



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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Join Church Women United for *World Day of Prayer* on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> (Good Friday) at Salvation Army (400 S. BURLINGTON AVE.) 9:30am coffee, 10am prayer celebration. Pastor Greg will be leading.

**World Day of Prayer**  
**March 2**  
**2018**

**ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD!**  
Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**Location: Salvation Army**  
400 S. Burlington, Hastings NE

**Date: Friday, March 2, 2018**  
9:30 am Coffee, 10:00 am Prayer Celebration  
**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

ATTENTION: Mandatory Training for ALL First Presbyterian Church Child & Youth Adult Volunteers!!!!

# First Presbyterian Church

## *Child Protection Policy Training*

**Who:** All persons 18 years of age or older who desire to or presently work with the children participating in FPC programs and activities

**When:** Sunday, March 18; 11:30am–12:00pm (following worship)

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church–Sanctuary

*First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our programs and activities. Training of adults working with FPC children is a **MANDATORY** requirement of the FPC Session-adopted policy. Questions? Contact Stephanie at 402-462-5147 or [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org)*

**Houston Service Trip**  
An inter-generational service trip is heading to Houston, Texas March 18-24. Open to both college students and members of First Presbyterian Church, we'll travel by van to Houston. Once there we will partner with the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in their Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. They have recovery efforts going in 15 different counties in the Houston area which we will assist as best we are able. We will be hosted at a

church and provided access to showers, a kitchen, and a place to sleep. Most likely that means air mattresses though there is a slight possibility that other arrangements could be made if necessary. Also, we will probably be participating in more physical labor kinds of tasks but we'll know more about what we'll be asked to do in the next couple of weeks. In order to cover costs and make a donation to our service partners we are asking folks to contribute \$200 to participate in the trip. There is scholarship funding available and the cost includes meals, gas, and funds for a fun day before we leave Houston. Some have already indicated their interest but if you are interested or have other questions please contact Pastor Damen.

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**Register NOW for 2018 Summer Camp--3<sup>rd</sup> through 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.

Calvin Crest and 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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PLEASE JOIN US FOR an  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Hosted By: First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, March 31 at 11:00am

Located at Alexander Park

(Just north of First Presbyterian church)

Alternate location in case of rain: First Presbyterian Church Annex Gym

Age Divisions: • Age 0-2 years • Age 3-5 years • Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

\*\*Please bring your own basket for collecting eggs.



For more information contact Stephanie at  
402-462-5147 or [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org)

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

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

Mar. 1: Raising Boys. Specifically, we'll talk about how movies teach "manhood."

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

### **Financial Peace University is underway, but there's still time to join!**

Financial Peace University is open to anyone. Anyone who needs to clean up their finances or just wants to understand better how money works 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. If you are new to FPU, there is a fee for materials. FPU is being held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings through April 24 (with no class on March 20). Childcare will be available upon request for a free will donation. You can register online at [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com), or contact Deb Johnson at [402-469-5847](tel:402-469-5847) for more information.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Friday, March 2, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Erica states they are in desperate need of blood donors for this drive. Due to colds and flu, the Red Cross is extremely short. They have so far only enough donors for 50% of their goal. The easiest way to sign up is to go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Please take the time to make a difference!



### **"A Judge's Observations of Pilate's Judgment of Jesus"**

**FORUM: March 4  
9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**Speaker: The Honorable  
John Marsh,  
District Judge of the  
9th Judicial District**

### **"The Mobile Phone's Impact on the Human Spirit"**

A Forum class led by FPC  
High School Students  
Sun., Mar. 18, 9:15 a.m.



*Which mobile phone uses are enhancing life; which are draining?  
Which apps facilitate true community; which foster a sense of aloneness?*

- Basic information on common apps will be provided.
- Reflections on positive and negative effects of phone use will be shared.
- Suggestions of apps to strengthen one's spiritual life will be given.

**Did you know** that most of our Forums (the adult education classes taught on Sunday morning), are recorded and available on our website? You can watch previous forums by visiting this webpage: <https://fpchastings.org/adult-education>.

