

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season: Recognition of Christian Education Volunteers April 29, 2018

PRELUDE "The Lord of the Dance" Hardiman/Moore

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "When Morning Guilds the Skies" Dan Bird

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 98:1-8 Esther Allen-Pickett

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

*HYMN "I Danced in the Morning" 157

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. When we are given opportunities to witness and share your love with others, sometimes we get scared, or decide we don't have enough time or energy. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy and be witnesses to your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.

We are called to forgive our friends and accept Christ's forgiveness of us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

TIME OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

ANTHEM

“Bring Peace to our World”

John Horman

Sarah Wolf, flute & George White, Narrator

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 John 4:7-21

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

“Guiding, Teaching, & Loving”

*HYMN

“We Thank You, God, For Teachers”

Insert

From *Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
(Geneva Press, 2000)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Statement of Faith” of the United Church in Canada, 1940)

We believe that the Christian life is the life lived in fellowship with Christ and His Church. It begins with repentance and faith. In repentance we turn from sin to serve the holy and forgiving God with new and glad obedience. In faith we entrust ourselves to Christ and rest upon Him alone for salvation. We believe that by the teaching and example of Jesus, the Holy Spirit shows us the way and the end of the Christian life, what it means to love God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as themselves. We believe that we are called to abide within the fellowship of the Church, to maintain its peace and unity, and to give diligent heed to prayer, to the reading of Scripture, to common worship and the sacraments. We believe that we are likewise called to live as those who are of the Kingdom of God, and to seek His righteousness both in individual and social life, serving others in love for Christ's sake.

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

OFFERTORY "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Lepke

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus' name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 366, Verses 1 & 4

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go to the World" 295/verse 2

*POSTLUDE "Toccata in D Major" Krieger

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND INVITE YOUR
NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

8:30 Contemplative Taize-Style Worship with Communion

9:15 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 Traditional Worship Service, Confirmation Sunday, Communion

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873***

Head of Church: Jesus Christ

Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Director of Children & Family

Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann

Director of Adult Education &

Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg

Parish Associate: Rev. Don Canady

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Music Coordinator: Tim Canady

Administrative Specialist: Tarci Matthews

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

We Thank You, God, For Teachers

(To the tune of LANCASHIRE, "The Day of Resurrection")

We thank you, God, for teachers Who help us learn your Way,
Who show by their example How we can serve and pray,
Who find great joy in worship, Who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness, They help us want to learn.

We thank you, God, for children And older people, too,
Who value times of learning And want to grow in you,
Who seek your precious kingdom And wisdom from above;
For wise ones of all ages Still seek to learn your love.

We thank you, God, for families Of every kind and size,
Who keep the vows they spoke when Their children were baptized,
Who pray and read the Bible, Who love and serve the poor;
They teach, by what they value, The way of Christ our Lord.

We thank you, God, for churches That welcome one and all,
That nurture every person In answer to Christ's call.
So fill us with your Spirit, And give us life anew,
That we may help each other Live faithfully in you.

We are an Easter people, Alleluia is our song!

-St. Augustine

April-May Easter Season Worship Themes

Sunday 4/8: "Service and Unity" Acts 4:32-35, 100 years of Boy Scouts at FPC

Sunday 4/15: "Showing up" Luke 24:36-48, Visit from mission partner from Mexico,
Hastings College Handbell Choir

Sunday 4/22: Senior Recognition Sunday, Psalm 23 and John 10:11-18

Sunday 4/29: "Guiding and Teaching" Acts 8:26-40

Sunday 5/6: Confirmation Sunday, Confirmands' Statements of Faith

Sunday 5/13: "A Spirit of Wisdom" Ephesians 1:15-23, Mother's Day

Sunday 5/20: Pentecost in the Park! Acts 2:1-21 Shared worship
and potluck with the Episcopal Church in Chautauqua Park



Thank you!! To all the volunteers who helped make Christian Education events possible this year!

