



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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## **Staff transition and introduction of new First Presbyterian Church office staff member!**

Two weeks ago we announced that our Church Office Administrator, Tarci Matthews, is transitioning to a new job in the accounting department of a local company. We will celebrate Tarci's contributions to the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church at an open house in the Fellowship Hall on June 14, 4pm-5pm. Please stop by to thank Tarci for her service and wish her well in her future endeavors; there will be cake!

We are delighted to announce the hiring of our new Church Office Administrator, Jean Matheny. Jean and her husband Bob moved to Hastings in November. They have lived in and around Nebraska for most of their lives. Jean attended Hastings College and they have resided in Kearney, Omaha, and South Dakota before landing here in Hastings.

Jean earned her Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Communication from UNK and has over 15 years of experience in administrative support and management, including managing a church office in Kearney, owning and running her own yarn shop in Omaha, and working as the Grants and Administrative Coordinator for Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska.

Jean and Bob have a son and three grandchildren in Omaha, a son in Kearney and a daughter in Kansas City. They started attending First Presbyterian Church in December and will become members of our church this fall after attending the new members' class.

Please join me in welcoming Jean Matheny as our new Church Office Administrator. She will start in this position in late June. Please also thank Karen Doerr, Susan Oliver, and Neal Hoff, who all served on the hiring committee to help us find Jean.

God is faithful. We give thanks to God for Tarci and the many ways she served this church, particularly though a difficult transition. We give thanks to God for bringing Jean to us to continue the vital work of First Presbyterian Church, both with our members and with the community of Hastings.

Your servant in Christ,  
Pastor Greg



## Summer Sermon Song Series

Join us for worship this summer at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings as we reflect on biblical, theological and sacred themes in popular music

**June 3:** "Sounds of Silence"

– Simon and Garfunkel

**June 10:** "A Change is Gonna Come"

– Sam Cooke

**June 17:** "Put on Your Sunday Clothes"

– Hello Dolly

**June 24:** "One Pair of Hands"

– Carroll Roberson

**July 1:** "Let's Just Have Supper"

– Nora Jane Struthers & Korby Lenker

**July 8:** "American Tune" – Paul Simon

**July 15:** "Awake my Soul" – Mumford & Sons

**July 22:** "Bishop and Jean Valjean Soliloquy"

– Les Miserables

**July 29:** "Viva la Vida" – Coldplay

**August 12:** "Teach Your Children Well"

– Crosby Stills and Nash

**August 19:** "If we are the body"

– Casting Crowns

**August 26:** "Blowin' in the Wind"

– Bob Dylan

**September 2:** "Show me the way" – Styx

JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR DAY OF GOSPEL SINGING!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018**



FREE  
REGISTRATION  
AND LUNCH

SINGER/SONGWRITER ERIC DOZIER - CLINICIAN

HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

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Visit <https://tinyurl.com/HastingsInterfaith>



# IS GOD IN COMIC BOOKS AND FILMS?

This summer, join pastors from area churches including First Congregational United Church of Christ, Gospel Community Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings to engage this perspective while we watch some of the most popular movies from the last few years.

## EVERY WEDNESDAY JUNE 13 - AUGUST 1, 2018

8pm Discussion | Movie @ Sunset

\*Except for July 4 and Fair Week

### MOVIE SCHEDULE:

June 13th: Avengers: Age of Ultron

June 20th: Thor

June 27th: Captain America

July 11th: Iron Man

July 25th: Black Panther

August: 1st The Hulk

ON THE FCUCC LAWN, 2810 W. 7<sup>TH</sup> ST. ALONG MARIAN RD.

Bring your blanket or lawn chair! • If raining, alternate location is at 1814 W B St.

Join us! Call 402-462-4136 or email [pastor@fcucchastings.org](mailto:pastor@fcucchastings.org) with questions.

The **canine congregation will meet** at the Hastings dog park, south of GSV, from 9:30 to (about) 10:30 am each Saturday this summer. This is a time for fellowship among dogs of FPC and their human stewards.

There is no cost and no need to make reservations. However, participants must adhere to park regulations dictated by the city of Hastings. See photo here:

<https://www.amazon.com/photos/share/QNpWiozzXNXs9WR7cmNB1wSl7ZgqukoOJoobZpHisoN>

Questions may be directed to Linda Cooke.

