



# The Home Page

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska 68901-5175  
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## *NOTABLE NOTES FROM...*

FPC WEBSITE

### Mission Statements and Strategic Plans

On Sunday I preached a sermon about the story of Jesus reading the scroll in the synagogue that we find in Luke 4:14-21. He quotes this messianic prophecy from Isaiah 61:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

I referred to this as Jesus' "Mission Statement" and reminded the congregation that Jesus has passed this work on to us as the Body of Christ. Then I mentioned two other verses that I think are particularly compelling to think about as mission statements for disciples of Jesus Christ:

The Great Commission from Matthew 28: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.*

And the Greatest Commandment, which we find a version of in three of the gospels: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself.*

Between Luke 4, the Great Commission and the Greatest Commandment, we are blessed with some very clear marching orders for what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Since August, we have been working on developing a strategic plan for First Presbyterian Church. Our goal is to put together a plan that will give us direction and will shape the work we do for the next five years. Part of the strategic planning process involved studying and revising our church's own mission statement. We received feedback about what makes First Presbyterian Church the beloved community it is and how it is a force for good in the world. We also spent time reading and studying the bible and in prayer.

Below is the mission statement that we came up with, which is now helping to drive our strategic planning process.

*Welcoming all to live the love of God and the love of neighbor as we seek to transform ourselves, our community, and our world through service, worship, prayer, education and fellowship.*

We hope to complete and share the strategic plan by March and will use it to help focus our work into the future. My prayer is that you see reflections of Luke 4, the Great Commission and the Greatest Commandment in this revised mission statement, and that you can help our church faithfully enact this mission in big and small ways. I remain deeply blessed and humbled to be your pastor and to help lead our church to fulfill the mission that God has placed on us.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

### FPC Prayers for:

Jim Cooke	Betty Siemoneit & family	Andy Barrows (Lynn passed away 1/11/19)
Ramona Shetler	John Harrington	Zelma Fobben
Sharon Harvey	Dwight Marsh and family	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Katharine Davis	Arlene Kort
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)	Judy Brown
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Weston Mullen	Jim Harrenstein Tom Kubicka

*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](tel:402-460-8195) 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](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings) and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

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

"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*

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact the church office at [402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147).

### **HOSPITAL REMINDER**

Due to hospital privacy regulations, if you would like 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](tel:402-462-5147). Remember... we

### **Soup Group Lunchtime Conversations for Women**

All women of the church are welcome to join in casual lunchtime conversations on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

❖ Feb 7 – Topic to be determined.

### **Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School**

The current study is a six-week series, "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why." It looks at historic Christian faith and how the Apostle's Creed matters in lives today. The study asks questions such as: How does belief affect us? What is the source of our belief?

don't always know what's happening unless you tell us!

**2019 Offering Envelopes are in.** You may pick yours up from the glass shelf in front of the church office or on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room.

### **Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity**

Thank you FPC for your generous contribution of \$2000. This will be used to finish the new house at 834 S. Saint Joe.

### **February Communion Offering goes to Hastings Literacy Program**

The Hastings Literacy Program offers FREE adult education services to adults 16 and above including:

- Literacy and basic skills
- Preparation for the GED test
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Citizenship (by request)

In addition all of our classes include computer literacy skills, college preparation, and workplace readiness skills.

## Spirituality Lab

Learn and practice together a different form of prayer or meditation at each gathering. Join us to find the information and support you need for a more interesting and fruitful prayer life. 7:00 a.m., *The Upper Room Classroom (upper level Memorial Room)*.

- ❖ February 14: *Praying before (and during) meals*  
How do you understand what happens during communion?
- ❖ February 28: *"The Jesus Prayer"*  
How do you understand the relationship of the trinity?
- ❖ March 14: *Using the Lord's Prayer as guide for meditation*  
How do you use the Bible in your prayer/meditation?
- ❖ March 28: *Writing prayer as a letter between myself and God*  
How is prayer different from other spiritual practices?
- ❖ April 11: *Praying via mandala creation*  
How can we involve family in prayer?
- ❖ April 25: *Prayer walking (using the labyrinth at Hastings College)*  
How do you understand the relationship b/w happiness and joy, and where do you find them in your life?

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## Upcoming Forum Class

- ❖ February 3: *Religious Experience Inside and Outside the U.S., Part II*  
The practice and experience of any given religion can vary widely from place to place. In this Forum, an immigrant to the U.S. will compare her religious experiences before and after coming to the U.S.  
*Presenter: Bertha De Dios Salvador (Mexico)*
- ❖ February 10: *Being AWARE of our Children's Mental Health*  
Hastings is one of three sites in Nebraska participating in a new plan to focus on mental health and well-being for our children.  
*Presenters: Susan Lindblad and Donna Moss*

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## Bible @ Breakfast

Wednesday's at 7 a.m. We will be studying a series with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history from First Kings, Chapters 1-8. It will begin with the early prophets like Amos, moving on through Enoch, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Gospels and finally the Book of Revelation.



