



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the original Kids Helping Kids® campaign

"Thank you for joining Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the national movement powered by kids, teachers, parents, and communities to make the world a better place for children.

The annual tradition of Kids Helping Kids® has helped to raise more than \$175 million since 1950. It has helped UNICEF provide countless children around the world with medicine, nutrition, clean water, emergency relief, and education. When you Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, small donations add up to big changes in children's lives.

Thanks again for taking part. We appreciate everything you do!"

"An easy, fun way to teach kids the value of helping others." FPC children exceeded last year's donation total of \$116.08 by raising \$121.87 this year. Glory be to God!

"Dear members of First Presbyterian Church in Hastings: We know you probably already received receipts for your gifts to the Presbyterian Hunger Program totaling \$931.05 so far this year. Even so, we in the Hunger Program noticed your generosity and want to thank you.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God called the people to seek justice and defend the oppressed. Your gifts to the Hunger Program are accomplishing this work in the United States and around the world. Gardens are growing sustainably, land is being reclaimed, those long denied fair wages are being lifted up, and many who lived in poverty are finding renewed livelihoods. The compassion of Christ through the Church is at work.

***Thank you** for continuing with us in the mission of alleviating hunger and eliminating its causes. With a grateful heart,"* -Ruth Farrell, PHP Coordinator

*"We want to send a letter to **thank you for your generous donation** of 3 bags - 24 items of food - and also check #18109 for \$309.57 given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What wonderful donations!! So many people will be blessed by these gifts! You are so faithful and we appreciate you so much!"*
--Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors

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*"To the First Presbyterian Church, sponsors of the mobile pantry: **Thank you so much** for all the good food you have provided me and many. It's such a wonderful variety of food, and a lot of healthy foods that I normally wouldn't probably have. I am so thankful for your generosity! God bless you and best wishes to you and yours! Thanks again!"* --Julie Jacupke

## **United Harvest Volunteers Needed Saturday Morning, Nov. 19!**

It's that time of the month again--the time when we join together to meet a need in our community. In thanksgiving for all that we have, let us give of ourselves to those in need.

- Volunteers helping to unload are needed 8:15-9:15.
- Volunteers helping with the distribution are needed 9:15-11:30.
- We have a special need for WAGONS and STRONG ARMS to help transport food from the Annex to recipients' cars!!

## A three-part opportunity for support, prayer, and worship!

Sunday, November 20, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Harvard UCC.

1. Support Dave Johnson, member of FPC, pastor of Harvard UCC, and Dubuque Seminary student by attending this special event which will fulfill part of his seminary requirements.
2. Prayer seminar, 5:00-5:40 p.m. Learn and practice new forms of prayer.
3. Taize worship, 6:00-6:40 p.m. Focus of the prayer/worship service will be prayers for persecuted Christians around the world.

\*\*Evening will conclude with fellowship, coffee, and munchies!

\*\*Contact Kili if you would like to carpool in the church van.

### All Hands on Deck for Hanging of the Greens!

Come one, come all for a festive morning of decking the church halls in preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Work will commence at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 26. Please bring finger foods to share.

**Jr. High Youth Food Pantry Scavenger Hunt** will be this Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30-8:00p.m. Hunt in neighborhoods around the church. Come join the fun!

**Hands Around the World Store** will have a Fair Trade Sale in the Memorial Room on Saturday, December 10, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. More information to come!

**Troop 200 Boy Scouts** will be available the four Sundays through November to rake leaves at your place of business or residence. Free will donations are accepted. All proceeds will go to Healthy Beginnings to help a couple of young, struggling mothers through the holidays with care packages for mother & child(ren). If you are interested in helping the Scouts with this charitable service project, please contact Tom Kleinjan @ 402-705-0553 or email him at [scouting200hastings@gmail.com](mailto:scouting200hastings@gmail.com).

Let's help them spread some cheer this season - your contribution makes the difference!

## UPCOMING FORUMS

### "The Spiritual Practice of Yoga: Using the Body to Know the Soul"

Lanae Hall, certified yoga instructor, will present an introduction to the spiritual tenets of yoga: its history, cross-religious application, and usefulness in facilitating the healthy connection of body and soul. Lanae will also provide an abbreviated yoga class experience that attendees may participate in or simply watch. Sun., Nov. 20, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Parlor

No Class on Sunday, November 27: Happy Thanksgiving!

### "Sustainable Living: Live Simply So That Others May Simply Live"

During the holidays, we buy, buy, buy, even though we already have more than enough. Can we break free of this lifestyle? What scriptural and spiritual motivations might we employ to guide a life of simplicity and contentment?

This forum will be led by Rev. Damen Heitmann, Hastings College Chaplain.

Sun., Dec. 4, 9:15-10:15, Fellowship Hall

## Congregational Lives

**Sympathy to Marie Rasmussen** in the loss of her brother.

*"We would like to express our **heartfelt thanks** to everyone who has remembered us and reached out to us over these past months. We especially enjoyed the beautiful sanctuary flowers that were brought to us by Chris, and the delicious loaf of Amish bread and visit from Marie. We feel truly blessed by all of your caring acts and thoughtfulness. In Christ's love, Elmer and Irmise Heeren"*

### **It's a Birthday Card Shower**

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Jim Hoffman will celebrate his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

That's for old people he likes to say.  
Well at 85 you are close to that way.  
Please join in on the fun,  
Mail a card, letter or pun  
Your thoughtfulness will make his day!

Please mail greetings to:

Jim Hoffman  
1117 N. Webster  
Hastings, NE 68901

Thank you for your participation.

*—Larry, Bruce, and Mary*

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

**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.

### **Correction/Addition for Veterans Parade Acknowledgments**

Last week's Home Page mistakenly listed Al Meyer as the driver for the church van in the Veterans Day Parade. Mark Hemje was actually the driver. Thank you, Mark!

**Sunday,  
November 27, 2016**

**8:30a.m.** Worship  
Celebrate Band Service  
**9:15a.m.** Sunday School

(All Ages Welcome)

**10:30a.m.** Worship  
Message by Pastor Don Canady

**Celebrate the Advent season** by viewing a display of Nativity sets collected from near and far.

First United Methodist Church  
614 North Hastings Avenue  
Hastings, NE

(Use the east parking lot entrance)

Friday, December 2, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Donations to benefit Habitat for Humanity and the church renovation fund. This may be the final year to view this display.

"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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### **The Home Page**

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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 or call 402-462-5147.

### **Financial Corner**

**November 6, 2016**

|                                  |            |
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| 10:30 Worship Attendance         | 205        |
| General Fund                     | \$8,592.00 |
| General Fund (2015 Pledge)       | \$1,500.00 |
| Plate Collections                | \$112.00   |
| PC (USA) Hunger Fund             | \$36.71    |
| CE Sunday School                 | \$3.75     |
| Communion – Camp Calvin Crest    | \$654.00   |
| UNICEF                           | \$118.50   |
| Food Pantry                      | \$7.00     |
| Special Offering – Zach Spurgeon | \$20.00    |
| Go & Serve                       | \$25.00    |
| Go & Serve - Ganado, AZ          | \$550.00   |
| Open Table                       | \$10.00    |

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

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

-2 Corinthians 9:8