**June Communion Offering** is for our local **Habitat for Humanity** chapter. Donations will continue to be accepted thru the month. Additional information about Habitat for Humanity may be found at: <https://www.habitat.org/>

Hastings College Baccalaureates raised & donated **\$1,195.15 for FPC scholarships!**

FPC Youth raised **\$275.13 for Living Waters for the World!**

Pentecost offering collected this year was \$577.50! 60%, or **\$346.50** will be remitted **to** the Central Presbytery for **support of Presbyterian Mission Agency**; 40%, or **\$231.00** will be remitted **to Teen Reach Adventure Camp (T.R.A.C.)**

**Glory be to God!**

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**This spring's Financial Peace University class** may have been small  
but the impact on those families was ENORMOUS!

In ten weeks our class accomplished paying off \$16,000 in non-mortgage debt  
(representing 11.8% of their total debt),  
saved \$16,882 and paid off 5 credit cards.

Keep your eyes and ears open for our next class and be amazed at what you can do!

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### **Work Shirts Needed for Proteus**

There is a great need for long sleeve work shirts for migrant workers this summer. These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. While you are doing your spring cleaning, if you find long sleeve shirts you are no longer using, please bring them and place them in the specially marked tub outside the Hands Around the World Store. If you would like to participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, please email Denny Storer ([cdstorer@inebraska.com](mailto:cdstorer@inebraska.com)) for details.



In honor and in memory of our father's on **Father's Day** this year, the Presbyterian Women will be collecting donations for Living Waters for the World (LWW), a global ministry that provides sustainable clean water and fosters long-term, mutually beneficial relationships between volunteers and communities in need.

LWW is a program of the Synod of Living Waters, Presbyterian Church (USA). Participation of churches of all denominations and civic organizations in this life-changing work is encouraged. LWW trains volunteers to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with international communities to implement water purification systems and health education.

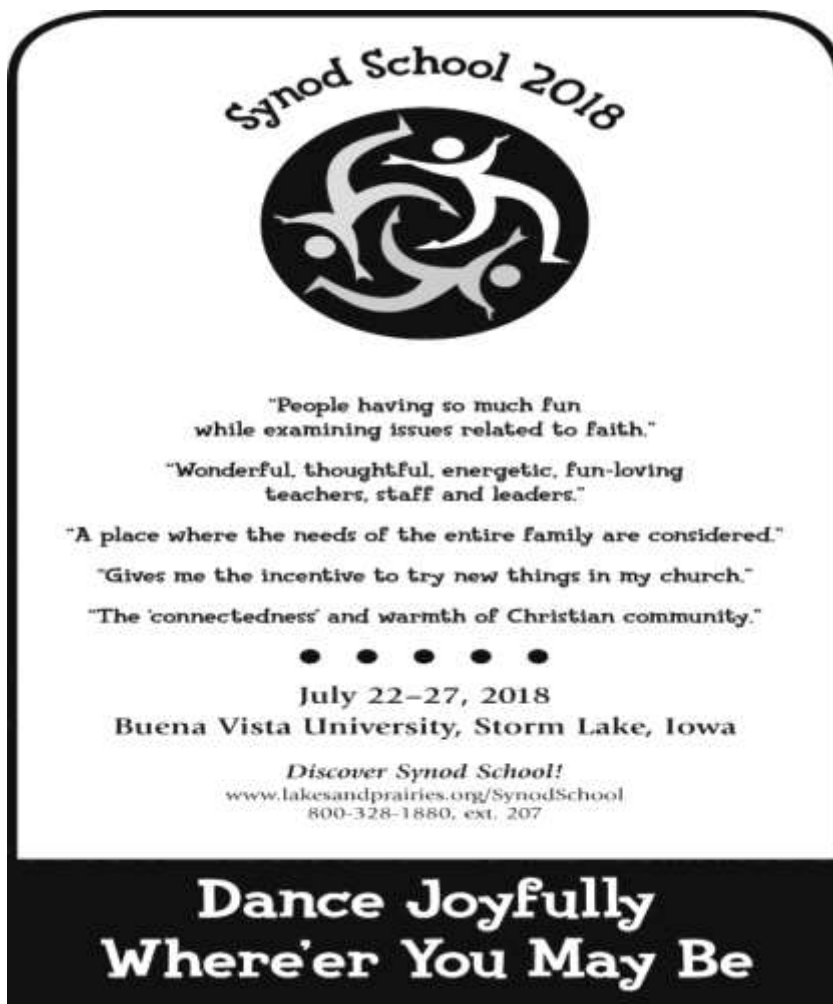
International Networks support partners throughout every phase of a water project and support sustainable water systems that produce clean water for a generation.

