



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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## **Special Attendance Recognition**

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. Two children will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their faith growth to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

- Acolyte (if under 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Usher
- Liturgist
- Music soloist
- Call to Worship leader
- Prayer leader
- Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of October, eighteen (18) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Thirty-five (35) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for October's recognition are Paxton Rhodes and Grace Brader. Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!



This year the children of First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, will be continuing the tradition of helping other children around the world by participating in the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign. The annual tradition has helped provide countless children around the world with health care, clean water, nutrition, education, emergency relief, and more. You can visit [trickortreatforunicef.org](http://trickortreatforunicef.org) to learn more.



Come on in Sunday mornings and check out the new items for sale in ***Hands Around the World Store (HAWS)***! Pick up a bag (or two) of Café Justo coffee. Feel free to browse the fine selection of chocolate, textiles and jewelry. Olive oil is now for sale at only \$3 a bottle. Much, much more is available!

Items come from nonprofit, fair trade organizations dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans and farmers and their families out of poverty, and HAWS donates \$100 each month to the United Harvest Food Distribution.

Store hours are 9 a.m.-12 noon during the school year. Café Justo coffee is also available for sale in the church office during the week!

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**HONEY SUNDAY was a great success!** Honey bears are \$5 each and may be purchased 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the church's common office thru November while supplies last. Proceeds go to assist the Adams-Clay county chapter of ARC, which provides programs and support for families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Your purchase makes a difference!

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**"Thank you to everyone who donated bras to the 'Free the Girls' mission. Our total sent was 107! The women we are helping will be thrilled! God bless,"** -- Presbyterian Women, Nancy Grams

**"We want to send a letter to thank you for the generous donations** of 1 bag = 5 items on September 28, 5 bags = 25 items and \$127.00 on Check #18715 on October 18, and 1 bag = 9 items on October 23 given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What wonderful donations! So many people will be blessed with these gifts! God bless in all you do!!" -- Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors.

**"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, those who are in need. Thank you for partnering with us in that call. Grace and Peace,"** --Rev. Rhonda K. Kruse, Mission Engagement Advisor, Midwest, PC(USA)

**"On behalf of the Hastings Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors and Rick Matticks, Project Manager of the Sons of Mexico initiative, I want to thank you** for your recent contribution to this project. We are very excited about this opportunity to provide a program that promotes cultural and artistic understanding for the students in the Hastings Public Schools and the entire community. Again, thank you for your support of this important program. **You are truly extending the horizon of opportunity for all students in the Hastings Public Schools.**" -- Betty Kort, Executive Director

### **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.

**Dec. 7: "Screentime Struggles"** In a world where screens are ubiquitous, how do we help our children effectively utilize them without becoming addicted to them?

**Dec. 21: Wrapapalooza!** Bring your Christmas gifts and wrapping supplies, and together we'll work, wrap, talk, and enjoy some Christmas goodies!

**The Christmas season is almost here!**

**Don't miss these special church family events!!**

Hanging of the Greens: Saturday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

Many hands make light work! We need you!

Bring a snack to share.

Christmas Caroling: Sunday, December 17, 1:00 p.m.

We'll car pool to the Kensington, College View, and Regency, enjoying fellowship and spreading Christmas cheer. All ages are welcome; all voices appreciated!

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Heirs Apparent**

"The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem." This on-going DVD lesson and discussion series begins Nov. 19, and is led by Curtis Reimer. The author travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem, presenting historical information, archaeological findings, and personal reflections.

*Anderson Conference Room,  
9:15-10:15 a.m.*

### **"Excavating History"**

Learn how to use family stories and history to compose the stories that only you can write. Forum will be led by the author of the 2016 One Book One Nebraska selection. *This program is funded in large part by Humanities Nebraska.*

Karen Gettert Shoemaker, author  
of The Meaning of Names  
*Nov. 19, 9:15, Fellowship Hall*

**Nov. 26:** No Sunday School  
*Happy Thanksgiving!!*



**DECEMBER 6, 2017 LUNCHEON  
PROGRAM: MUSIC, LINDA VOLLWEILER**

Prepare Lunch, Kitchen Helpers	-	Circle 3
Set Tables, Centerpieces, Devotions, Nametags, Cashier, Huger Cups	-	Circle 1

**Presbyterian Women's (PW) luncheons** are at 11:45am on the first Wednesday of each month. A program and short business meeting follow the luncheon. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to come for all or part of the meeting. Call your reservation to your circle telephone chairperson or to the church office by the Monday preceding the PW meeting.

