

# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175 Vol. 25.05, Weeks of March 1 and March 8, 2020

## NOTABLE NOTES

#### FROM KILI WENBURG

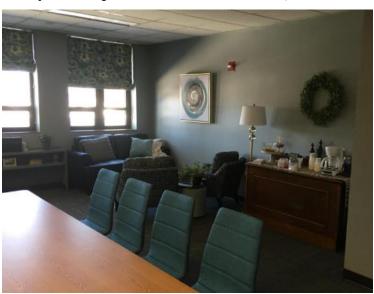
Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

Did you know that we have a "Lydia Room" in our church? "Lydia Room" is now the official name for the classroom on the first floor of the education wing, first door past the church offices. This room was used as a nursery by both Pooh Corner and First Presbyterian up until the summer of 2017.

At that time, the nurseries for both organizations moved to other locations, and the room was repainted and re-carpeted and began to be used as a classroom. This classroom primarily housed the Forum classes, so it came to be known as "the new adult education room."

Fast forward to winter of 2019/2020....since it's no longer "new" and since it's not the only place where adult education takes place, it seemed appropriate to give the room a new name.

To explain why the name Lydia was chosen for this room, it is helpful to know that the Wenburg family dedicated memorial money from Rogene Wenburg's funeral for the purpose of furnishing this room. Rogene was a faithful



Christian, a dedicated church worker, and a lifelong learner, so the family felt that she would be glad to be associated with a room in this church that was dedicated to making people feel welcome, at ease, and able to learn. Because memorial money from other individuals also supported this project and because Rogene's humility would not pair well with naming a room after her, we sought a name conveying Rogene's spirit. With Pastor Greg's guidance, the Wenburg family's support, and the official seal of approval of the Trustees, Lydia was chosen as the namesake for this room. Lydia is described in the book of Acts with characteristics phrases reminiscent of Rogene: eager to learn, hospitable, and dedicated to God. (Check out Acts 16:13-15 for more about Lydia.)

Currently, the Lydia Room is being used for Retreat in the Real World gatherings, Forum classes, grief group meetings, dulcimer practice, and more. The room features a calming gray and aqua palette with black and wood grain accents. Decorative elements include birds, circles, and rocks, all of which were chosen in memory of Rogene. There is classroom seating for up to 28, a coffee and treat station, and an intimate corner with arm chairs and a small couch. If you have not had a chance to see this room yet, please check it out! It has been a labor of love to plan and decorate this space in memory of my beloved mother-in-law and friend, and I hope that our congregation can enjoy this lovely space as much as I have enjoyed preparing it for you.

Though the majority of the project was funded through gifts given in memory of Rogene Wenburg, additional memorials were used and are gratefully acknowledged in warm memory of Lillian Baumann, Ellen Dwyer, Edith Farham, Kathryn Hocking, Oriel Kinley, Penny Lungren, Thelma Sole, Del Swingle, and Edith Willcock.

Ben & Joyce Ore

Jim Duval

Cheryl Ann Elfond

Celia & Wayne Ganow

Jim Hahne **Everly Hogan** 

Janet Schawang Gretchen Lainson

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)

Jim Harrenstein

Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)

Irina Erickson's Mom

Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son) Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)

Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)

FPC Prayers for:

Family of Byford Metzger (father of Linda Johnson) Georga & Duane Ochsner

Jane Horton Jeff Howard

Family of Virginia Malouf Family of Tracy Pettit

Family of Al Behl

Family of Richard Viglicky Family of Zelma Fobben Family of Norm Giesler

(father of Melissa Davis)

Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.



Need a ride to church on Sundays? Call Deacon Moderator Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings">www.facebook.com/fpchastings</a>
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- > at Good Samaritan Village, the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

"When working with your attorney to **update** your will and estate plan, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation."

`--Dave Dirks, Moderator of the Foundation

#### HOSPITAL REMINDER

Due to hospital privacy regulations, for the church to know that either you or a family member will be hospitalized or have been admitted, please take a moment and call the church office at 402-462-5147. Remember, we don't always know what's happening unless you tell us!



