



The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175
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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I hope y'all are having a great summer! The rest of the summer, I am preaching a Summer Sermon Series on Songs from popular culture. Below is a tentative outline of the Summer Sermon Series.

6/25/17: Sermon on Beatles song "Let it Be" and Psalm 46

7/2/17: David Johnson, Guest Preaching

7/9/17: Sermon on musical Man of La Mancha song "The Impossible Dream" and Revelation 21:1-6

7/16/17: Sermon on Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Simple Man" and Matthew 22:35-40, 2 Corinthians 1:12-14

7/23/17: Sermon on Barry Manilow song "One Voice" and Romans 15:1-13

7/30/17: Go and Serve Sunday. "Seasons of Love" from Rent, 1 John 3:1-3, 16-22

8/6/17: David Johnson, Guest Preaching

8/13/17: Sermon on J. Paul Williams "Creation Shall Be at Peace" and Isaiah 11:1-10

8/20/17: Sermon on The Byrds "Turn, Turn, Turn" and Ecclesiastes 3

~Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

"Thank you!" to everyone who volunteered at Saturday's United Harvest mobile food pantry!

We served about 373 families by 1:00 p.m., which is almost an hour faster than some months. You all worked extremely hard in some warm conditions.

Thank you to the Hastings Food Pantry also for allowing us to give some of their supply to the last few families so that everyone would get some food.

If you're thinking about volunteering, please join us for the next distribution: July 15. Volunteers are needed. Glory be to God!

Go & Serve News

You should have received our stock sales letter in your mail by now. IF you have not, please contact the Church Office. Your contributions to this are greatly appreciated. We are going to Charlotte, NC and the kids will conduct the Sunday service on July 30th. There will be a lunch of appreciation after that service for those who contribute to the stock sales. You will also receive a post card during our trip thanking you and telling you about our time spent in Charlotte. The trip dates are July 8th through July 15th. Whether you can contribute or not, we ask that you pray for us on our journey. Thank you and God Bless,

- The Go & Serve Mission Team

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One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.

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Volunteer opportunities include:

Sundays

Setting up before Sunday morning services at 9:00 am.

Assembling lunches in Fellowship Hall following services.

Transporting lunches to Catholic Social Services on Sunday following assembly.

Mondays

Assist in loading sacks from Church onto CSS truck, and helping unload at CSS.

Tuesdays

Transporting bananas from Russ's IGA to Catholic Social Services

Wednesdays

Organizing a hot lunch or special meal.

Joining cooks in our church kitchen to prepare a chef salad or hot lunch to serve on the next day.

Thursdays

Assist in serving special lunch at Catholic Social Services.

Fridays or Saturdays

Transporting bread, meat or other foods. (Larger vehicle helpful)

Donations of cash or food are always welcome and needed.

Prayers!!!!

Thanks for your generous and enthusiastic support of this ongoing mission.





Hastings Tribune: New pastor 'standing on the shoulders of giants'

Like First Presbyterian Church in Hastings, the Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett has a heart for and background in missionary work.

So when the 39-year-old husband and father interviewed with members of the church's pastoral nominating committee last November for the vacant senior pastor position, the attraction was mutual.

"When I came here and learned that this church has been running a short-term mission trip every summer since 1969 with the Go and Serve program, I was just blown away," the newly appointed pastor said. "I'm really excited to be joining a church that already has this really rich tradition of engaging in mission, both locally, in the U.S., and around the world. I hope to continue to facilitate that and help the church build and grow on that as we participate together in God's mission."

One of six pastors on staff during his most recent assignment at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Allen-Pickett presided over his first service here March 12. He replaces the Rev. William Nottage-Tacey, who retired in November 2014.

The former pastor of Global Missions in Atlanta, Allen-Pickett's background in missionary work includes a year spent living in Ecuador and four years as general manager of the Presbyterian Church's World Mission program, overseeing global mission efforts of 180 mission workers serving in 40 countries around the world.

"Those experiences have helped me develop what we call a missiology sort of theology of mission and a heart for mission," he said. "That's certainly one of the things that I hope to bring to this church. Not that they don't have it already — they've been doing the work for almost 150 years — but I hope to continue to bring my experiences to bear on that and help to grow that and continue to facilitate that work.

