

First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Pastor: Don Canady

Organist: Linda Vollweiler
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Handbell Director: Susan Oliver

February 26, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” arr. Bish
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC “Ring of the Hour” in G Praise Bells

INTROIT “Prepare” Praise & Alleluia Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:

in our songs and our words;

in our deepest thoughts and desires;

in the youthful and the experienced,

the exhausted and the energetic;

in the hungry and the scared.

We are here together.

We join our voices and our hearts in praise.

***HYMN** “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Though we want to walk with Moses

and see God’s holy radiance,

we hide in the midst of our own desires,

unable to perceive the presence of God’s grace.

While we want a world of justice and peace,

*that God wishes good for us his children.
 I believe in Jesus Christ
 that he is God’s best gift to us
 that he shows us the way of salvation
 that he gives us hope through his resurrection.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit
 as God dwelling with us and assisting us in our daily lives.
 I believe in the Church Universal
 as God’s witness in this world though flawed by man’s
 actions, yet the instrument of witness to the one
 Holy God. Amen.*

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” Gordon Young

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 609

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” 450

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “Danish Amen” Alleluia Bells

Sunday, March 5, 2017
9:15 a.m. Sunday School (No Forum)
10:30 a.m. Worship, Message by Pastor Don Canady
Gifts of Women Sunday with S.A.I. Choir
Communion with Offering to Miriam’s Hope
5:00 p.m. Hastings College Spring Vespers
7:00 p.m. Taize Worship in Parlor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

“Is this not the fast I choose?”

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING HELPS US ANSWER GOD’S CALL

The Christian season of Lent is historically marked with fasting, a traditional practice of giving up food and devoting yourself to prayer.

But this isn't the only type of fasting the Bible talks about. Isaiah 58 describes a new kind of fast, not to give up bread but to share it. Isaiah calls us to “loose the bonds of injustice,” to “let the oppressed go free,” to “share bread with the hungry” and to “invite the homeless poor into our homes.” We are called to offer help to those in need and restoration to those who have been broken down. One way we answer this call is through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Our gifts to this Offering helped “loose the bonds of injustice” for Olga Pedraza and others like her who received support in accessing a job after a prison sentence and beating drug addiction. Self-Development of People invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, and injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills. By investing in those like Olga who have reformed their lives after prison, we help reduce the number of people who end up back in prison.

Our gifts helped alpaca farmers in Peru whose livelihoods were threatened by the poisoning of their water sources. What began as an apparent need for assistance with irrigation grew into a partnership between these farmers and the Presbyterian Hunger Program to support a host of environmental initiatives. Environmental degradation and climate change are primary threats to the world’s hungry and vulnerable, and the Hunger Program’s work is part of our response.

Gifts to the Offering also rebuilt 40 apartments and houses destroyed during the Syrian civil war, so that those made homeless by its violence could return to a home of their own. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has provided essential support to refugees throughout this crisis, including education for refugee children, emergency supplies for refugees journeying to new lands, and assistance for US congregations receiving refugees into their communities.

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will do much more than these few examples. They will join congregations all over the country as we seek to answer God’s call and make a difference in the lives of many more people. As we respond through our sharing, Isaiah 58 also provides a promise. As we respond to injustice, feed those who are hungry, and provide places for those without homes, our “light will break forth,” and we shall be called “repairers of the breach, restorers of streets to live in.”

Please give generously.

Let us Pray: *God, your call to us is both great and challenging. May the gifts we share bring justice and help to those in need, and may your light break forth in our lives and in the lives of those served through our shared ministry. Amen.*

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be collected on Easter.

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs 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.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Jeanne Hastings, Deacon Moderator, at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Mrs. Besse Byrne Foote, Mrs. Gwendolyn Foote Beck, and Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Foote by Dr. Donovan Foote, Jr.

Greeters: Paul and Belinda Nuss

Ushers: Bill Boyd, Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein-Captain, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

Acolytes: Luke Brooks, Raegan Bradley

Youth Ushers: Allie Bauer, Carter Wenburg

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Erika Nielsen, Laura Peterson

Prayers for: Lynn Barrows, Roger Bauer (Chuck Bauer's father), Al Behl (Sharon Brooks' father), Celia Ganow, Darleen Howard, Roberta Lloyd, Larry Nowka and families.

Join us March 5th for ***Gifts of Women Sunday***.

March 5th Communion offering is for Miriam's Hope. Miriam's Hope will provide housing, mentoring, counseling and instruction in God's Word as well as employment and life skills training, ranging from nutritional, parenting and financial classes to addiction counseling, career planning and tutoring for children. Each family will stay in the program for 12 to 18 months, before transitioning to an out-patient program that will continue offering all of the classes on an ongoing basis.