Each issue of the Home Page, we will feature a Forum. For this issue, in observation of the recent closing of the Winter Olympics, you are invited to check out the Forum entitled "Olympic Miracles." To find the video of this Forum, visit the web page above and then scroll down to the first white button with the blue text reading "02/11 Olympic Miracles."





Dear First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you so much for supporting my music skills. I enjoy playing piano and am very grateful for your help.  
Sincerely,  
Keira Erickson

### Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program

#### Application for Spring 2018 is now available

First Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to participate in a very exciting program offered by our church. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the children and youth of our church in their musical pursuits. Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private

music instruction. Applicable areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Lessons are verified by Worship, Arts and Music committee members. NOTE: Although grants are renewable, parents MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

### Mark Your Calendars: *Parenting Workshop on April 14*

Children don't come with instruction manuals, but expert advice, instruction, and encouragement is on the way! Make plans now to attend (and invite any community parents you know) our parenting workshop on Saturday, April 14, 1-5 p.m. The workshop will be led by Dr. Nancy Foster, professor and clinician specializing in pediatric psychology. Presented by the FPC Adult Ed Committee.

### March communion offerings will be for Sixpence Early Learning Fund:

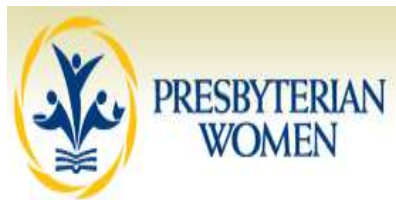
*The **Sixpence Early Learning Fund** is Nebraska's signature effort to put our state's youngest and most vulnerable children on the path to success in school and life. Sixpence promotes high-quality early care and learning opportunities that help parents guide the healthy development of their infants and toddlers. As public-private collaboration at the state and local levels, Sixpence delivers efficiency, fiscal responsibility and measurable results for our investment in the next generation of Nebraska's citizens. -- Retrieved from & for additional information visit: <http://www.singasongofsixpence.org/>*

### Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday (March 4) Servers:

**Ushers:** Gayle Fandry, Elaine Specht, Laurie Johnson, Flossie Sanderson, Chris Junker, Daveta Brader

**Greeters:** Eleanor Jorgenson, Marilyn Nielsen, Sally Smith, and May Wierenga

**Communion Servers:** Nancy Grams, Marie Rasmussen, Sharon Brooks, Kris Horton, Sue Horton, Lois Hafer, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Katharine Davis, Steph Brader, Carol Wheeler, Mary Fisk, Leah Ratzlaff



**Presbyterian Women invite you to join them at Sermons a la Carte**

**Weds, Mar. 7. @ St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

**Beginning at 12:05p, Kili Wenburg will be preaching!**

**PW will then be serving lunch, cost is \$4.00 per person.**

**Located @ 422 N. Burlington St., we hope to see you there!**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Ministry of Music**

**Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program**

---Application---

*2018 Spring (January - May)*

**RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY May 1, 2018**

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last First Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Area (Circle One):

Piano Organ Voice Guitar String Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Wind/Percussion Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly Cost of Lessons: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Verification of Instruction and Participation**

*(Near the end of May, the teacher may be notified to verify the completion of lessons)*

Private Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

FPC Music Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Students must be age 6 – 18 and MUST participate in the children's/youth choir/ music program of the  
First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska.*

*Parents MUST be members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, Nebraska.*

---For Office Use Only---

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Check \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized \_\_\_\_\_