Children's/Youth Ministry Volunteers

Sunday School Teachers

PreK/Kindergarten: Nancy Grams, Kris Horton, Lois Hafer, Alissa Kidd

1st/2nd Grade: Irina Belikova-Erickson, Abigail Shetler, Justin Brader, Tom Ratzlaff

3rd/4th Grade: Jill Kramer & Daveta Brader

5th Grade: Traci Boeve

8th Grade Confirmation: Dave Cooke

Sr. High: Kraig & Laurie Lofquist

Other Sunday Volunteers

Children's Moment Leaders: Nancy Grams & Lauren Canady

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff, Erika Nielsen, Abigail Shetler

WNL Bible Study & Youth Group Teachers

PreK/Kindergarten: Jane Marsh, Susie Graham, Cheryl Schukei, Abigail Shetler

1st/2nd Grade: Leah Ratzlaff & Kathy Reimer

3rd/4th Grade: Jessica Allen-Pickett and Courtney Junker

5th Grade: Ann Koozer

6th/7th/8th Graders: Erica Brooks

Sr. High: Justin Miller

Other WNL Volunteers

Table Setter/Decorator/Cook: Nancy Grams

Recreation: Brady Rhodes, Eric Brader, Tetloach Duang

Napkin Launderer: Carol Grummert

Dinner Dean: Chris Schukei

Table Parents: Abigail Shetler, Richard Brader, Tom Ratzlaff, Leah Ratzlaff, Mike Meyer, Becky Meyer, Courtney Junker, Sharon Brooks, Pam Lay, Don Canady, Ben Welsch

Sunday School and WNL Attendance Recorder: Lynne Friedewald

Adult Ministry Volunteers

Heirs Apparent Class

Curtis Reimer, facilitator

Forums Led by Volunteers

"Portrayals of Jesus in Contemporary Fiction" Gary Johnson

"Hastings College Sunday" Travis Feezell

"Decoding the Church Budget" Jane Bauer, Dave Fisher, Tarci Matthews

"Reflections on Giving" Brian Johnson, Mike Karloff

"500th Anniversary of the Reformation" Robert Babcock*

“Money and Possessions” and “The Last Week” Dan Deffenbaugh*
“Embodied Faith” Nina Meyer, Erica Brooks, Jenni Welsch, Nancy Grams, Kathy Duval
“Jesus of Christmas Carols vs. Jesus of Scripture” Byron Jensen
“Christmas Readings” Darrel Lloyd
“The Phoenix Church: The Great FPC Fire of 1910 and its Aftermath” Bill Nottage-Tacey
“Impact of the Reformation on Michelangelo’s Works” Turner McGehee*
“Religion, Love/Hate, and Justice: Role of Churches in 1960’s Civil Rights” Michella Marino*
“Opioid Crisis” Ken Zoucha*, Max Owens*, Michele Bever*
“Olympic Miracles” Mark Zajack
“Beyond Survival: Thriving and Faithful To the End” Bill Nottage-Tacey
“A Judge’s Observations of Pilate’s Judgement of Jesus” John Marsh*
“The Mobile Phone’s Impact on the Human Spirit” High School Students; Kraig and Laurie Lofquist
“100 Years of Boy Scouts” Will Locke, Ken Locke, Harvey Freetley, Tom Kleinjan*
“The Story Behind the Coffee” Adrian Gonzalez*
“Life as a Preacher’s Kid During the War Years” Jane Marsh

PW Bible Study Leaders

Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Rogene Wenburg, Joy White, May Wierenga, Jill Kramer, Flossie Sanderson, Mary Jeanne Cooke, Katharine Davis, Susie Graham, Marilyn Nielsen, Jane Marsh, Jane Foote, Elaine Specht, Mary Lewis, Gayle Fandry, Pam Lay, Bonnie Grams, Lynette Krieger, Kathy Duval, Jo Seiler