Along with the communion offering, the Mission Committee is holding a "**suitcase drive**" on **March 5**. Please bring your donations of new or used luggage bags (suitcases, duffel bags, gym bags, back packs) to the cart in the Memorial Room. The bags will be given to children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Often lacking proper bags, children's things are thrown into a garbage bag as they are taken from their homes. Sharing your extra suitcases, etc., will provide a measure of dignity for children going through a very tough transition.

March 5th Communion Servers: Martha Boyd, Katharine Davis, Bonnie Grams, Susan Hoff, Lynette Krieger, Dixie McDonald, Kathleen Nelson, Kym Warner, Kili Wenburg.

March 5th Ushers: Linda Donohue, Chanda Essink, Carla Fike, Hannah Hafer, Lois Hafer, Jessica Meeske, Flossie Sanderson, Alice Throckmorton, Carol Wheeler, May Wierenga

March Ushers (serving all other Sundays except March 5th): LaVern Franzen, Chuck Hastings – Captain, Jim Hoffman, Roger Sunderman

Congratulations to Elmer and Irmise Heeren for 70 years of marriage! Cards and well wishes may be mailed to: 1323 N. Saunders Ave., Hastings, 68901

Presbyterian Women – Schedule of Events

- March 1 – PW meeting has been rescheduled to March 8
- March 3 – All are invited to attend World Day of Prayer Services at 10:00 a.m. at First Christian Church, 1201 Sheridan Drive. The speaker is Jessica Palys. There will be coffee at 9:30 a.m. before the service.
- March 5 – Women’s Sunday will be celebrated. Pastor Don will be giving the sermon. Women of the church will be assisting with the service.
- March 8 - PW changed its March meeting to March 8 so that members may attend *Sermons a la carte* Lenten Services at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. Members wanting to walk to St. Mark’s should meet in FPC parking lot at 11:50 a.m. If you would rather meet us at St. Mark’s, the service begins at 12:05 p.m. Following the service, a light lunch will be served, \$4 a plate.
- March 15 - Circles – Bible study “Who is Jesus – according to Hebrews”
 - Circle 1, hosted by Mary Jeanne Cooke, will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Community room at the Regency. May Wierenga is the study leader.
 - Circle 2 will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Mary Fisk’s home. Flossie Sanderson is the study leader.
 - Circle 3, hosted by Carol Wheeler, will meet at 1:15 p.m. at the church. Jane Marsh is the study leader.

All women of the church are encouraged to join the Presbyterian Women at any time.

Christian Education committee meetings are now the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Parlor. They will not meet in March but will resume in April.

Flower Memorial Dates

The following are open dates for flower memorials: 4th Sunday in March; 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in April; 3rd Sunday in May; 3rd and 4th Sundays in July; 3rd Sunday in August; 3rd Sunday in September; 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays in November and all the Sundays in December. Please contact Mary Olsen if you would like to have one of the Sundays or if you would like to have a specific Sunday that isn’t listed above. Some of the filled dates can have more than one memorial listing. Any member of congregation may have a flower memorial. Mary can be reached at 402-462-2811 or molsen@charter.net.

2017 Directory Correction

CANADY, Pam (p.4): pamcanady@charter.net

FRUEHLING, Christian & Sarah (p.8): Remove home phone;

Christian: Update cell: 402-460-0888; update email: fruehlings@gmail.com

Sarah: Update cell: 402-469-7009; update email: sfruehling70@gmail.com

JOHNSON, Virginia (p.12): is now Virginia DAVIS

FOUNDATION (p.12) Moderator: Dave Dirks; Vice Moderator: Roger Doerr; Treasurer: Nancy Langford