### Hello Nifty Knitters (and Crocheters)!

If you like knitting and/or crocheting (or if you want to *learn!*), join us for our new knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*. We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm-8:30pm in the church Library. The first meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup>. See you then!!



**The next Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Tuesday, **April 1, 2019**, 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 [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Grief Group

Unfortunately grief at the earthly loss of a loved one is an unavoidable part of the human experience. The Apostle Paul assures us that as Christians, we do not grieve without hope (1Thessalonians 4:13-18). Our hope comes from our belief in the resurrection and eternal life, and our hope also comes from the people who stand by us in our grief, who reflect God's steadfast love for us. That hope doesn't take away the very real pain we all experience, but in time it helps us to process our grief and carry on. It is vitally important to be attentive to your grief, and to seek help processing it.

A new co-ed grief group will be starting soon. The group will be using a book called "Praying our Goodbyes" by Joyce Rupp. Find strength and comfort by gathering with others experiencing similar struggles.

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## New Member Class Coming in February

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or if you're simply curious about what membership might mean, you are warmly invited to attend our three-session New Member course, which will cover Presbyterian history and theology as well as local structures and involvement opportunities. The classes will take place from 11:30am-1:30pm on three Sunday's, February, 10, 17, and 24. Each session includes complimentary meal and child care. *Please contact the church office to RSVP (402-462-5147)*



## Pickle Ball?!!

Anyone interested in learning the hottest sport in America?!! FPC Hastings is starting a FREE Pickle Ball group. You are invited to come to the FPC Annex located at 7th and Lincoln Ave. every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00. Pickle Ball is a fun blend of ping pong, racquetball, and tennis. It is designed for all ages; a healthy activity for young and old alike. It is much lower impact than tennis, but just as fun! All equipment is available, you just need to show up. You will be excited to learn a new sport for the New Year! We promise you will not be disappointed.



## Presbyterian Women's (PW) luncheons.

*The next meeting will be February 6 with the program presented by Penny Price on the Hospice program.*

Circle 2 will prepare the lunch. Circle Three will do the devotions, centerpieces, etc.

To reserve your place, please give your reservations to the calling chairman for your circle or call the office.

- ✓ Circle I will meet February 20-9:30am (Hostess-Lynette Krieger; Lesson Elaine Specht)
- ✓ Circle II will meet February 20-9:30am (Hostess-Mary Jeanne Cooke; Lesson-Mary Lewis)
- ✓ Circle III will meet on February 20-1:15 pm (Hostess-Katharine Davis; Lesson-Jane Marsh)

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## FYI

**2018 Annual Reports are still available in the Memorial Room.** Stop and pick one up to read the interesting reports from all the committees and boards of the church. Included are the annual budgets and officers for the coming year.

**Department of Music & Theatre**

**FEBRUARY**

**2/2 Saturday**  
**HONOR FESTIVAL**  
**CONCERT**  
Band/Choir/Orchestra  
**3:00 pm / Kiewit Gym**  
*(tickets available at door)*

**2/24 Sunday**  
Hastings Symphony Orchestra  
**3:00 pm / Masonic Center**  
*(Children – free)*

**MARCH**

**3/3 Sunday**  
Faculty: Dr. Jonathan Sokasits, piano  
**3:00 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**3/14 Thursday**  
SAI Student Recital  
Women's History Month  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**3/26 Tuesday**  
Guest/Faculty: Elizabeth Lins Shoenfelt, soprano  
Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet  
Dr. Jonathan Sokasits, piano  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**APRIL**

**4/1 Monday**  
**JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
H.S. & Middle School  
All Day / Lynn Farrell Arena  
(800 E 12<sup>th</sup> St)  
[www.hastings.edu/jazzfestival](http://www.hastings.edu/jazzfestival)

**CONCERT**

- Former Blues Brothers
- Gulizia Brothers
- Kirk Garrison
- Keri Chryst, HC & Area groups

**7:30 pm / free**

**4/2 Tuesday**  
Workshops for Schools with Clinicians

**4/9 Tuesday**  
Katie Kingsley, mezzo-soprano & Timothy Ellis, tenor  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**4/13 Saturday**  
Gladys Frisch Harris  
Piano Workshop  
**9:00 – 3:00 pm**  
Guest: Dr. Gary Perderson  
**9:00 am / Perkins Auditorium**

**4/14 Sunday**  
Choir & Choral Union Concert  
**3:00 pm / First Presbyterian Church**  
&  
Hugo Madera, tenor  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**Theatre Events**

Scott Studio Theatre  
Capstones 2019  
March 7, 8, 9 - 7:30 pm / March 10 - 2:00 pm  
Comedy of Errors  
May 2, 3, 4 - 7:30 pm / May 5 - 2:00 pm  
[tickets@hastings.edu](http://tickets@hastings.edu)

**APRIL**

**4/16 Tuesday**  
Carol Money, soprano  
William Wilson, voice  
Jonathan Sokasits, piano  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**4/23 Tuesday**  
Guest: Derek Brown,  
beat boxer & saxophone  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**4/27 Saturday**  
HC Band Concert  
**3:00 pm / Masonic Center**  
&  
Children's Chorale (SCNCC)  
**7:30 pm / French Chapel**