"It's amazing to see the church's vision and desire to serve their community. We have three feeding ministries housed in this annex building that used to be a middle school gym and shop class, and it's this church's heart for mission that led to that. These opportunities come along and this church is willing to jump on them and invest the resources and energy and love into making sure that God's ministry is being done in this community."

A native of Flagstaff, Arizona, Allen-Pickett attended college in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, where he met his wife, Jessica, while attending Pacific Lutheran University.

Married for 16 years, the couple has one child, Esther, a first-grader. Having resided in Colorado for more than a decade, their relocation to the Midwest brings them closer to family in Colorado, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Olympia, Washington, he said.

A classically trained musician who sings and plays piano and French horn, Allen-Pickett developed his bass voice singing in high school and college choirs. A regular performer in the church choir in Atlanta, he already has feeling right at home lending his voice to First Presbyterian's contemporary Celebrate Band during Sunday services.

Among his objectives as pastor is fostering the church's long-standing relationship with Hastings College, which church leaders founded in 1882.

Ongoing ties that bind the two include the church's music program, which showcases several HC students in its choirs — including the Chancel Choir directed by former HC music department head Robin Koozer, and Handbell Choir directed by Byron Jensen, HC's music department head.

"The crossover here is great," Allen-Pickett said. "It leads to amazing music. You would not expect to find music like this in central Nebraska.

"My church in Atlanta had lots of resources and was very well known for its music program, but I honestly think this church could compete with such cathedral-type churches in terms of our music program."

As lead pastor, Allen-Pickett looks forward to preaching a weekly sermon on the gospel message, a privilege left mostly to the lead pastor at his former church. He welcomes the opportunity to exhibit leadership and partake in

the joys and sorrows of congregants in his care.

"I love to share the gospel message and invite people to be part of that story," he said. "The other blessing pastors have is that they are called to be present with families in very intimate moments: the birth and baptism of a child, weddings, illnesses, hospital visits, deaths, and I consider that an incredible honor and privilege. My hope is that I can enter these spaces and point to the presence of God."

Having familiarized himself with First Presbyterian's lengthy history in Hastings, he is both humbled and inspired (to) continue the work of those who came before him.

"I really feel blessed that this church has such a rich history," Allen-Pickett said. "I feel like I'm standing on the shoulders of giants who have come before me, faithful pastors who had a desire to see their church and community thrive. I feel really blessed to be part of that tradition and to hopefully carry on that tradition as leader of this church."

John Huthmacher Jun 2, 2017

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**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.

The **radio broadcast** airs during service at 10:00 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.

**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.

**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.

**Greeters:**

**July 2** Alice Throckmorton, Kym Warner, Marilyn Nielsen

**July 9** Dixie & Gale McDonald, Jane Foote

**July 16** Ted & Lori Schroeder

**July 23** Vera & Dan Zabloudil, Kathy Utter

**July 30** Mary Kay Lamaster, Kim Creech

**July Ushers (Team #5):** Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Ken Stein

**July 2 Communion Servers (Team #3):** Jeni Howard, Kay Georgiana, Susan Hoff, Harold Korb, Lynette Krieger, Paul Krieger, Kraig Lofquist, Kathleen Nelson, Chris Schukei, Kym Warner

\*\*As with all positions, if you're signed up to volunteer –  
please be sure to attend or find a replacement. Your commitment is appreciated!\*\*\*

**July Communion offerings**

will be remitted to SASA (Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault) Crisis Center

"At SASA, it is our mission to be a source of help, hope, safety and inspiration to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We embrace and focus on the story of each individual with deep concern and care in order to understand, facilitate, advocate and support."

"SASA's vision is to plant seeds of change that create communities who redefine norms, seek justice, promote self-worth and inspire healthy relationships."