Hastings **Food** Pantry-**Donations Needed** On the first Sunday of every month, please bring items to place in the blue

bins in the Donation Station located in Fellowship Hall for the Hastings Food Pantry. Nonperishable foods and paper products are always

needed to keep the Pantry resupplied. Deacons will deliver the items to the pantry supply center.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact the church office at 402-462-5147.

#### Dear Fellow Partners in God's Mission,

As you engage with Presbyterian Mission, you get a glimpse of God--a vision of what God is doing around the world. And so, on behalf of your Presbyterian Mission, please allow me to express our appreciation for your faithful support in December 2019. We received \$306.30 for the Hunger Fund. Your support changes people's lives and helps others receive a glimpse of God around the world.

-Bill McConnell, Mission Engagement Advisor, Office of Mission Engagement and Support

#### **Lost and Found Reminder**

Did you know the church has a lost and found area? In fact, there are two places to look! We have items ranging from and sweaters lonely gloves to neck ties and



glasses. Please check the Lost and Found by the Pop Machine and also check the wood shelf in the hallway by the office. I will be sorting through it soon and either discarding or donating.

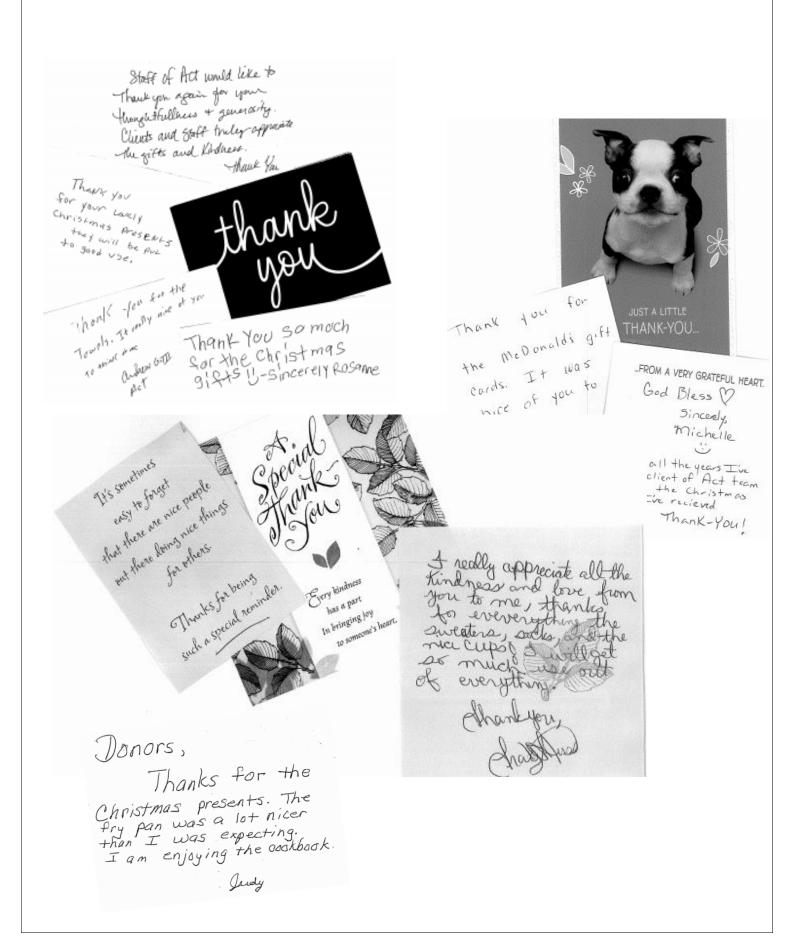


## Help Us Celebrate...

Joyce Harrenstein turning 99 years old on March 14th. Please help us honor her with a card shower. Cards can be sent

to 2525 S Wabash Ave; Hastings, Ne 68901

### March Communion Offering goes to the Middle School Garden.





#### FRAUD ALERT

If you receive an email or a text message that looks like it is from Pastor Greg, Pastor Damen, or one of the other church staff asking you to buy gift cards, please ignore it and report it to the church office. The phone number and email address will be incorrect.