**4/28 Sunday**  
Hastings Symphony Orchestra  
**3:00 pm / Masonic Center**  
*(Children – free)*  
&  
Alex Dominguez, saxophone  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**4/29 Sunday**  
Faculty: Dillon Beede, baritone  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**4/30 Tuesday**  
Ciara Figgins, soprano &  
Kouper Griffin, tenor  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

**MAY**

**5/5 Sunday**  
Handbells Concert  
**7:30 pm / French Chapel**

**5/9 Thursday**  
Chamber Music Recital  
**7:30 pm / Perkins Auditorium**

402.461.7448

Verify dates/times

[www.hastings.edu/arts/calendar](http://www.hastings.edu/arts/calendar)

**HASTINGS COLLEGE**  
**MUSIC**

→ Additional Information

French Chapel – HC Campus  
Perkins Auditorium – Ferris Hall – 123 E 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Masonic Center – 411 N Hastings Ave  
First Presbyterian Church – 627 N Lincoln Ave

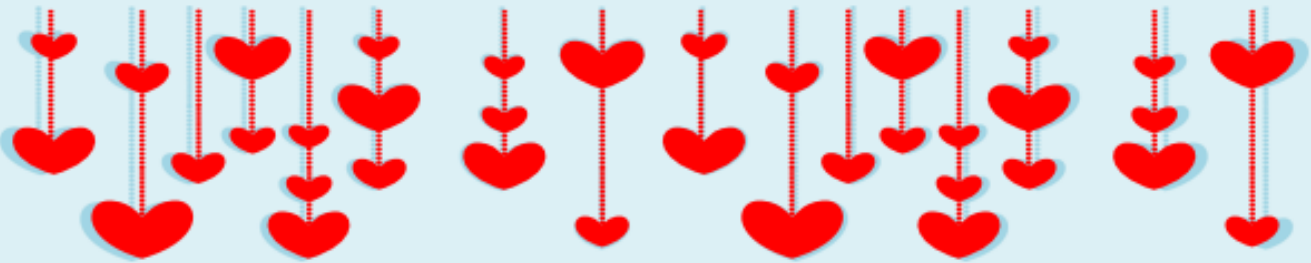


Photo Booth

Hannah Jensen on piano  
for listening pleasure

Giveaways

Spaghetti or Cordon Bleu Dinners

# VALENTINE'S DINNER

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

6 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Hastings

\$20 per person



JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT (PROCEEDS SUPPORT GO & SERVE YOUTH)!

Space is limited: Reserve by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> (can also contact office at 462-5147)

RESERVATION CONFIRMATION:

Reservation Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_

# Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

# Spaghetti/Meatball Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid/Owes



# *Happy Anniversary*

## *February 2019*

Larry & Uschi Butler	2/18/1967
Steve & Lesa Cropley	2/10/1979
Brett Erickson & Irina Belikova- Erickson	2/27/1998
Monte & Karla Malouf	2/4/1977
Dave & Jan Schawang	2/4/1967

# *Happy Birthday*

## *February 2019*

2/1 Carole Storer	2/8 Judy Stewart	2/14 Lee Kreager
Nytha Glass	JoAnn Williams	Mary Plock
Donna Trutna	Dee Toms	Rachel Guiai
Brian N. Johnson	Sydney Witte	2/15 Amber Foral
Becky Busboom	2/9 Benjamin Welsch	Scott Ziemba
2/2 George Adam	Meredith Oliver	Noble Henderson
Chanda Essink	2/10 Doug Phelps	2/17 Patrick Burling
2/3 Lin Jurgena	Ben Hafer	Keaton Redline
Kate Boyd	Alex Hafer	2/21 Crystal Bauer
Katie Kingsley	2/11 Phyllis Waltemath	2/22 Ramona Shetler
2/4 Nina Meyer	Dick McClenahan	Brian Telecky
2/5 LaVerne Schreiner	David Cooke	Caleb Northrop
Michelle Musgrave	2/12 Mary Lee Phelps	2/23 Zelma Fobben
Greyson Miller	Bob Matheny	Janey Nottage-Tacey
2/6 Shirley Gass	Becky Meyer	2/24 Sharon Steenbarger
Pam Canady	Jon Propp	Harvey Freetly
C L Wimer	2/13 Paul Caldwell	2/25 Dana Odom
George Howard	Gayle Fandry	2/26 Chad Murrell
Riley Mullen	Robert Nelson	Brent Brooks
2/7 Justin Brader	Vicki Fisk	2/27 Baylen Hall
	Hannah Hafer	2/28 Melissa Allen

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**Publishing Guidelines:** The *Home Page* is a bi-weekly publication for the people and mission of First Presbyterian Church.

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

**Articles** will be accepted by 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.

Jesus said to her,  
“I am the resurrection and the life.  
The one who believes in me  
will live, even though they die;  
and whoever lives by believing in me  
will never die.

John 11: 25-26