# SUMMER SERVICE

## First Presbyterian July Challenge A Month of Community Service!

**Some churches slow down during the summer. Not First Presbyterian Church of Hastings!  
Join us as we double down for the month of July and commit to serving our community!**

*Romans 12:9-13 (NLT) Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them... Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically... When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.*

**We are challenging ourselves to volunteer 1,000 hours for the month of July! Are you in?**

**There are multiple opportunities to serve in July. Sign up for at least 2 opportunities and help us achieve our church-wide goal of 1,000 volunteer hours!**

### United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday, July 15  
Two shifts available:  
9:30am-12:00pm  
11:45am-2:15pm

Help unpack and distribute food in the "mobile food pantry" that we set up in the Annex Gym. Or help a recipient fill their food cart and help them load up the food in their car.

Coordinator:  
Kili Wenburg: 402-462-5147 – [kili@fpchastings.org](mailto:kili@fpchastings.org)

### Go and Serve Mission Team

Saturday, July 8 – Saturday July 15  
Our Go and Serve mission team of 22 people will be traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina to work with a Presbyterian ministry called "Cross Missions" that works to address urban poverty and food insecurity.

FPC Hastings has sent a short term mission team every year since 1969! The team is already set this year, but you can:

- Pray for them
- Donate toward the cost of the trip to support this vital work

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### Community Service Coupon for FPC Hastings Summer of Service

(Tear off this coupon and turn it into the church office, be entered into a drawing for a dozen cupcakes)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hours Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of ministries where service took place: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Sundays - July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30:

9am-10am: Set up to help pack lunches after worship service

11am-12pm: Help pack more than 1,200 lunches each week

12pm-1pm: Transport lunches to Catholic Social Services on Sunday following assembly

#### Tuesdays - July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1:

Transport bananas from Russ's IGA to Catholic Social Services (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1 hour)

#### Wednesdays - July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2:

Cook in church kitchen to prepare a hot lunch to serve on the next day (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1-4 hours)

#### Thursdays - July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3:

Serve lunch at Catholic Social Services (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1-4 hours)

**Other opportunities throughout the month include:**

- Transporting bread (requires larger vehicle) or other food items.
- Donations of cash or food are always welcome and needed.
- Please offer your prayers!

Coordinators:

Jeni Howard: 402-469-1500 - [jhoward37@charter.net](mailto:jhoward37@charter.net)

Meg Stewart-Magee: 402-902-9330 -

[mstewart@hshn.org](mailto:mstewart@hshn.org)

### Project Homeless Connect

#### June 17, 24, and July 1 - Donation/collection drives:

Volunteer 1-4 hours between 10am-4pm outside of Walmart (June 17, July 1) or Russ's (June 24) to collect donations for the PHC event

#### July 27: 225 volunteers needed!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Set-up day before event/clean-up after event
- Navigator
- Runners/Greeters
- Food Service
- Registration table
- Translators, including Spanish, Sudanese, Vietnamese

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit this website: [www.phchastings.org](http://www.phchastings.org)

**Donation of needed items:** Towels/wash cloths; these can be gently used as long as they appear like new. Monetary donations also welcomed.

**Stuffed animal donations:** Stuffed animal adoption activity during PHC. This activity helps occupy children while their parents are receiving services.

Coordinators:

Tina Winchell: 402-469-7915 - [phchastings@gmail.com](mailto:phchastings@gmail.com)

Rashell Hillis: 402-984-9438 - [hillisrashell@gmail.com](mailto:hillisrashell@gmail.com)

### Other Service Opportunities

Our church members are engaged in ministry and service all the time! Please record the hours you spend volunteering during the month of July to be included in our total. This could include:

- Deacons visits
- Community service through civic organizations like Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Lions, Masons, etc.
- Volunteering with Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts
- Volunteering at a summer camp

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Prayers for Judy Brown, Celia Ganow, Zelma Fobben and families.