Summer Book Club: Dan Deffenbaugh*

Moms Group: Laurie Lofquist, Jessica Allen-Pickett

Spanish Classes: Bertha De Dios Salvador*

Financial Peace University: Tim and Deb Johnson

Sachtleben Observatory Field Trip Presentation: Clyde Sachtleben

Grief Group: Lanae Hall

Intro to Yoga Series: Kim Borrell, Jenni Welsch, Stephanie Ourada*, Lanae Hall

Wednesday Evening Forums: Lydia Meyer and friends (“Understanding DACA”); Sones de Mexico (Mini-concert and discussion); Kurt Eslinger (“Presbyterian Missionary Seeking Peace”)

Special thanks also goes to...

Erik Nielsen, for expert technical assistance.

Children/Youth CE Committee Members: Chris Junker, Brian Johnson, Harold Korb, Laurie Lofquist, Jill Kramer, Pam Canady, Nancy Grams, Kathy Reimer, Kris Horton, Stacy Eddleman, Irina Erickson.

Adult Ed Committee Members: Anne Bohlke, Jessica Meeske, Gary Johnson, Curtis Reimer, Ben Welsch, LaVern Franzen, Will Locke, Linda Cooke, Matt Fong.

*This individual is not a member of our church but is a community member who has freely given of him/herself in service to us and to God. Please thank him/her if you have the opportunity!

****Thank you also (and sincere apologies) to anyone who was inadvertently left off this list!**

Announcements

April 29, 2018

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at 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 - today'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 at 402-462-5147 or tarci@fpchastings.org.

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

Flowers are in honor of donors and recipients of *Donate Life*, given by Carol Harrenstein and family.

April 29, 2018:

Ushers (Team #2): Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer – Captain, Clyde Sachtleben, Carter Wenburg

Greeters: Connie & LaVerne Franzen, Travis Feezell

Acolytes: Moses Rhodes, Seth Schwarz

Nursery: Kim Bogan

May Ushers: Andrew Barrows, Dave Fisher – Captain, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

Prayers for: Lynn Barrows, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Sharon Chapel, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's mom), Arlene Kort, Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Teresa Luther, Dwight & Jane Marsh (Edie Perdew, Dwight's sister), Carol Medsker, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

Prayers also for Michael, Marcia and the Hogan families. Michael's brother, Stephen (Aurora, CO) has been battling inoperable cancer. Home hospice is now assisting.

Offerings for **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be accepted throughout the month of April.

May communion offerings will be donated to the **Open Table Sack Lunch Program.**

FPC is scheduled to assemble and provide the Open Table lunches through the month of July again this year. More than 5,000 sack lunches were assembled and almost 800 'special meals' prepared last year. 'Special meals' required Wednesday afternoon gatherings, meal preparation and storage, delivery to Catholic Social Services to return Thursday to warm and assemble to serve. This 'above and beyond' effort was opted by the Mission Committee in consideration of those who eat sack lunches regularly. The cost to fill the total need was \$4,727.40. The Open Table Fund has a 2018 beginning balance of \$301.64. Glory be to God that we are able to fill this need; let's do it again! Your offering makes the difference!

Community Prayer Walk Joyce Schiffler Service Award

Sunday, April 29, 2018 2:00pm-3:30pm

Details:

The Walk begins in front of St. Cecilia High School, park in StC parking lot.

Participants will walk together for 35-45 minutes in central downtown Hastings.

The Walk ends at the St. Cecilia Health Ministry Office, 200 yards from the StC parking lot.

Immediately after the Walk, the Joyce Schiffler Service To Others will be awarded at the St. Cecilia Health Ministry Office, 415 N. Kansas. Award given by Sunrise Rotary Club.

For those with **limited mobility**, a modified "Prayer Walk" will be set up at the Health Ministry Office, 415 N. Kansas. Handicapped parking and entrance is located on the west side of the building.

Walking together in groups, or as families, is a great way to participate!

