



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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**Dear Congregation, thank you so much for your generous donations to Maryland living Center.** Your monetary and household donations help keep MLC open and working with homeless and aging-out youth in our community. We sincerely appreciate your continued support of our program! Blessings, -- Jenifer Knuth

**Thank you for your recent gift of \$514 to help The Salvation Army (Utility Assistance Program) in Hastings, Nebraska.** We are truly blessed to have caring friends like you. Thank you for caring about the needy of our community. -- Dale and Sandra Brandenburg, Majors

**Thank you for your support of Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings.** We appreciate your financial gift towards helping us feed starving children and their families. Your check...will allow us to provide at least 1160 meals to feed hungry people throughout the world. -- Charles Hastings, President

As a participant of the Chorus of the Plains Christmas Sampler on December 19, 2017, \$160.00 was donated to Hearts & Hands Against Hunger as your portion of the free will offering. **Thank you very much for taking part** in this memorable afternoon Christmas concert. -- Rich Halloran, Treasurer

On behalf of GenOn Ministries and the thousands of individuals, churches and wider communities that we impact, we **thank you for your support.** Your donation allows us to continue to serve many churches enabling them to nurture people of all ages in an abundant life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. In Christ's service, -- Liz Perraud, Executive Director

**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. -- Rev. Rhonda K. Kruse, Mission engagement Advisor, Midwest, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Global Mission Committee** members delivered 106 diapers to Catholic Social Services on January 24, 2018.

**February communion offering** will be for Souper Bowl of Caring.

Dear Members at First Presbyterian Church, Our family wanted to say **thank you to everyone at the church for all of the support.** Over the past few months, with us moving to Hastings, and the birth of our daughter Fiona, we are so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church community. Sincerely, -- The Eckhardts

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**Register NOW for 2018 Summer Camp--3<sup>rd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade,  
PLUS Intergenerational camps for adults/children age 5-12!**

Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are now available on the Child & Youth Announcements Bulletin Board near the church offices. Scholarship Applications are also available.

Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) with any questions

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**Moms Group: Information, Encouragement, Support**

Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Library, noon-1.

Feb. 1: *Marriage/Relationships*. How do we keep them strong during the intense parenting years?

Feb. 15: *Elusive Happiness*. Sure, there is deep joy in parenting, but where is the *fun*?

\*Free Childcare. \*Bring a sack lunch if you like.



**The Opioid Epidemic**

This scary phenomenon can lead us to feel as though our society is being carried on the fast track to destruction. Let's slow down, learn, and find out what's being done to keep it under control here in Nebraska.

**FORUM, Sun, Feb. 4, 9:15 am, Fellowship Hall**

Speakers include:  
**Dr. Ken Zoucha** Medical Director, Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program; **Dr. Michele Bever** Executive Director, South Heartland District Health Department; **Dr. Max Owens** Pharmacist, Walgreens

### **Coming Soon: *Financial Peace University***

The class is open to anyone: couples or singles, young or “more experienced”, just starting out or retired. Anyone who needs to clean up their finances or just wanting to understand how money works better can benefit from this material. Managing our money is a life skill that is becoming increasingly important in this rapidly changing world. If you have taken the class before and want a “refresh,” it is free.

The class will meet Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church starting on February 20<sup>th</sup> and ending on April 24<sup>th</sup> (taking a week off on March 20<sup>th</sup>.) Child care will be available upon request for a free will donation.

You can register online at Dave Ramsey’s website [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com), or contact Deb Johnson at 402-469-5847 for more information.

*A 15-minute preview class will be held in the Parlor following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, Feb. 4.*



**FORUM, Sun., Feb. 11, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

### **Grief Healing Group**

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings will be facilitating a group for people experiencing grief. The group will meet for six weeks on Tuesdays, 12:30-2PM, starting Tuesday January 16. Below is a brief description of the group written by the facilitator, Lanae Hall:

*Life brings us all goodbyes- experiences of change and loss that carry with them grief, whether that is the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, divorce, major illness, or a season of life coming to an end. Are you seeking spiritual meaning from your goodbye experiences? Looking for healing and wholeness? Find it in community with others who have experienced significant goodbyes, who are also moving through grief.*

The group will use the book ‘Praying Your Goodbyes’ as a guide on our journey together. This journey will be gentle, safe, and rich with reflection, prayer, and healing. If you have any questions or would like to talk, please contact Pastor Greg.