Andrew and Britni Pettit from Livingston, Texas were wed on Saturday, May 13th in Ashland, NE. **Congratulations** to the families, including parents Tracy and Susie Pettit!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Byron & Deb Jensen       | 07/01/1979 |
| Tyler & Jamie Lay        | 05/07/2014 |
| George & Jo Anderson     | 07/06/1974 |
| Gary & Emily Johnson     | 08/07/2000 |
| Tracy & Kenny Brooks     | 07/10/2010 |
| Teri & Tam Nguyen        | 07/15/1980 |
| Neal & Susan Hoff        | 07/16/1972 |
| Tim & Teresa Canady      | 07/18/1998 |
| Tommy & Dee Toms III     | 07/18/1998 |
| Harold & Milrae Korb     | 07/24/2010 |
| Dick & Pat Kleiber       | 07/25/1958 |
| Jeff & Vicki Howard      | 07/26/1980 |
| Doug & Marnie Soderquist | 07/27/2012 |
| Tom & Leah Ratzlaff      | 07/31/2004 |

### DIRECTORY UPDATES:

**PLOCK, Mary (p.22)** Remove home phone number,  
Add Cell Phone Number: 402-705-0675

**JENSEN, Byron (p.11)** Email:  
bdjensen79@gmail.com

**RATZLAFF, Leah**  
(p.22)Email:Leahsratzloff@gmail.com

### **First Presbyterian Church Hastings remitted in June:**

\$851.17 to Seminary Student Fund  
\$142.85 for May PC(USA) Hunger Fund  
\$1,978.00 to Open Table  
\$291.67 to General Assembly  
\$350.00 to Synod  
\$2,945.82 to the Presbytery

Your contribution makes the difference! Glory  
be to God!

**Coming Soon:** Interested in giving your one-time or recurring donation(s) online using your debit or credit card? [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org) will soon have a 'Bluefire' icon for secure payment processing.



## Kids Eat Free!

Niños Comen Gratis! Ages 1-18\*

### ZONE SITE

MAY 22 — JUNE 2

2015 W 3rd St by the Water Park  
11:30am—1:00pm

### CARTER PARK SITE

JUNE 5 — JUNE 30

E Street and S Chicago  
12:30 pm—1:00 pm



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**The Stout Family is having a baby!** As a ministry of hospitality, the deacons are organizing meal delivery to the Stout family after their new baby is born next week.

You can sign up to deliver a meal by visiting the following webpage: <https://mealtrain.com/e73e60> If you can't access the webpage, please come into the

office to let Tarci or Greg know when you would like to deliver a meal, and they will share the details with you. Meal delivery will be Mondays and Thursdays starting Thursday, June 29 for 6 weeks. That means there are 12 opportunities to sign up! The family is two adults and one precious 2 year old. There are no dietary restrictions. Thank you for participating in this vital ministry of hospitality as we welcome the newest member of our First Presbyterian Church family!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|              |                       |  |              |                    |
|--------------|-----------------------|--|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>07/01</b> | Cal Johnson           |  | <b>07/17</b> | Pam Lay            |
|              | Audrey Portwood       |  | <b>07/18</b> | Annie Mitchell     |
|              | George White          |  |              | Sharon Reicks      |
| <b>07/02</b> | Cale Henderson        |  |              | Rachael Tut        |
|              | Pat Jacoby            |  |              | May Wierenga       |
|              | Jamie Lay             |  | <b>07/19</b> | Lois Hahne         |
|              | Jayden Propp          |  |              | Steve Jurgena      |
|              | Brent Sovereign       |  |              | Susan Roberts      |
| <b>07/03</b> | Wallace Dogbevia      |  | <b>07/20</b> | Charlie Stout      |
| <b>07/04</b> | Mike Meyer            |  | <b>07/21</b> | Cathy Davis        |
|              | Seth Schwarz          |  | <b>07/22</b> | Mark Hemje         |
|              | Lincoln Welsch        |  |              | Chelby Schlichtman |
| <b>07/05</b> | Bailey Eckhardt       |  |              | Meg Stewart-Magee  |
|              | Julie McDougal        |  |              | Harrison Welsch    |
|              | Dave Schawang         |  | <b>07/23</b> | Jonathan Lainson   |
| <b>07/06</b> | Verna Meyer           |  |              | Becky Matticks     |
|              | Adam Welton           |  | <b>07/24</b> | Harrison Bishop    |
| <b>07/08</b> | Terry Beahm           |  |              | Mackenzie Heneger  |
|              | Tammie Nowka          |  |              | Grace Redinger     |
|              | Eleanor Oliver        |  | <b>07/25</b> | Dave Fisher        |
| <b>07/09</b> | Martha Boyd           |  |              | Laif Hultine       |
|              | Connie Hultine        |  |              | Don Rasmussen      |
|              | Sara McPherson        |  | <b>07/26</b> | Dawn Baldwin       |
|              | Paige Taylor          |  |              | Ashley Ehrich      |
| <b>07/10</b> | Bryant Allen          |  |              | Kate Hemje         |
| <b>07/11</b> | Chris Dinkler         |  |              | Linda Johnson      |
|              | Tom Johnsen           |  |              | Mary Lewis         |
| <b>07/13</b> | Kay Georgiana         |  | <b>07/27</b> | Jean Koch          |
|              | Charles Hermes        |  | <b>07/28</b> | Susan Benorden     |
| <b>07/14</b> | Jessica Allen-Pickett |  |              | Chuck Kidd         |
|              | Mary Jeanne Cooke     |  | <b>07/29</b> | Lyndie Eddleman    |
|              | Marc Hultine          |  |              | Alex Ferguson      |
|              | Lynne Friedewald      |  |              | Anah Spurgeon      |
| <b>07/15</b> | Becky Foote           |  | <b>07/30</b> | Bob Boerigter      |
| <b>07/16</b> | Duane Huber           |  |              | Mary Seiler        |
|              | Michelle Kerr         |  | <b>07/31</b> | Stella Adam        |
|              | Nkuma Uche            |  |              | Mike Florek        |