This Community Prayer Walk and Award commemorates

Joyce Schiffler

a well-known community walker, who lived a life of selfless service to others.

The Community Prayer Walk also:

- Promotes physical and spiritual activity.
- Encourages faith communities on their spiritual walk with God.
- Brings faith traditions together in prayer.
- Honors Joyce, who walked everywhere and inspired people to serve.

A collaboration between Rotary, First Presbyterian Church, St. Cecilia Health Ministry, and the Hastings Health Ministry Network.



Hastings Health Ministry
Network



Tacos and Fellowship: A Happy Combination!

You are invited to our Fifth Sunday Potluck event following the 10:30 worship service TODAY. All members and friends of FPC are encouraged to gather for this meal simply for the sake of spending time in one another's company, making new friends, and enjoying some tacos! *Even if you didn't bring anything, you are still wanted and welcomed at today's meal!*

Spanish classes will now be held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. (rather than 6:30 p.m.) in the Annex's NW classroom. All levels of knowledge are welcome to attend these free classes!

Final Moms Group gathering of the Spring will be this Thursday at noon in the library. All moms are invited to join in a "Celebration of Parenting"! Bring a snack to share.

Name Tags Are Here!

Everyone who regularly worships at First Presbyterian (whether member or friend) has (or will have) a name tag stored in our beautiful new storage cabinet in the Memorial Room. If everyone wears their tags each week, we should soon know one another's names. *"No one is anonymous to God, and neither should we be to one another."* (Brian Johnson)

- THANK YOU to Brian and Laurie Johnson for building the storage piece.
- PLEASE return your tag to your assigned slot each week following worship.
- CONTACT Kili with any concerns (spelling, missing tag, slot assignment questions, etc.)

"Life as a Preacher's Kid During the War Years"

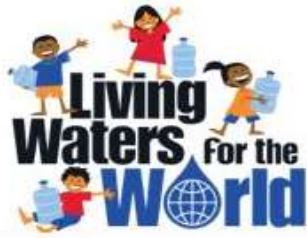
FORUM: May 6, 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Jane Marsh, Presenter



World War II was a time of anxiety and sacrifice for many on the home front, but it was also a time of laughter, hope, and learning. Sharing both humorous and poignant anecdotes from her childhood in the war years, Jane Marsh will lead the Forum on May 6, providing a story-rich conclusion for our 2017-18 "Hear the Story, Share the Story, Live the Story!" theme.

Ann L. Binfield and Chip Essex Memorial Scholarships are available. Applications may be found on the glass shelf in front of the church office, or online at: www.fpchastings.org/scholarships/. Deadline is May 11, 2018.

Volunteers are still needed:



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 or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.



Confirmation Cake Reception

First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 6

following the 10:30am service



Presbyterian Women Upcoming Events:

April 28 Spring Gathering: Minden, NE, 9:00 AM-1:30 PM - \$10 for lunch, register by April 25.

May 2 Luncheon- Fellowship Hall, 11:45 AM, \$5.00, RSVP by April 30

Prepare lunch, kitchen workers Circle 3

Set tables, centerpieces, etc. Circle 1

Program: Hannah Jensen will be speaking on her work in the Dominican Republic

May 3 Campbell Spring Tea, 2:00 PM

May 4 Church Women United May Friendship Salad Luncheon, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM, \$5.00

May Friendship Day Celebration

“May Friendship Day 2018: Reaching for Wholeness”

The Church Women United Celebration called May Friendship Day (MFD) is an annual event celebrated by CWU nationwide.

The overall theme for the 2018 celebrations is “God’s Presence.” taken from Colossians 1:17 - “And God is before all things and in and through God the universe is a harmonious whole.” May Friendship Day focuses on our gratitude for God’s presence in all things and especially as we respond to human needs. Childhood hunger is one of the most important needs at the present time, and that is our focus in this program.

