



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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*"Jim and I **thank all of you** for the beautiful flowers brought to us by Phil & Dana Odom. We are grateful for visits and prayers from the pastors and friends. I appreciate you, my thoughtful friends!!"*

— Mary Jeanne Cooke

**Thank you** for your support of Presbyterian Mission! Your generous and faithful giving allows all of us who work together in God's mission to bring the gospel of Christ to all corners of the world. It provides the funds to help bear the burdens of those in times of crisis, those in poverty, (and) those who are in need. Thank you for partnering with us in that call.

The generosity of your congregation has provided the following support: On 6/28/2017, we received \$1,448.00 for One Great Hours of Sharing Offering, \$140.35 for the Hunger Fund, and \$2,945.82 for Shared Mission Support; on 7/26/2017, \$142.85 for the Hunger Fund, and \$291.67 for Shared Mission Support; on 8/28/2017, \$639.00 for Pentecost Offering, \$122.08 for the Hunger Fund, and \$291.67 for Shared Mission Support.

During this busy and exciting time of year, I give thanks for churches like yours who support Presbyterian Mission. — *Grace and Peace, Rev. Rhonda K. Kruse, Mission Engagement Advisor, Midwest*

FPC Mission Committee members delivered 294 diapers on 9/28 and 160 diapers on 10/3 to Catholic Social Services. **Thank you** for helping some of the most vulnerable.

## Join the Mariners Moms Group!

Lunch, fellowship, learning, and fun! Join the Mariners every 1st and 3rd Thursday, noon-1:00, in the Parlor. Each gathering will include a brief devotion and then a robust discussion on topics related to parenting. Moms at any stage in the parenting journey and from any denomination will enjoy the fellowship and information sharing in this group. \*Free childcare is provided! \*Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

**Oct. 5: "Control Battles"** We've all had them, but are they useful? What's behind our reluctance to let go of control?

**Oct 19: "Resilience in Kids"** What is it? How do we help our children build it?

## "Intro to Yoga" Series Continues on Wednesday Nights

Experience a variety of styles and teachers through this 6-session series of free, 45-minute yoga classes, held at 5:05 p.m. on Wednesday nights in the Annex. Community welcome! Bring a friend! Upcoming classes include:

- "Restorative Yoga" taught by Kim Borrell of Avani, Oct. 4
- *No Class*, Oct. 11
- "Yoga Nidra" taught by Jenni Welsch of Grounded Sky, Oct. 18

## Fall Break

**\*\*No Wednesday Night Live on October 11.**

**\*\*No Sunday School (all ages) on October 15.**

**Two Weekly Bible Studies.** Both will study scriptures for the upcoming Sunday's worship service. Both will be led by Pastor Greg. Options: Tuesdays at noon (bring a sack lunch if you like) or Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (breakfast is provided.)

**Taize services return....on Sunday Mornings!**

On the first and third Sundays of each month, FPC will offer Taize services at 8:30 a.m. These quiet, meditative services feature scripture, prayers, silences, beautiful music, and an abbreviated version of the 10:30 service's sermon for the day. *Check it out!*

**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.

The **radio broadcast** airs during service at 10:30 a.m. 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 2:00 p.m.

A **copy of any Sunday service is available** on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or [tarci@fpchastings.org](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org).

**Prayers for:** Judy Brown, Ty Chapel (Sharon Chapel's son), Jim (& Mary Jeanne) Cooke, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Jim (& Lois) Hahne, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Willis (& Jane) Horton, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Nancy Langford, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Clay Mathews (Susan Oliver's brother), John & Mary Northrop, Carla Ridout, Elaine Specht, Audrey Watson and families.

**Love to Sing?**

Do you have a heart for ministry to those in palliative or hospice care? Do you love to sing? Combine those two and join a new ministry being offered in Hastings, the Hastings Hospice Choir.

We are an inter-denominational, non-auditioned choir comprised of hospice volunteers. Our mission is to bring peace, comfort, solace and enjoyment through sacred and secular a Capella choral music to those receiving hospice care, their loved ones, and caregivers.

We welcome new members who love singing and wish to be of service to the terminally ill and their families.

- Regular rehearsals once a month - the 2nd Thursday - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Rehearsals held at various care facilities in Hastings
- Singers who complete the volunteer training with Mary Lanning Hospice may be called on to sing at the bedsides of those in hospice care.

For more information, contact Tom Michalek, 402- 699-2342, [tmichalek@gmail.com](mailto:tmichalek@gmail.com)



**Congratulations** to Kristen & Louie Eckhardt and families on the birth of Fiona Elizabeth, born Monday, October 2; 5lbs, 10 oz., 19 ½ long! We give thanks to God and are excited to welcome this newest daughter to our FPC family!