**PW Circle meetings** are on the third Wednesday of each month. Circles 1 & 2 meet at 9:30am in the Hostess' home; Circle 3 meets at 1:15pm in the church library.

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**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:** Arnold Boehler, Judy Brown, Mary Jo Emmons, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Chuck Kidd, Richard & Wanda Langer, Nancy Langford, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Frank Medsker, John & Mary Northrop, Audrey Watson and families.

More than 90% of adults in the United States feel that registering as an organ donor is the right thing to do, yet nearly 50% of adults have yet to register. November 10-12, 2017 was National Donor Sabbath Weekend, and the perfect time to take action and **sign up on the Nebraska Donor Registry** at [www.donatelifenebraska.com](http://www.donatelifenebraska.com). It's fast. It's easy. It saves lives!

**Open enrollment for Medicare Part D continues until Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are available to help at Adams County Senior Center. Call for an appointment: 402-463-4439. Take your red, white & blue Medicare card and either your medication containers or a clear list of meds. For questions call Ginny Locke.**

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First Presbyterian Church Hastings collected \$1,070.50 for October's communion Peace and Global Mission Offerings, of which 25%, or \$267.62, will be remitted to Hearts and Hands Against Hunger in Hastings.





**Saturday November 18**  
**Annex Building**  
**Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings**

**Sponsored by:**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

## **NOTICE: Lining up before 9:30 AM is not allowed**

Beginning in December, we will randomize the order you receive food, based on last name. Below are the rules that will apply.  
Please ask if you have questions.

Because of the high volume of families we serve, please comply with the following rules:

- DO NOT ARRIVE EVEN ONE MINUTE EARLY. YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY.
- Photo I.D. is required for arrival time verification only.
- Your LAST name determines when you may come, park, and receive a number to go through the pantry. The last name of the driver of the car is the only name used. If your last name is hyphenated, it is the first last name (Smith-Jones is "S"). If you have more than one last name, it is the last-last name (Smith Allan Jones is "J").
- Those walking or with special circumstances will be handled case by case.
- I.D.'s are checked and numbers distributed at the parking entrance (Lincoln and 7th St.)
- One number per household (household = one address). You must have a number to register inside.
- If you carpool, arrival time is determined by the driver's I.D.
- Your number determines when you go through the pantry to collect food. Once you have a number you may wait in the Annex or leave and return closer to your distribution time.
- Please do not park at either First Presbyterian or First United Methodist Churches.
- Hastings Police patrol the area.
- We cannot guarantee that we will not run out of every item before everyone is served.
- Please obey all traffic laws including no stopping in streets and no blocking traffic lanes.
- Please follow instruction of volunteers! They are experienced and doing their best. We are here to help you!

- ♦ If you are picking up food for another person, they must fill out a proxy pickup form.
- ♦ There is food for everyone. ALL ARE WELCOME.
- ♦ USDA income limits apply to some foods.
- ♦ I.D. is for arrival time verification only.
- ♦ Please bring boxes, coolers, or other containers for your food.



Please note the times to arrive. This assures that we are as fair to everyone as we can possibly be. **DO NOT COME EARLY!!!**

Alphabetical rotation schedule for the 3 months starting December 2017.

See front for how last names are determined.

Keep this schedule, bring boxes or baskets for food.

