



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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*Join us for Holy Week!*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Holy Week*

ALL WEEK

"Reflections of Holy Week" Photo Display, Chapel

THURSDAY, 3.29, 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship,  
including footwashing and communion

FRIDAY, 3.30, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Good Friday Worship services

FRIDAY, 3.30, 8 p.m. - SUNDAY, 4.1, 7 a.m.

Easter Prayer Vigil

SATURDAY, 3.31, 11 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt, Alexander Park

SUNDAY, 4.1, 7 a.m.

Sunrise Service, outside Barrett Alumni Center  
(followed by breakfast, inside Alumni Center)

(No 8:30 service at the church. No Sunday School.)

SUNDAY, 4.1, 10:30 a.m.

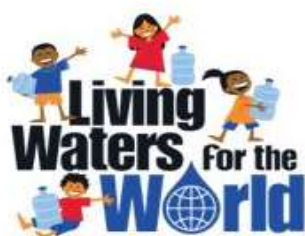
Easter Worship

**April communion offerings are for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).** OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

**Deacons delivered** 2 bags with 10 items to Hastings Food Pantry.

### **Food Pantry Sunday, First Sunday of Every Month**

Hastings Food Pantry donations may be left in the blue totes in the Memorial Room. Non-perishable needs requested by the Pantry are: paper products, pastas, canned fruit, boxed meals, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, and canned chicken, tuna, turkey.



## **2018 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up**

*First Presbyterian Church--Hastings, NE*

We are preparing for another great Vacation Bible School! This year, we are using Living Waters for the World's VBS curriculum. It is designed to help children experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. It will also give children an idea of the world water situation, and some suggestions about ways they may help.

**Our VBS will be held May 21-25, 9:00am-12:00pm.**

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/vbs/>. Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

**College Planning Workshop Postponed...** The workshop originally scheduled for Thursday, April 12, has been postponed until the Fall. Please watch for details later in the summer.

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

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

Apr 5: "How To Raise Successful Kids Without Over-Parenting"

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

### **Your Input Is Needed: 10 Quick Questions**

At FPC, *we value lifelong learning*, and the Adult Education Committee wants to create programs and classes that meet your needs and preferences! Whether you currently do or do not attend adult Sunday School classes, please take our **quick, 10-question survey about adult Sunday School\*** by clicking [here](#). (A paper version of this survey will be available as a bulletin insert in an upcoming worship service.)

\*The Adult Education Committee creates programming in addition to adult Sunday School classes, but this particular survey is addressing only Sunday morning offerings.

**TROOP 200  
HASTINGS, NE**



**CELEBRATING  
100 YEARS  
OF SCOUTING**

**FORUM**  
**April 8, 9:15 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

History of Boy Scouts' connection  
with FPC

How Scouting has evolved  
nationally in response to  
cultural trends

Personal reflections on Scouting's  
impact on faith and career

**Parenting Workshop**

**Saturday, April 14, 1-5 p.m.**

1st Presbyterian Church, 7th and Lincoln Ave.  
**FREE Workshop! FREE Childcare!**

Community Welcome!!



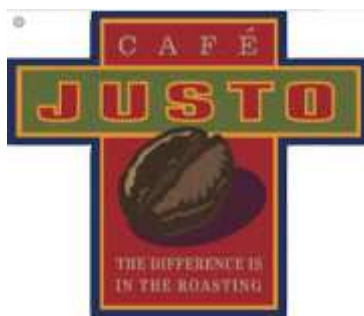
**Children don't come with instruction manuals,  
but help is on the way!**

Workshop will provide expert advice, instruction, and  
encouragement from **Dr. Nancy Foster, University of  
Nebraska Medical Center professor and clinician  
specializing in pediatric psychology.**

**Especially suitable for  
parents with children ages 0-12.**



## *FPC Adult Mission in Motion*



***“Building relationships and understanding across borders.”***

***Save the Dates***

***October 20<sup>th</sup> to October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018***

***Join fellow church members on a journey to Frontera de Cristo.  
[fronterdecristo.org](http://fronterdecristo.org)***

One of our church’s strongest connections to Frontera de Cristo is through the Café Justo we sell in our Hands Around the World Store. On April 14th through April 18th we will have the pleasure of hosting Adrian Gonzalez, Director of Customer Services for Café Justo. Adrian was our guide and translator when Pam Lay, Jan Ham, Denny Storer and Jeni Howard were part of a Border to Border Delegation to Mexico in 2016. He will be sharing the story of the formation of Café Justo, and how the Presbyterian Border Ministry of Frontera de Cristo is connected to that story. He is also very familiar with other Frontera de Cristo projects. He’s a knowledgeable and engaging speaker, so we hope that many of you will come to the adult forum and visit with him after church on Sunday, April 15th.