**ADULT  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Heirs Apparent Classes**

"What's Your Story? Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes"  
DVD lesson and discussion led by Curtis Reimer.  
*Anderson Conference Room,  
9:15-10:15 a.m.*

COMING SOON: "Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More" DVD lesson and discussion led by Curtis Reimer.  
*Anderson Conference Room,  
9:15-10:15 a.m.*

*No Class on October 15: Fall Break*

# THE FORUM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SUNDAYS, 9:15-10:15 A.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

I pray that the sharing of your faith may  
become effective when you perceive all  
the good that we may do for Christ.  
—Philemon 1:6

HEAR

SHARE

LIVE

*the Story*

## ALIGNING FAITH & FINANCES

OCTOBER 8

### Decoding Church Budget

What is the FPC annual budget? Who makes spending decisions for our church? How are foundation funds managed? What's the connection between foundation dollars and the general budget? Come learn all the ins and outs of FPC financials.

TARCI MATTHEWS, FINANCIAL OFFICER/ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST; JANE BAUER, TREASURER;  
DAVE FISHER, MODERATOR OF TRUSTEES;  
REV. GREG ALLEN-PICKETT

OCTOBER 22

### Reflections on Giving

How do individuals navigate questions about financial giving: How much should I give? To whom should I give? Why do I give? This Forum will present personal stories about financial giving as well as statistics and scriptures related to this important aspect of lived faith.

BRIAN JOHNSON; OTHERS, TBA

NOVEMBER 5

### "Money and Possessions"

Dr. Deffenbaugh will present a summary of Walter Brueggemann's important work "Money and Possessions," which was the selection for FPC's Summer Book Club. In this work, Brueggemann mines the Bible's rich store of diverse material on the topic of money and possessions, suggesting that the Bible's stance on this topic is contradictory to the conventional wisdom and practice of both the ancient world and today's society.

DR. DAN DEFFENBAUGH, HASTINGS COLLEGE PROFESSOR OF RELIGION

FPC CELEBRATES THE  
PROTESTANT REFORMATION'S

# 500<sup>th</sup> *Anniversary*

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## *Forum, 9:15 a.m., Chapel*

Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church on October 31, 1517, setting off a chain of events that led to the diversification of Western Christianity. This class will recall the history of that era and consider how the Reformation trajectory continues to impact the church today.

**Dr. Robert Babcock, Hastings College**  
Professor of History

## *Worship, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary*

- German-style accordion music
- Scriptures read in French and German, the languages of the Reformation.
- Lederhosen optional!

## *German Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Catered portion (covered by free will donation) includes:

**Roast Leg of Ox**  
**Potato Pancakes**  
**Spaetzel**

Pot luck portion rounds out the meal!  
Please bring your favorite German dish!

Examples include:  
**Sausage, Sour Kraut**  
**Strudel, Pretzels**





MENS BASKETBALL: HASTINGS COLL. VS. KS WESLEYAN

## GUYS NIGHT OUT

Thursday, November 9. Food at 6:00, Game at 7:00  
Legacy Room, Lynn Farrell Arena, Hastings College  
All men, all ages welcome.

Help for those dealing with grief during the holidays



## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.



Thursday, Nov. 9 at 6 pm, Friday, Nov. 10 at 6 pm (lasagna supper)  
OR Saturday, November 11 at 9 am (rolls & coffee)  
First St. Paul's Youth & Family Center, 4th and Lexington (west door)  
Register by calling 402-463-1329. No charge for attending.  
Sponsors: First St. Paul's and Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home

