Sunday, October 9, 2016

1 Mile Walk begins 2:00 pm  
Meet at Hazelrigg Student Union  
Check in 30 minutes before start time  
To register or donate online [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org)  
Sponsored by Church Women United



join a team, First Presbyterian Church, or start your own team, or just donate. Follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

This year, 25% of our Hastings walk fundraiser will be used locally to benefit our new Hastings High Food Pantry.

**Join in on the fun October 9, register before the walk, it starts at 2 pm.**

Walk with us so our community will become aware of hunger locally and around the world. Thank you. For your questions or help call [402-469-2638](tel:402-469-2638).

# YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Help us create a living scrapbook display celebrating  
the past, present & future of  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## Pictures needed:

- Veterans who are or were church members.
- Vacation Bible School pictures - from any year!
- Weddings held at the church.

Our hope is to glorify  
GOD whose enduring love  
has strengthened and inspired  
people of this church since 1873.

## 2 ways to share your photos!

1. e-mail pictures to:  
**memorywall2016@gmail.com**

2. call Colleen Schukei  
(402)984-1315.

Colleen would LOVE to make  
a digital copy of your treasured memory.

She has a portable scanner and will come to your house!

## We plan

to have a living scrapbook wall with evolving displays to highlight  
the rich history of this church and today's vibrant church life.

We are repurposing found objects and using upcycled vintage frames along with purchasing a digital picture frame to allow for slideshows and announcements. If you're interested in contributing in any way, you are most welcome! Please contact Colleen at (402) 984-1315.

## ***Congregational Lives***

Cora Katherine and Cade Vaughn were born Tuesday, September 13, to Kate and Mark Hemje. **Congratulations** to the family, including big sister Sophia!

Please include Chuck and Jeanne Hastings in your **prayers** for the loss of Chuck's mother, Julie Hastings.

"Dear Members of Presbyterian Church, I am so grateful for the Langenberg Legacy Scholarship. **Thank you** for my musical support. Sincerely, Kiera Erickson"

In the September 18 edition of the Home Page, readers were urged to wear orange by PW. The reason was incorrect, however. **Orange Day** was instituted by the United Nations to bring attention to violence against women and girls. The 25th of every month is Orange Day, to wear orange to bring attention to violence against women and girls and each month has a different theme. For more information, go to <http://www.un.org/en/women/endviolence/orangeday.shtml>

Please be sure to join us on October 9 for 8:30 a.m. Worship with Celebrate Band and 10:30 a.m. Worship **Hastings College Sunday**.

**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 @ 10:30a.m. during service on KICS 1550 AM.

**Sunday'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, Sunday's service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

### **Coming Soon: New Member/Inquirer Class**

*Class will be held following worship on Sunday, October 23.*

Whether you already know you want to join First Presbyterian, or whether you are simply considering it as a possibility, please make plans to attend this class that will fulfill all membership requirements.

*More details will be coming soon.*

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

**Sunday,  
October 2, 2016**  
**9:15** Sunday School  
(All Ages Welcome!)  
1st-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Communion Class  
**10:30** Worship  
Pastor Don Canady  
**7:00p.m.** Taize Worship  
(In the Parlor)

Hastings, Nebraska  
August 26, 2016

Dear Ladies

First Presbyterian Women of Hastings cordially invite you to be our guests at our annual **Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** at 11:45 A.M. Area Presbyterian Women have been invited, and we look forward to your joining us for good food, warm fellowship, and an interesting program.

Sue Medsker-Nedderman, our Synod's representative to the 2016 USA Mission Experience to the San Francisco Bay Area, will be our presenter. She will have just returned from California. Sue's "Experience" will be fresh in her mind, and eye-opening for her audience!

Sue's presentation on October 5th will be a great opportunity for us to learn more about the challenges in the faithful work being done by our sisters in the San Francisco and San Jose presbyteries. Sue is currently the Justice and Peace Coordinator for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. She is willing to speak to other groups about this USA Mission Experience.

**By Monday, October 3rd**, please let us know if you will be coming for the lunch. Contact your circle chair person or call Tarci in the Church office at 402-462-5147.

We look forward to seeing you on October 5<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

Carol Grummert  
PW Secretary

## ***Committee News***

### **Report from special summer discernment group #3: CE Vision and Evaluation**

Three special summer discernment groups were convened this summer, each with its own mandate. The first group's challenge was to determine the future of FPC's Taize worship services. The second group's challenge was to determine the short-term vision for FPC's college ministry. The third was assigned to re-think the vision and evaluation methods informing programming decisions for the Christian Education Committee. The following summary items resulted from the hard work of the following caring individuals: *Kili Wenburg, Stephanie Brader, Irina Belikova-Erickson, Will Locke, Kim Hermann, Kris Horton, Matt Fong, Chad Murrell, Kathy Duval, Kraig Lofquist, Brady Rhodes, and Nancy Grams.* Please thank them for their work!

- Vision statement was re-written from...

“The Christian Education Committee of First Presbyterian Church believes that our calling in Christ is to provide spiritual care and development of children, youth, and adults; to focus our energy on Christian nurture; and to create contagious communities in Christ.

...to “With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Christian Education Committee at First Presbyterian Church supports the church’s mission by providing to children, youth, and adults opportunities for spiritual formation through continuous learning and practice.”

- Group moved through a 3-step process in which they (1) identified “what ought to be” (i.e. what a successful CE ministry would look like); (2) observed “what is” (i.e. noticed where the current CE ministry is strong, weak, omitted, or overemphasized); (3) created a list of goals (and evaluation structures) to move the ministry from “what is” to “what ought to be.”

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"When working with your attorney to update your **will and estate plan**, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation that will enhance the work of this congregation for many years to come. Our Federal Identification Number is 47-0710307."

--Roger Doerr, Moderator of the Foundation

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**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a weekly publication (bi-weekly June & July) 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.

### ***Financial Corner***

#### **September 11, 2016**

8:30 Worship Attendance	49
10:30 Worship Attendance	158
General Fund	\$4,767.00
Plate Collections	\$40.00
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$36.91
Sunday School	\$2.50
Sharing Table	\$1.00
Communion-Habitat for Humanity	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$9.00

#### **Thanks be to God!**

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,  
and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?  
So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

-James 2:15-17