**Adrian Gonzalez.**



**Adrian with Border to Border Delegation**



Last week, **Pastor Damen led a team of students** from Hastings College along with FPC member Al Meyer to Houston to help with hurricane relief work. The team helped to clean out and rebuild houses that were damaged by the storm. We give thanks to God for their incredible witness of love! Thank you also to everyone who prayed for this mission team and gave to support their work. We hope to continue this tradition of FPC members accompanying Hastings College students on their Spring Break mission trip. If this is something you might be interested in doing next year, talk to Pastor Damen.



### **Cleaning Out Your Closets???**

The First Presbyterian Church Mission committee would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October. Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children. (Adult XL and XXL are in high need) Donations accepted now through October at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings YMCA and Pershing Orthodontics. If anyone is interested in assisting with minor mending and or cleaning, please contact Sharon Brooks at 402-705-4905. We are truly blessed to have such a giving community to help others in need. Please help get the word out before garage sale season so we can get a good start.

### **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**.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_



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**Presbyterian Women Luncheon: Wednesday, April 4**

**All church women are invited!**

**Lunch begins @ 11:45am. Mike Moritz from the National Weather Service will speak about weather preparedness and forecasting, and will answer any questions. \$5 is appreciated. Please RSVP to your circle leader or the church office by Monday, April 2.**

**Circle 2 will prepare the lunch; Circle 3 will set tables, centerpieces etc.**

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**DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS:**

**BOARD OF DEACONS**, p. viii & ix:

**KUMMER**, Scott, new email: [scottk\\_38@yahoo.com](mailto:scottk_38@yahoo.com) (also p. 14)

**GRAMS**, Kenton, new phone number: 402-462-0298 (also p. 8)

**SHAW**, Joan, new address: 827 N. Lincoln Ave., Hastings

**CANADY**, Teresa, new phone number: 402-705-3711

**THOMSON**, Peg, new phone number: 402-499-3795 (also p. 26, 'Margaret')

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, p. x: **Secretary:** Brian Johnson;

**Class 2020 addition:** Chris Junker, 402-705-1766

**NORTHROP**, John, p. 19: new phone number, 402-461-8180

**NOWKA**, Larry & Carolyn, p. 19: new address @ the Regency, 1235 N. Laird #122, Hastings

*In Loving Memory of Irva Smith., February 18, 1918 – March 15, 2018*

Graveside services were Tues., March 20 @ 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of Life in FPC sanctuary @ 11:00 a.m.

Memorials made payable to FPC and noted 'Irva Smith' will be designated for church camp scholarships.

**Prayers for:** Lynn Barrows, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, Carol Harrenstein, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, MaryKay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Carol Medsker, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

**"Thank you** to everyone for all your prayers and words of comfort during this time of my mother's passing. A special thank you to Rev. Greg for his calls and comforting words. Also a special thank you to Rev. Don Canady for his attendance at mom's funeral. It was so nice to have that support. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family." – Carol Harrenstein

**"With loving gratitude:** to Pastor Greg, for your support and for leading such a touching service at my sister Judy's graveside; to Marie Rasmussen for cookies and brownies that brought comfort that day; to those of you who were able to be there; for all prayers; to so many who in some way offered sympathy so lovingly. You're a special "family"! I'm blessed with so many special people in my life." – Jill Kramer

**"Dear Church Friends,** may God's beautiful blessings fill your life and remind you just how treasured and loved you are. **We appreciate** the visits and the beautiful flowers brought to us by our Deacon Lorna. With the beautiful flowers were Scottish thistles significant to both Lorna's and my Scottish heritage!"  
– Mary Jeanne & Jim (Cooke)



"Dear First Presbyterian Deacons and Family, **a great big heartfelt thank you** for the wonderful care and service you provided to my daughter Laura Peterson. Every week this winter while we were gone Laura knew that she would be joining her church family because someone came to her home, picked her up and took her to church. Without the Deacons Laura would not have been able to join her friends on Sundays, which she dearly loves. Such special love was shown by making sure Laura was included. Because of the gentle, loving work that you do God's grace is known.