CIRCLE III ROSTER (p.26) - Add: DAVIS, Katharine

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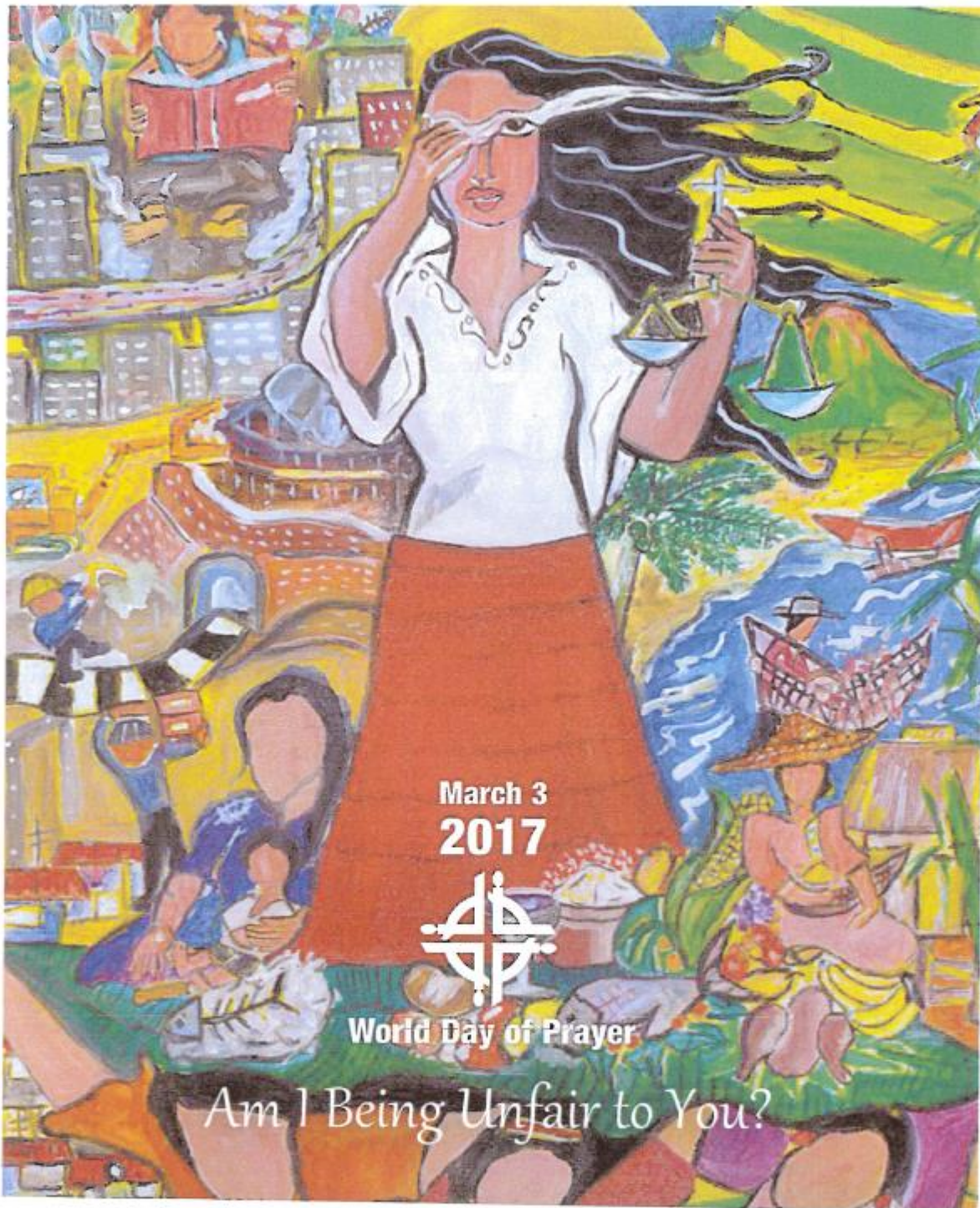
WARNER, Kym (p.28) update email to: warnerkym@yahoo.com

WHEELER, Carol (p.28) update email to: Johndeere60@charter.net

This Week --- February 27 – March 4, 2017

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| Mon, Feb 27 | 11:00a.m. | Staff Meeting in Pastor’s Office |
| Tues, Feb 28 | 1:00p.m. | Quilters in the Annex |
| Weds, Mar 1 | 7:00a.m. 4:00p.m. | Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor WNL! |
| Fri, Mar 3 | | World Day of Prayer |

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“World Day of Prayer” Celebration

Church Women United

10 am, Friday, March 3 @

First Christian Church, 1201 Sheridan Dr.

Speaker: Jessica Palys Music: Choralettes

9:30 Coffee before the service

World Day of Prayer • March 3, 2017

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. The 2016 World Day of Prayer service will begin at the first sunrise on March 3, 2017, in the Pacific region and, following the Earth's orbit, will spread around the world.



For 2017, the women of the Philippines invite us to consider these words: "Am I being unfair to you?" The women of the Philippines share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. We will learn of a cultural practice called *dagyatu*, which is a communal way of laboring on neighbors' farms and sharing the harvest among all. It is a way to build and sustain a community. The theme for 2017 is taken from Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. While Jesus sees nothing wrong in giving generously, the workers react differently and feel entitled to receive more. As we listen to the women of the Philippines throughout the worship service, we are called to confess, to take responsibility, and to answer God's call for justice.

WDP's motto, "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. As we observe WDP 2017, millions of God's people suffer from violence, exploitation, the effects of a global economic crisis, and the hardships of emigration. We encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to further expand God's kingdom. Throughout the service, the women of WDP Philippines invite us to accept Jesus' infinite blessing and exhort us to receive others into the kingdom of God. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!

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About World Day of Prayer

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized “day of prayer for the world” was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. The United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country's national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

World Day of Prayer is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating World Day of Prayer has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races and faith traditions. Each country's committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year. Offering grants are made to women and children's groups in each country.

World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit the World Day of Prayer USA website at www.wdp-usa.org.

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