Please make your donation of any denomination by June 14<sup>th</sup> payable to "Presbyterian Women" and include the name(s) of who you'd like to honor or memorialize. Checks may be given to your circle leader, be dropped off in PW's mailbox in the common office area, or mailed to FPC. Contact Mary Fisk with questions: 402-460-7880 or [maryjanefisk@gmail.com](mailto:maryjanefisk@gmail.com).



**Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Monday, July 2, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).





**United Harvest needs your hands and your hearts this Saturday, June 16!**

*Two ways you can help:*

1. **VOLUNTEER.** Volunteers need not register in advance. Just show up around 9:30 and get an assignment at the volunteer check-in table. *We especially need volunteers who can help clean up at the end (approximately 11:30-2:00)!!*

2. **PRAY.** As you lift up both the volunteers and the recipients, allow your prayers to be guided by the following quote from Robert Kruschwitz:

"Through the practice of Christian hospitality, the church participates in God's peaceable kingdom. Such hospitality indicates the crossing of boundaries (ethnic origin, economic condition, political orientation, gender status, social experience, educational background) by being open and welcoming of the other. Without such communities of hospitality, the world will have no way of knowing that all God's creation is meant to live in peace."

### **Volunteers Needed**

**Project Homeless Connect** is a one-day, all-volunteer led event to connect homeless, near homeless, or those who are struggling to needed resources and services, and to raise public awareness of homelessness and the needs of those who often may go unseen. The mission of PHC is about welcoming all as neighbors into the life of the community, changing the way resources are accessed, and offering positive results for those in need.

**Project Homeless Connect-Hastings** will be 10-4pm, Thursday, June 28 at 1<sup>st</sup> St Paul's Lutheran. Last year we served 428 guests, including 287 children. This year we anticipate serving over 450.

Volunteers are the foundation of our event! Last year we had 200+ volunteers; we anticipate needing 225 for this year. Please visit [phchastings.org](http://phchastings.org) for more information about volunteer opportunities, to sign up, or to learn more about the event. Volunteer forms can be completed online, printed out and returned by mail to **PHC, 835 S Burlington, Ste. 106, Hastings, NE 68901**. As well, volunteer forms will be available soon in the church office.

### **Volunteer opportunities include:**

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

email: [phchastings@gmail.com](mailto:phchastings@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/phc.hastings>



### **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](tel: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.

**Prayers for:** Lynn Barrows, Henry Black, Judy Brown, Fiona Eckhardt, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Michael & Marcia Hogan, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Michael & Marcia Hogan, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Shirley Johnston, Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's mom), Arlene Kort, Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Carol Medsker, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

**Also in our prayers:** Family of Mary Oles, sister of Jim Cooke, who passed away last week.



In Loving Memory of Edith W. Farnham

May 12, 1920 - May 21, 2018



Edith's burial in Hastings will be at a later date, to be announced.

Her obituary may be found online at:

<https://fpchastings.org/in-loving-memory-of-edith-w-farnham-05-12-1920-05-21-2018/>

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at [402-469-4805](tel:402-469-4805) or the church office at [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).

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

**Sunday's service will be broadcast** live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings) and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village,** Sunday's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact the church 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*

## Summer Food Service Program



# Hey Kids and Teens...

Join us for Nutritious  
Summer Meals at  
No Charge



Power Panther  
says, "Eat  
Smart, Play  
Hard."™

**Where:** Lincoln Elementary School  
720 Franklin Avenue  
Hastings, NE

**When:** May 29<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
No service on July 4<sup>th</sup>

**Meals and Times:** Lunch served from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Days of the Week Meals are Served:** Monday - Friday

**Get Involved, for more information call:** 402-461-7589

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The newsletter seeks to inform, instruct and challenge its readers to become engaged in the ministry of FPC.

**Articles** will be accepted by the Friday prior to publication. Submissions may be edited for length and suitability. You may send articles to the church office: [fpc@fpchastings.org](mailto:fpc@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