May Friendship Day began in May 1933 when two women’s groups, meeting at separate luncheons, focused on children’s health and the children of migrant families. The first luncheon was held by the Women’s Council for Home Missions in New York City. The second, called “Dedication Day,” was sponsored by the National Council of Federated Church Women and advocated church women’s greater dedication to the social concerns of local communities.

In 1939 the groups merged to become the National Council of Church Women. The organization soon held its first annual observance of a day “to strengthen a growing sense of unity, the joy of Christian fellowship, and the power of Christianity in the way of need.” In 1945 the observance officially became May Friendship Day, and in 1999 Church Women United changed the name to May Friendship Day. This year’s May Friendship Day centers on the role of Christian women in addressing the social needs of hunger and poverty.

May Friendship Day Luncheon
Friday, May 4, 12 pm, Noon Luncheon
First St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 501 N. Burlington Ave
Tickets \$5. Purchase at your church or at the door



Each Mother's Day, the Presbyterian Women sell **Mother's Day cards** for a suggested offering of \$10 each. The proceeds go to a mission to help mothers. Usually that mission has been overseas, but this year we are keeping it local. The proceeds will go to the *Sixpence Early Learning Fund* here in

Hastings. More than 30,000 of Nebraska's infants and toddlers are at risk of arriving at their first day of kindergarten developmentally unprepared to learn and thrive. Sixpence is changing the odds in their favor. 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. Women from our church will be selling cards Sunday, April 29, and Sunday, May 6 in the Memorial Room. Cards will also be available for purchase in the church office Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. thru the week of April 30. Please stop by and help us help the young women of Hastings.

April is National Donate Life Month. As of April 25, 115,000 people are awaiting a lifesaving transplant, another person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes, 22 people die each day because they did not receive the organ they need in time, and one organ, eye and tissue donor can save and heal more than 75 lives. 95% of Americans are in favor of being a donor but only 54% are registered. Be socially responsible and bridge the gap by sharing. To register, donate, contribute, get involved, or for additional information, visit www.donatelife.net or call 804-377-3580.

This Week --- Apr. 30 – May 6, 2018

Mon, Apr. 30	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Practice in Choir Room
Tue, May 1	10:30a-11:30p	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
	4:00p-6:30p	Life Source Dance Class in NE Classroom, Annex
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
Wed, May 2	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class in NE Classroom, Annex
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	12:00p-1:00p	Adult Education Committee Meeting in the Parlor
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 th Grades)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Time Meal (All Ages Welcome!)
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers Meet in Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Practice
	6:45p-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Practice (6 th thru 12 th Grades)
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells Practice
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6 th thru 12 th Grades)
Thu, May 3	12:00p-1:00p	Mom's Group in Library
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Education Meeting in Parlor
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, May 4	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

2018 First Presbyterian Church High School Graduates



Jennifer Boeve

Parents: Traci and Jim Boeve

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Softball, Science Club, Freshman Mentoring Program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mayor's Youth Council
Plans after graduation: attend Northwestern College to study Math and Spanish while also playing softball.

Most Memorable FPC Event: attending Triennium, "It was cool to see all of the Presbyterian youth from around the country, and it made me proud to be Presbyterian."

Most Memorable High School Event: Winning the conference softball tournament her Senior year.

Favorite Scripture: Matthew 19:26 – "This verse has always been the one I've thought of as my favorite. It is one of the first verses I remember learning and I remember thinking about it when I was younger."

Josh Brooks

Parents: Erica and Brent Brooks

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Band, Choir, Church Choir, Baseball, Soccer, Basketball, Freshman Mentoring Program, National Honor Society, Legion Baseball, Leadership Class

Plans after graduation: attend University of Nebraska Lincoln and double major in Chemistry and Trumpet Performance

Most Memorable FPC Event: The Annual Hayrack Ride

Most Memorable High School Event: Honor Bands and New Orleans Band Trip.