**American Red Cross**

Our next blood drive is Monday, July 3rd, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. If you would like to donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or [ericalynn128@gmail.com](mailto:ericalynn128@gmail.com). You can also make an appointment to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). PLUS it is our summer drive, which means

all donors get pie, ice cream 🍰 and free backpacks 🎒 ! Thank you for taking the time to help!



**You Can Make A Difference**

During the months of July and August, our local Salvation Army corps is looking for volunteers to assist in starting a new and much needed feeding program that will operate out of a portable kitchen unit. They need capable, able-bodied people who can hand out sandwiches, chips, and bottled water from inside an air conditioned feeding unit one evening a week. If you would be willing to help with this new adventure, please contact Major Dale Brandenburg at 402.463.2930.

The Anchor Holds

Dale L. Brandenburg Major  
Corps Officer Hastings NE

Doing the Most Good Every year, The Salvation Army helps nearly 30 million people, roughly one per second.

Support us at [donate.salvationarmyusa.org](http://donate.salvationarmyusa.org).



Mary Lanning  
HEALTHCARE

# Medical equipment drive

The Mary Lanning Healthcare Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit is gathering donations of gently used wheelchairs, canes, walkers, tub benches, shower chairs and other rehabilitation equipment. The equipment will be given to patients to use at home based on financial need (subject to availability).

Call Shari at 402-461-5019 about your donation. Thank you!

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**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a weekly publication (bi-weekly June & July) 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**

#### **June 4, 2017**

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| 10:00a.m. Worship Attendance | 210        |
| General Fund (2017)          | \$6,764.00 |
| Plate Collections            | \$81.00    |
| Per Capita                   | \$20.00    |
| CE Sunday School             | \$1.34     |
| CE VBS                       | \$100.00   |
| PC (USA) Hunger Fund         | \$26.61    |
| Communion–Pentecost          | \$955.00   |
| Jim McGill/Water Projects    | \$1,497.00 |
| Go & Serve Stock Sales       | \$1,315.00 |
| Pooh Corner Rent             | \$500.00   |

#### **June 11-15, 2017**

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|------------------------------|------------|
| 10:00a.m. Worship Attendance | 139        |
| General Fund (2017)          | \$7,058.00 |
| Plate Collections            | \$136.00   |
| PC (USA) Hunger Fund         | \$13.47    |
| Communion – Pentecost        | \$110.00   |
| Go & Serve Stock Sales       | \$3,255.00 |
| Free Will Donations–Luncheon | \$126.00   |
| Food Pantry                  | \$20.00    |
| VBS Mission                  | \$230.02   |

**Thanks be to God!**