#### DISTRIBUTION GROUPS AND TIMES:

##### December 16, 2017

I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	9:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	12:00 PM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	12:30 PM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	1:00 PM

##### January 20, 2018

M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	9:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	12:00 PM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	12:30 PM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	1:00 PM

##### February 17, 2017

P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	9:30 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
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Food Bank for the Heartland SNAP Outreach Program (855) 444-5556—SNAP Assistance Hotline (English/Spanish). This hotline provides assistance with applying for SNAP/Economic Assistance, troubleshooting and status updates, and verification submission assistance.

Mobile pantry list: <http://foodbankheartland.org/programs-services/mobile-pantry/default.aspx>

United Way Assistance for financial assistance (utility bills, rent, etc.) call 211



PLEASE WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST

## Karen Gettert-Shoemaker

AUTHOR OF ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA 2016 SELECTION

"The Meaning of Names"

FORUM: Nov. 19, 9:15 a.m.

## "Excavating History"

Learn how to use family  
lore and local history to  
compose the stories that  
only you can write!



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HUMANITIES NEBRASKA

**2017 Go & Serve Bid Board**  
**Supporting the Go & Serve Mission Trip**

Please help support the Go & Serve mission trip by donating to the Bid Board.

Past donations have included:

Baked Goods	Christmas Decorations
Quilts/Blankets	Glass work
Centerpieces	Art Work
Note Cards	Books
Candles	Wreaths
Gift Certificates	Special Meals
Tickets to Events	Homemade Crafts
Gift Baskets	Autographed items

These are just suggestions; anything is welcome.  
We would love to see some new items included.

Donated items may be dropped off at the church office by November 22<sup>nd</sup>, or if you need yours picked up, text Tammie Nowka @ 402-469-2440.

The Bid Board will open Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> thru December 10<sup>th</sup>.  
The Bid Board will be located in the Parlor.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office.

Your donations and support are greatly appreciated!!

**Thank you!!**

I would like to donate the following items:

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Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program, which provides money to individuals and families, including children and elderly, towards utilities assistance for necessary electricity, water and gas.

As with all of The Salvation Army's programs, utilities assistance is an emergency service. To qualify, individuals and families must have received a disconnect notice and meet qualifications of need.

Your donation makes a difference. Please return this order form to the church office.

Poinsettia in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**“ANGELS AWARE” 2017  
REHEARSALS (meet in choir room)**

GRADES 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> practice 4:00-6:00, Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
EVERYONE, PK-8<sup>th</sup> practice 4:00-6:00 Wednesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, & Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Also everyone, PK-8<sup>th</sup> practice during Sunday School, 9:15-10:15 on November 19<sup>th</sup>,  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-12:00 Dress Rehearsal  
(Remember to wear white, long sleeves, long pants or tights, and socks to go under your angel costumes)

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>,  
9:15-10:15 (Choir Room)  
“ANGELS AWARE”: 10:30 during worship.



Thank you,  
Susan Hoff (402 469 0985)  
Leah Ratzlaff (402 730 5870)  
Joy White (402-469-5630)

**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, December 2.  
Please bring finger foods to share.



**Happy Thanksgiving!!**

*"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

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**Address Service Requested**

**Correction:** Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 a.m. Worship Attendance with Praise & Alleluia Choir (not Celebrate Band) was 83, not 25.

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First Presbyterian Church  
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**Senior Pastor:** Greg Allen-Pickett

**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

#### October 29, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	36
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	217
General Fund (2017)	\$2,137.00
Plate Collections	\$105.00
Per capita	\$30.25
CE Sunday School	\$7.50
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$34.79
Communion-Peace/Hearts & Hands	\$20.00
Copier-Church Women United	\$35.00
United Harvest & Food Pantry	\$21.00
Reformation Dinner Collection	\$378.55
Scrap Metal	\$32.60

#### Nov 5, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship Attendance	32
10:30a.m. Worship Attendance	230
General Fund (2017 & 2018)	\$26,536.00
Plate Collections	\$137.00
Per capita (2017 & 2018)	\$211.75
CE Sunday School	\$10.94
PC (USA) Hunger Fund	\$29.24
Communion-Maryland Living	\$907.00
UNICEF	\$27.41
Disk Donations	\$5.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
Scrap Metal	\$243.20

**Thanks be to God!**