Someone is sending these emails and text messages masquerading as Pastor Greg stating that he is visiting someone in the ER or the

hospital and needs help to order or purchase a gift card. Pastor Greg will never ask a church member to purchase a gift card by sending you an email or text message, so please don't respond. Always pay attention to the return email address and check it for accuracy. Thank you.



**Brooks's Bookshelf** Our son, Brooks, was born on October 10, 2018. Three days after his birth, he was diagnosed with Trisomy 21: Down Syndrome. He is a happy, strong, loving, unique individual and a true blessing to our family. He makes our lives better every day!

Brooks's Bookshelf was created in celebration of our amazing son. He is an inspiration to anyone who is lucky enough to know him! The bookshelf is a way to share the joy of reading and also spread the awareness of Down Syndrome. Bookshelves, where children are welcome to take a book home, will be located throughout our community!

Each bookshelf will include books of all interests with some specific books focused on kindness, on compassion, and on individuals with unique differences. Books to range from picture/baby up to early readers.

Every story and every person is unique and beautiful. We hope that you'll find it in your hearts to donate a book or send a monetary donation to help us in this celebration.

Check out our Amazon wish list under Brooks's Bookshelf and other places to donate on our website at <a href="https://documents.org/brooksbookshelf.org">brookssbookshelf.org</a> Follow us on Facebook & Instagram! -Kindly, Brooks Borrell & Family



**FPC is starting a medical equipment library** from which members can borrow equipment that they need on a temporary basis. These items will include walkers, bath chair, crutches, toilet riser, knee scooter, etc. If you have any equipment cluttering your basement that you would like to donate or if you have a temporary need for such an item, please contact Erica Brooks at ericalynn128@gmail.com.





The <u>next</u> Red Cross Blood Drive will be <u>Monday</u>, <u>March 30</u>, <u>2020</u>, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at <u>402-469-9285</u> or sign up at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u>.



Register NOW for 2020 Summer Camp--3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, PLUS Intergenerational & Family camps for adults/children age 5-

<u>12!</u> Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are now available on the wood shelf next to the church office door. Scholarship Applications are also available. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org with any questions.

## **Church Camp**

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.



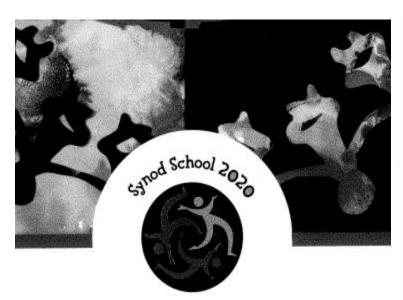
Third Saturday of the Month Annex Building Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

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 <u>free of charge</u>. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

	March 21, 2020	
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
А, В	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. To volunteer, simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. *Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.* 



## What Shall We Tell Them?

July 26-31, 2020
Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa

## Purpose

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. We seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy, and individuals and families. Classes and activities are available for adults, youth, and children.

#### Come..

- to participate in a unique experience of Christian community as we worship, study, play, and live together;
- to grow in faith through action, relationships, and a centering of the spirit;
- for continuing education, for a special family experience, or for individual growth;
- to take it all in, then return home to share and serve.

#### Synod School Theme: What Shall We Tell Them?

"We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of God, and God's might, and the wonders that God has done." Psalm 78:4 What does this look like when we can't assume people know our language and history as a Church? The changing context around us raises questions about how to be faithful in this time and age, in a world that is changing constantly. How do we talk about God? Where, when, why and how do we tell our stories? What stories do we tell?

#### For additional information contact

#### Deb DeMeester

Director of Leadership Development Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 2115 Cliff Drive Eagan, MN 55122-3327 SynodSchool@lakesandprairies.org 800-328-1880 or 651-357-1140 Fax: 651-357-1141 www.lakesandprairies.org Facebook Group: "Synod School: Is this heaven? No, it's lowa!"

Synod School is a leadership development ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with support from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation.