There is a hymn that we sing – "All Are Welcome" – which speaks to my heart as to our church and the radical inclusion of Christ's love...

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.  
 A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
 Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,  
 Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Thank you for making sure Laura was welcome." -- Kathy and Jim Duval

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Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for the rose honoring Maliya. We look forward to her baptism and continued involvement in F.P.C. She is truly loved and blessed by her family & friends.  
 Sincerely,  
 Ashley & Marcus



YOUR KINDNESS & GENEROSITY WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED!  
 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HELPING US WELCOME OUR SWEET BABY GIRL WITH SO MUCH LOVE!  
 MARCUS & ASHLEY FITZGERALD

**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](http://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."*

--Dave Dirks, Moderator of the Foundation

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY April

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Mike & Marcia Hogan          | 04/02/1983 |
| Mark & Lorna Zajack          | 04/07/2001 |
| Paul & Belinda Nuss          | 04/08/1978 |
| Frank & Heather Cassidy      | 04/08/2006 |
| Todd & Tammy Lay             | 04/11/1987 |
| Joe & Ashley Ehrich          | 04/11/2006 |
| Bob & Mary Jo Boerigter      | 04/13/1974 |
| Jim & Lois Hahne             | 04/15/1961 |
| Richard & Evelyn Viglicky    | 04/16/1947 |
| Rod & Sadi Pontine           | 04/21/2007 |
| Clyde & Katherine Sachtleben | 04/21/2012 |
| George & Colleen Adam        | 04/26/1975 |
| Jorn & Mary Olsen            | 04/26/1975 |
| Dave & Sandra Dirks          | 04/29/1989 |



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## APRIL

|              |                         |              |                     |              |                     |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>04/01</b> | Karen Huber             | <b>04/10</b> | Myah Juranek        | <b>04/22</b> | Jenni Bauer         |
| <b>04/02</b> | Sara Knaub              | <b>04/11</b> | Mattie Eddleman     |              | Kenny Graham        |
| <b>04/03</b> | Brett Erickson          |              | McKenzi Kidd        |              | Walker Hermann      |
|              | Shelley Nuss            |              | Carolyn Miller      |              | Lindsey Telecky     |
| <b>04/04</b> | Galen Finley            |              | Brianna Zubrod      | <b>04/23</b> | Joan McCarthy       |
|              | Meredith LaMaster       | <b>04/12</b> | Carol Medsker       |              | Chad Rethorst       |
|              | Wendy Propp             |              | Sarah Nottage-Tacey |              | Keaton Stroyek      |
|              | Lyndsey Witte           |              | Tom Portwood        | <b>04/24</b> | Job Ehrich          |
|              | Hannah Wray             | <b>04/13</b> | William Hermes      |              | Tyrell Nichols      |
| <b>04/06</b> | Michael Benorden        |              | Broden Hultine      |              | Norah Snell         |
|              | Andrea Franzen          |              | Darin Johnston      |              | Helen Vollweiler    |
|              | Kenton Grams            |              | Kevin Junker        | <b>04/26</b> | Mike Hahne          |
|              | Zo Kreager              |              | Riley Pontine       |              | Darleen Howard      |
|              | Will Locke              | <b>04/15</b> | Lynn Barrows        |              | Taylor Musgrave     |
|              | Norma Saathoff          |              | Harold Korb         |              | Elaine Specht       |
|              | Ruth Swingle            | <b>04/16</b> | Collin Hermes       | <b>04/27</b> | Dave Johnson        |
| <b>04/07</b> | Michael Brooks          |              | Laura McCarthy      |              | Thomas Kerr         |
| <b>04/08</b> | Irina Belikova-Erickson | <b>04/18</b> | Jim Baldwin         |              | Jill Oakeson        |
|              | Barb Harrington         |              | Dean Meyer          |              | Curtis Reimer       |
|              | Stephen Howard          |              | Evelyn Smidt        | <b>04/28</b> | Julie McCarthy      |
| <b>04/09</b> | Anne Halbert            | <b>04/19</b> | Charles Bishop      |              | Cole McCoy          |
|              | Dennis McPherson        | <b>04/20</b> | Robert Grams        | <b>04/29</b> | Kristan Harrenstein |
|              | Cathy Pershing          |              | Belinda Nuss        |              | Sammi Malouf        |
|              | John Pershing           | <b>04/21</b> | Kathy Warriner      | <b>04/30</b> | Alex Peterson       |
|              | Daniel Tut              |              |                     |              | Julia Reimer        |

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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