**Prayers for:** Arnie Boehler, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona Eckhardt, Zelma Fobben, Jane Foote, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Erlene Gessford, Lois Hahne, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy Illingworth, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Carol Medsker, Al & Lee Meyer, Bob Nedderman, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Norma & Cleon Ochsner, Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit for Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit, Ramona Shetler, Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pam Lay's brother), Audrey Watson and families.

**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.

Are you willing and able to deliver the **weekly Sunday worship service disc to Good Samaritan office** by Wednesday the same week? Please contact Erik Nielsen at 402-462-2096 or Tarci in the church office at 402-462-5147.

**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).

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Irva Smith has been a member of FPC Hastings since April 2, 1933! Her family is hosting **an open house for Irva's 100th birthday** on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Join us in the 200 wing dining hall in Perkins at Good Samaritan Village.

**FPC's Annual Meeting held on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.** At this meeting, the 2017 Annual Report and the 2018 Budget were presented. Church Officers (Elders, Trustees and Deacons) were elected.

You may find the 2017 Annual Report and Pastor Greg's PowerPoint presentation of the 2017 Annual Report and State of the Church Address online in the front page, announcement section of FPC's website: <https://fpchastings.org/annual-meeting-on-sunday-january-28/>, or call the church office if you'd like a copy mailed.

**2017 Contribution Statements** mailed via USPS Bulk on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact Tarci in the office for another copy.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Jan Schawang	02/04/1967
Monte & Karla Malouf	02/04/1977
Steve & Lesa Croyley	02/10/1979
Larry & Uschi Butler	02/18/1967
Jessice & Greg Allen-Pickett	02/24/2001
Brett Erickson & Irina Belikova-Erickson	02/27/1998
Ruei Tut & Nyadeng Kang	02/28/1998

*"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*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## February

<b>02/01</b>	Becky Busboom Nytha Glass Brian Johnson Carole Storer Donna Trutna	<b>02/12</b>	Zada Gernstein Becky Meyer Mary Lee Phelps Jon Propp
<b>02/02</b>	George Adam Chanda Essink	<b>02/13</b>	Paul Caldwell Gayle Fandry Vicki Fisk Hannah Hafer Robert Nelson
<b>02/03</b>	Kate Boyd Lin Jurgena Katie Kingsley	<b>02/14</b>	Rachel Guiai Lee Kreager Mary Plock
<b>02/04</b>	Nina Meyer	<b>02/15</b>	Amber Foral Noble Henderson Scott Ziemba
<b>02/05</b>	Greyson Miller Michelle Musgrave LaVerne Schreiner	<b>02/17</b>	Patrick Burling Keaton Redline
<b>02/06</b>	Pam Canady Shirley Gass George Howard C L Wimer	<b>02/18</b>	Irva Smith
<b>02/07</b>	Justin Brader	<b>02/21</b>	Crystal Bauer
<b>02/08</b>	Judy Stewart JoAnn Williams	<b>02/22</b>	Caleb Northrop Ramona Shetler Brian Telecky
<b>02/09</b>	Meredith Oliver Benjamin Welsch Jenni Welsch	<b>02/23</b>	Zelma Fobben Janey Nottage-Tacey
<b>02/10</b>	Alex Hafer Ben Hafer Doug Phelps	<b>02/24</b>	Harvey Freetly Sharon Steenbarger
<b>02/11</b>	David Cooke Dick McClenahan Phyllis Waltemath	<b>02/25</b>	Dana Odom
		<b>02/26</b>	Brent Brooks Breckyn Knaub Chad Murrell
		<b>02/27</b>	Baylen Hall
		<b>02/28</b>	Shaina Lay

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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.

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