## What's Happening at FPC --- March 1 - March 14, 2020

Sun, Mar 1	8:30a-9:30a	Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with		
		Communion in the Chapel		
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages		
	10:30a	Traditional Worship		
Mon, Mar 2	8:15a-9:15p	Walkers in PEACE Center		
	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center Gym		
	1:00p-4:00p	Food from the Heart Food Prep		
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center		
	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Troop 200		
	7:30p-8:30p	Chorus of the Plains		
Tues, Mar 3	8:15a-9:15p	Walkers in PEACE Center		
, -	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting		
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room		
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center		
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym		
	5:30p-6:30p	WAM Meeting in Anderson		
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board in Kessler		
Wed, Mar 4	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor		
•	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center		
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel		
	11:00a-11:45a	PW Coordinating Team in Library		
	11:45 a-2:00p	PW Luncheon		
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time,		
		Choir/Bells (WNL)		
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal Time		
		All are welcome!		
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High		
		School Bells		
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement		
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir		
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and		
	- <b>-</b> , <b>- -</b>	Westminster High School Choir		
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells		
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School		
	·	(6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ) Youth Group		
Thurs, Mar 5	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Classroom		
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center		
	12:00p-1:00p	Soup Group in the Library		
	5:00p-6:00p	Grief Group in Lydia Room		
	5:30p-6:30P	Christian Ed in Parlor		
	5:30p-8:30p	Pickle Ball in PEACE in Center Gym		
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center NE Classroom		
	6:00p-7:00p	<b>Spanish Class</b> in PEACE Center NW Classroom		
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in Fellowship Hall		
Fri, Mar 6	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room		
Sat, Mar 7	•	TIME CHANGE TONIGHT		
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Sun, Mar 8	8:30a-9:15a	Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with		
,		Communion in the Chapel		
	9:00a-9:45a	Sunday School All Ages		
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service		
Mon, Mar 9	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center		
	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center Gym		
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center		
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls		
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains		
Tues, Mar 10	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center		
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting		
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room		
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center		
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym		
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life in Parlor		
	6:00p-7:00p	<b>Trustees</b> in Anderson		
	7:00p-8:30p	Knit Wits in Parlor		
Wed, Mar 11	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor		
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center		
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel		
	4:00p-8:00p	NO WNL Activities		
_	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement		
Thurs, Mar 12	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in the Adult Ed Room		
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center		
	4:30p-5:30p	Mission in Parlor		
	5:00p-6:00p	Grief Group in Lydia Room		
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym		
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center		
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom		
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in Fellowship Hall		
Fri, Mar 13	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room		
Sat, Mar 14				



With First Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, March 29 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Skate Island, Grand Island Rides available – Drivers needed Admission \$5.50 – Skate rental \$1

Need More Information?? Contact Julie Thomsen
© 402-984-8754
EVERYONE WELCOME





## SAVE THE DATE

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TRADITIONAL

JUNE 1-4

9:00-12:00

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SPECIAL NEEDS

JUNE 1-3

1:00-3:00

Watch for more information in the coming months!





Our mission is to bring peace, comfort, solace and enjoyment through singing for those receiving hospice care, their loved ones, and caregivers.



To schedule a singing
visit, contact
Tom Michalek
402-699-2342
Caring Voices Hastings@
gmail.com

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

December 2019 Giving Update							
Budget General Fund Giving PC(USA) Communion Offering Joy Offer		Joy Offering					
\$47,917	\$104,872	\$178	\$688	\$3034			
January 2020 Giving Update							
\$47,917	\$29,944	\$162	\$847				



First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an "APP" for you! Our directory of names, contact information, and corresponding family photos is ready for you to create your login at <a href="http://instantchurchdirectory.com">http://instantchurchdirectory.com</a>. Use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access. Only members will be able to create a login and load an app on their phones from the app store.



**Pickle Ball?** You are invited to come to the FPC P.E.A.C.E Center located at 7th and Lincoln Ave. Pickle Ball is a fun blend of ping pong, racquetball, and tennis. It is designed for all ages as a healthy activity for young and old alike. It is lower impact than tennis but just as fun! Equipment is available; you just need to show up!