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/1	Lam Dieth Sandra Siemoneit	3/13	Joshua Brooks Kirk Dielman	3/24	Cindy Springer Kelly Swanson
3/2	Tony Eddleman Cheryl Lockwood	3/14	Joyce Harrenstein	3/25	Kaylee Baldwin Mary Jo Boerigter
3/3	Joan Shaw	3/15	Jennifer Boeve Linda Donohue		Dayna Grimmert
3/4	Kim Hermann Kim Maul		Jack Osborne Darlene Payne	3/26	John LaMaster Frank Cassidy
3/5	Alli Gustafson Margaret Thomson		"Tommy" Thomsen		Nathan Halbert
3/6	Carver Abbott Annie Davis	3/16	Tyson Schroeder		Jenni Welsch
3/7	Austin Telecky Todd Welton	3/17	Shirley Maul		Bryce Willicott
3/8	David McCarthy	3/18	Kathleen Nelson Douglas Sabadu	3/27	Grace Canady Erik Nielsen
3/9	Lesa Crolepy Evelyn Viglicky		Jessica Springer	3/28	Stacy Eddleman Ignatius Ewool
3/10	Henry Black Stan Essink	3/19	Cole Shardelow Bill Boyd		Arich Fruehling
	Beth Funkey Les Seiler	3/20	Suzan Hall Ryan Bauer		Erlene Gessford
	Justin Stein	3/21	Tyler Musgrave Eden Dieth	3/29	Frank Georgiana Allison Kern
3/11	Amy Black Phyllis O'Dey	3/22	Irene Lindau Stephanie Adam		Glenn Hunnicutt Libby Knapple
3/12	Maggie Nielsen	3/23	JoAnn Finley Mark Zajack	3/30	Olivia Knoedler Ben Pehl
			Samuel Reimer Ruth Tut	3/31	Deb Freeburger Hannah Jensen
					Delores Levander Mary ann Shorey

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mark & Dianne Scheidegger	03/06/2003
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	03/08/2014
Elmer & Irmise Heeren	03/12/1947
Eldon & Cathy Mitzelfelt	03/13/1971
George & Joy White	03/19/1972
Chris & Janna Johnson	03/19/1983
Brian & Laurie Johnson	03/20/1982
Jim & Carol Harrenstein	03/22/1980
Terry & Linda Hall	03/30/1996

**Thank you** Hunter & Kate (Phelps) Baillie for contributing the beautiful worship service flowers last Sunday following their wedding.

**Congratulations to** Ted & Lori Schroeder (grandparents) and Marcus & Ashley (Schroeder) Fitzgerald (parents) on the birth Maliya Grace, born December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**2018 Directory** is available 3-hole punched or as a stapled booklet and may be found in the church parlor or on the wooden table in the common office area. It is also available in .pdf format. Please contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or [tarci@fpchastings.org](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org) if you'd like a copy mailed or emailed.

### DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS:

**CHURCH STAFF**, p. iv: BRADER, Stephanie, cell phone # 402-984-0580

**SESSION**, p. vi: JOHNSON, Brian (2020), 953 41 Rd., Menden, NE 68959; 308-830-2642

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, p. x: EDDLEMAN, Stacy (2020) is not on the committee.

**HALL, Terry & Linda**, p. 9: Terry's Email is [terry63hall@gmail.com](mailto:terry63hall@gmail.com)

**JOHNSON, Brian & Laurie**, p. 11: Brian's cell phone # 308-830-2642; Laurie's cell phone #: 308-830-1579

**Prayers for:** Erica Brooks, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Lois Hahne, Carol Harrenstein, John Harrington, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Linda Johnson, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Bob Nedderman, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Irva Smith, Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

**Condolences to** Carol Harrenstein and family for the loss Carol's mother, Ethel Johansen. Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 28 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kronborg. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Higby-McQuiston Mortuary in Aurora.

**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.

**The radio broadcast** airs during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.

**Sunday's service will be broadcast** live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings) and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 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 in the office.

*"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*



## ***FPC Adult Mission in Motion***



Dust off your passports and prayerfully consider participating in an adult mission trip to Frontera de Cristo Bi-National Border Ministry between Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. This trip is being coordinated through four members of our mission committee who made this journey over a year ago. Frontera de Cristo is a partner with Café Justo which we sell in our Hands Around the World Store. This initial announcement is to let you know we are planning a shorter version of our trip from **October 20<sup>th</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at an estimated cost of \$800 which includes a flight from Grand Island to Tucson. There may be some financial assistance available. We will continue to add information about the ministry, registration, costs and schedules each week.

***Frontera de Cristo has a wonderful website for information at [fronteradecristo.org](http://fronteradecristo.org). The following is from this website:***

***Working with our partners, Frontera de Cristo engages in six areas of ministry including: church development, health ministry, family ministry, mission education, the Just Trade Center and community development with the New Hope Community Center. A great deal of energy and prayer is directed towards mission education, working with mission delegations across borders to build relationships and understanding and witness to the power of the gospel to tear down walls that divide humankind. Mission teams come to be in mutual mission with their Mexican brothers and sisters, sharing their gifts and talents as well as receiving.***



## Help the young women of Pine Ridge Reservation.

Beginning on Women's Sunday, March 4 a special project has come to our attention. Many teenage girls on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD are missing up to one week of school each month because they can not afford Sanitary Supplies.