Favorite Scripture: Philippians 4:3 – Josh's grandfather gave him a necklace with this verse engraved on it so the verse has stuck with him.





Lauren Canady

Parents: Teresa and Tim Canady

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Golf, Chamber Choir, Madrigal, Musicals, Drum Major, Symphony Band, Marching Band, Church Choir, Children's Moment Leader, National Honor Society, Books & Bagels, Go & Serve Trips

Plans after graduation: attend Emporia State University to study vocal music education.

Most Memorable FPC Event: "I cannot pick just one or even five favorite events because I've always had a great time with my leaders and peers."

Most Memorable High School Event: Senior Homecoming, "we just danced the night away."

Favorite Scripture: 2 Chronicles 15:7 – "I just view it as a reminder that I will get through whatever I am struggling with."

Thomas Kerr

Parents: Michelle and Robert Kerr

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Cross Country, Track, Student Council, Freshmen Mentor Program, National Honor Society, History Club, Leadership Class, Band, Tiger Ambush

Plans after graduation: attend The University of Nebraska and major in Accounting.

Most Memorable FPC Event: Getting confirmed into the church

Most Memorable High School Event: Being a leader on the cross country and track teams and watching freshmen grow into strong people.

Favorite Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:7 – "It went well with my running career in High School and will go along with me in life as well."





Maggie Nielsen

Parents: Ruth and Erik Nielsen

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Orchestra, History Club, Student Council, Sunny “D”s, Speech and Debate, Drama and Improv, Adams County Teen Court, Art Club, Go and Serve Trips, Job’s daughters, FPC Bells, Hastings Community Theatre

Plans after graduation: major in International Relations at Simpson College and also participate as a Culver Fellow on the debate team.

Most Memorable FPC Event: The jokes-van from Freshman-year hayrack ride.

Most Memorable High School Event: Receiving a “stein” award for novice LD at Senior Norfolk tournament

Favorite Scripture: Proverbs 3:3 – “It’s easy to let love be forgotten, especially in politics, and I really want to always remember to keep love and faithfulness on my mind.”

Julia Reimer

Parents: Kathy and Curtis Reimer

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Softball, Basketball, Soccer, Student Council, Freshman Mentoring Program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, National Honor Society, Mayor’s Youth Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Church Choir, United Harvest, Hearts and Hands Against Hunger

Plans after graduation: attend Hastings College and major in Biochemistry while playing Softball.

Most Memorable FPC Event: Presbyterian Triennium and Charlotte Go & Serve Trip

Most Memorable High School Event: Going to state tournaments with teammates and dances with friends.

Favorite Scripture: Ephesians 4:32 – This verse is a reminder of God’s great sacrifice and helps Julia remember the important things in life. “If God can forgive my sins, I can forgive others and spread kindness.”





Erika Rhodes

Parents: Shelby and Eldon Rhodes

High School: Adams Central High School

Extracurricular involvement: Cheerleading, Golf, Student Council, Tennis, SkillsUSA, National Honor Society, Youth Group, 4H, Choir, Musicals, Rachel's Challenge

Plans after graduation: attend University of Nebraska Kearney and major in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education

Most Memorable FPC Event: Mission trips and hanging out with friends from Hastings High School.

Most Memorable High School Event: Senior Prom stands out but, "I really enjoyed every moment of High School, even those long, monotonous Mondays."

Favorite Scripture: Romans 12:2 – "This passage keeps me grounded and helps to remind me to stay true to myself even when society is telling me differently."

Duang Tang

Parents: Nyareak Deng and Peter Duang

High School: Hastings High School

Extracurricular involvement: Basketball, Track, Soccer, Student Athletic Trainer, Go and Serve, United Harvest

Plans after graduation: attend Central Community College in Columbus.

Most Memorable FPC Event: Going to church camp in the summer.

Most Memorable High School Event: Going to World's of Fun with four other friends.

Favorite Scripture: Psalm 25:4 – "I believe that God will always show me the right path."