**Food from the Heart Program** The women of our church have started a mission of giving to our friends and families. Our plan is to get together on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 2:00pm. We will prepare the food for casseroles to be placed in the church freezers. Everything will be ready to go when volunteers arrive. It would be nice to have 5-6 peoople help prepare the meals. To let Nancy Grams know you are coming to help prepare the casseroles or if you have any questions, call or text at 402-705-8179. The finished casseroles in the freezer are for anyone to take and give away. Feel free to share with non-members also. We care about everyone, so enjoy.

### **Shop Hands Around the World for your Fair-Trade Items**

Our products come from artisans who live in poor areas around the globe. Purchasing their goods helps them to feed their families, send their children to school, and improve their lives by becoming economically self-sufficient. Handcrafts include baskets, scarves, jewelry, woolen hats and mittens, holiday decorations, gourmet chocolates, spices, teas, coffee, and more. Purchasing products from the store also supports our local mission, United Harvest. We give \$100.00 from the store each month to this outreach, which helps to feed those in need in our community. We are open from 9:00-12:00 every Sunday.



**Donation Station Has Moved** Looking to donate items to Hastings Food Pantry, Happy Nappies, Pine Ridge, Brooks's Bookshelf, and/or SASA? The Mission committee has moved the ongoing collection tubs for these projects into the **Fellowship Hall**. If you stop by to take a look, you'll find clearly marked bins with lists of the items for which these agencies are looking. Thank you for your continued support of these vital ministry partners.





Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:15am in the Anderson Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

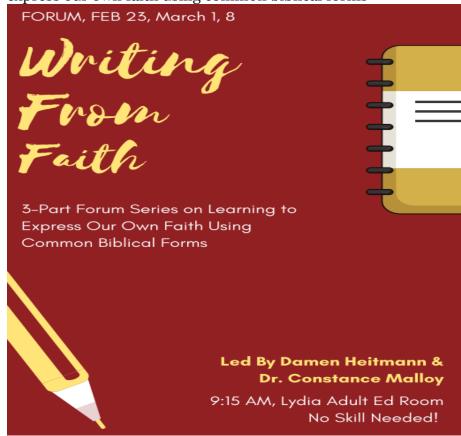


**Bible** @ **Breakfast** meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. in the Parlor. Come join us for coffee, conversation, and study.



**Forum Adult Sunday School Class** meets at 9:15am as scheduled in the Lydia Room (Formerly the Adult Ed Room).

\* Writing From Faith, Feb 23, March 1, 8: Three-part series on learning to express our own faith using common biblical forms







**Soup Group for Women meets** the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish for lunch and Fellowship.



**Knit Wits**. Join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!



**Presbyterian Women** *meet for food, fellowship, and programs the first Wednesday of the month at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall.* 

The <u>March</u> luncheon will be Sermons a la Carte at St. Mark's Episcopal. The next luncheon will be <u>April 1, 2020</u>. Please RSVP to your Circle calling chairman and to the Office by March 30<sup>th</sup>. The program will be given by Susan Kloke on "Angel Gowns"

- Circle I will prepare lunch and provide kitchen helpers.
- Circle II will set tables, provide centerpieces, devotions, nametags, Hunger Cups, and act as Cashiers.
- ✓ Circle I will meet March 18-9:30am in the Parlor

(Hostess: Elaine Specht & May Wierenga, Lesson: Flossie Sanderson)

✓ Circle II will meet March 18-9:30am

(Hostess: Sally Smith, Lesson: Betty Kooy)

✓ Circle III will meet March 18-1:15 pm in the Library

(Hostesses: Nancy Grams, Lesson: Sue Medsker-Nedderman)

# Gift of the Heart Kits



Presbyterian Women and Church Women United are collecting items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Emergency Cleanup Buckets.

Information can be found at the table in the Memorial Room. Questions? Call Nancy Grams for the answers. First Presbyterian Church **621 North Lincoln Avenue** Hastings, NE 68901

Phone: 402-462-5147, Fax 402-462-6818

Email: fpc@fpchastings.org Website: www.fpchastings.org

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**Publishing Guidelines**: The *Home Page* is a twice-monthly 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 the Thursday prior to publication. Submissions may be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: fpc@fpchastings.org or call 402-462-5147.

<sup>28</sup>Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall, <sup>31</sup>but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31