You can help us and these young ladies. A group of FPC women along with the Presbyterian Women's Committee are asking for the congregation to either donate supplies or help with money to purchase products.

We will be doing an ongoing drive for feminine hygiene products for the young women living on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

You can buy the products and bring them to the church or you can donate money and they will buy the products in bulk to be shipped to the reservation.

The supplies can be placed in Memorial Room starting March 4 and continuing in the future by leaving them in the office or leave a check made out to First Presbyterian Church with a note on the memo line Pine Ridge.

If you would like to read more about this concern you can read the Huffington Post IMPACT article from August 25, 2017.

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-its-like-to-be-a-teen-in-the-us-who-cant-afford-tampons\\_us\\_597216dde4b09e5f6cceddff](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/what-its-like-to-be-a-teen-in-the-us-who-cant-afford-tampons_us_597216dde4b09e5f6cceddff)

For further information contact  
Kim Hermann, Margaret Marsh or Georgie Evans.



### 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](http://www.wdp-usa.org).

### ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD

Church Women United

**Location:** SALVATION ARMY

400 S. Burlington, Hastings NE

**Date:** Friday March 2, 2018

9:30 am Coffee

10:00 am Celebration

### World Day of Prayer • March 2, 2018

"All God's Creation is Very Good!"

"A heri grontapu di Gado meki buni doro, doro!"


In the beginning, God created our world from chaos. And everything that was created found its place in creation. All were related to each other—earth and light, waters and sky, tree seeds and living creatures, humankind and God. None could exist without the other, and the source of all was God. There was goodness in that integrated system. And essential to that goodness was the charge to care for creation.

This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer (WDP) Committee of Suriname call us to worship with the words: "All God's creation is very good!" We are invited to learn about Suriname's history and rich cultural diversity. The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love. The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of creation. They remind us that we are caretakers of God's creation! Through their Bible study and worship service, they invite us to explore issues of climate change, natural disasters, human abuse of the environment—all affecting God's good creation and God's people. They invite us to explore these issues both in the Suriname context and around the world, and to prayerfully consider our response in light of God's generosity.

WDP's guiding principles affirm that "prayer is rooted in listening to God and to one another." Through the worship service, we listen to the people of Suriname. They take us to their communities and through their concerns. Their everyday life is woven into their prayers. They pray for creation and for us as we strive to live into our commitment to care for God's creation. They invite us to consider the words "A heri grontapu di Gado meki buni doro, doro!" ("All God's creation is very good!"). They invite us to follow prayer with action.

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 2018, millions of God's people are being affected by human abuse of God's creation—the earth, its creatures, God's people. We encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to heal and protect God's creation. Throughout the service, the women name ways we can care for the earth and its people. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!





Assisting in the transformation of lives through the process of Recovery.

Horizon Recovery and Counseling Center  
The Unity Houses  
835 S Burlington, Ste 115  
Hastings, NE 68901  
402-462-2066, fax 402-462-2045



10 Years Anniversary


**Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Open House 7:30 am – 2 pm**

**Business before hours 7:30 am – 10 am**  
Breakfast provided by Johnson Imperial Homes

**10:00 AM Chamber Salute**  
835 S Burlington, Ste 115



**Revive Sports Thrift Store Ribbon Cutting, 10:30 AM**  
920 S. Burlington  
Refreshments provided by Antique Mall



During the season of Lent, there is a photo exhibit set up in the Chapel called **"Reflections of Holy Week."** The photos are from Pastor Greg's trip to Lebanon and Syria in October of 2016. Accompanying the photos are a scripture that reflects the last week of Christ's life along with a question or statement for reflection. You are invited to walk through the exhibit anytime between now and Easter. There is an accompanying booklet, also in the chapel, which includes the photos and scriptures for you to take home and use as a study guide during the Season of Lent.



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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.

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