## Kids Eat Free



@ the Zone

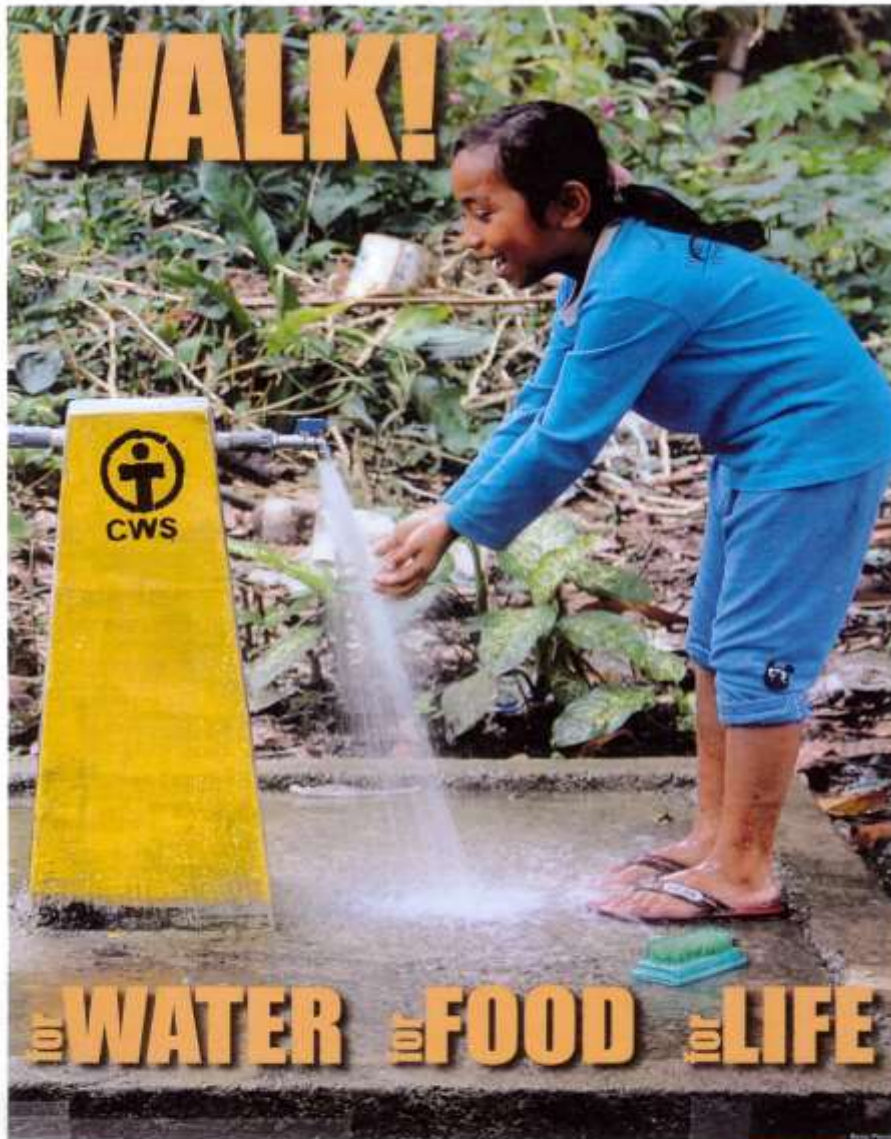
2525 W 2nd St  
Hastings, Nebraska 68901

Monday—Friday\*  
5:30pm-6:30pm

All Children Ages 1-18 are Welcome!

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empowering women  
ywca

USDA cacfP  
child and adult care food program



## Hastings CROP Hunger Walk

**Sunday, October 8, 2017**

**1 Mile Walk begins 2:00**

**Meet at Hazelrigg Student Union, Hastings College**

**Check in starts at 1:30**

**To donate online [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)**

**Sponsored by Church Women United**



## Join Us This Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> CROP Hunger Walk

Hastings CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by our local Church Women United. The walk will start at Hazelrigg Student Union and will be in the College and Heartwell Park area Sunday, October 8, 2017 starting at 2:00 pm.

25% of our Hastings Walk fundraiser will be used locally to benefit our Saturday's UNITED HARVEST MOBILE PANTRY. First Presbyterian Church 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 this Sunday, October 8 for your donations and to inform you of the walk event. Or you can donate in the church office. To donate or register online go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org), find 'Hastings CROP Hunger Walk', 'Register', 'Join a Team', or 'Start Your Own Team'. Follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

**Join in on the fun. Please plan to walk and donate.**

Would you like to give your **one-time or recurring donation(s)** to **FPC Hastings** using a **debit or credit card**? Go online to [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org) and click the link or icon located at the bottom of the front page. Funds post to your FPC account within 3 business day. Please contact Tarci in the office with any questions.

*"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."* --Dave Dirks, Moderator of the Foundation



# UNITED HARVEST



## MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, October 21**  
**Saturday, November 18**  
**Saturday, December 16**

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: **Annex Building**

Between the First United Methodist Church and First  
Presbyterian Church

**Hastings Ave and 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Hastings, NE**

Contact: (402)-463-6733

Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry  
food. No need to pre-qualify.

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**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a bi-weekly publication 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](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org) or call 402-462-5147.

### **Financial Corner September 17, 2017**

8:30a.m. Blessings of Pets	62ppl, 30pets
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	199
General Fund (2017)	\$4,609.00
Plate Collections	\$56.00
Per capita	\$60.50
CE Sunday School	\$5.50
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$48.82
Pres Disaster Asst (PDA)	\$610.00
Food Pantry	\$6.75
Office Supplies (Disks)	\$20.00
Coffee	\$2.01

### **September 24, 2017**

8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	37
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	236
General Fund (2017)	\$5,572.00
Plate Collections	\$186.00
CE Sunday School	\$4.98
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$45.83
Comm.-Habitat for Humanity	\$50.00
Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
Office Supplies (Devotions)	\$10.00
Coffee Donations	\$2.00

**Thanks be to God!**