



# The Home Page

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

PASTOR GREG

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

My heart is full of joy and gratitude for the way that you have responded to the flooding in Nebraska in the past four weeks. I want to update you on our efforts and continue to encourage your ongoing support in the coming months.

We are working in 3 areas to provide flood relief & recovery:

1. Wood River: Monthly trips to do construction projects on homes that were damaged by the floods. All are welcome to join us, contact the church office for details. We will also host short-term mission teams from other states that want to work in this area this summer so there will be opportunities to host these teams and provide them hospitality.
2. Boyd County: We have already taken 3 truckloads of supplies that they requested the week after the flood. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide supplies as requested. We will also plan a work trip there in the summer and could use volunteers for that.
3. Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota: This area was devastated by the floods and does not have the resources to recover. We are collecting funds and will send requested supplies and funds to our local contacts there.

Thank you for all you have done and will do. I was inspired to write the reflection below after joining the team in Wood River last weekend.

“Sometimes love looks like...”

Sometimes love looks like buying flood relief supplies for strangers.

Sometimes love looks like sorting those supplies and loading them in a van.

Sometimes love looks like driving 4 hours to deliver those supplies.

Sometimes love looks like volunteering to organize a flood relief trip in your spare time.

Sometimes love looks like meeting in a church parking lot at sunrise.

Sometimes love looks like giving up your day off to go help.

Sometimes love looks like drywall dust everywhere.

Sometimes love looks like donating lunch for work crews and flood victims.

Sometimes love looks like delivering that lunch and feeding hungry, tired people.

Sometimes love looks like writing a check or donating funds to support flood relief work.

Sometimes love looks like just showing up, and being present.

What does love look like to you?

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

### FPC Prayers for:

Jim Cooke  
Katharine Davis  
Zelma Fobben  
Celia & Wayne Ganow

Jim Harrenstein  
John Harrington  
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)  
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)  
Danna Wolford & family

Sharon Harvey  
Levi Kaiser  
Jeff & Ashley Hermann  
Arlene Kort family

*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*

### **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. Remember... we don't always know what's happening unless you tell us!

**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).

**United Harvest April 20** – Come to the registration desk to volunteer. Shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

### **Donations for Crimson Cupboard at Hastings College**

LocalGlobal is hosting a food drive for the month of April to collect donations for the Crimson Cupboard at Hastings College. The Crimson Cupboard is the college's food pantry for food insecure students. It has been a highly used resource this year and is running low on supplies. They are most in need of peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup (canned or packaged), canned beans, canned meat, and any other nonperishable items. If you'd like to support this endeavor you are welcome to drop items in the collection bin in the Memorial Room any time between now and April 28<sup>th</sup>. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

*Do you have students headed for college this fall?* Check the Church website for the **2019 Benfield and Essex Scholarship applications. The deadline is April 22.**



### **Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed**

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 pm for children thru 2nd grade. Donations of individually wrapped candies and/or toys would be greatly appreciated. Drop off your donation in the common office area as soon as possible so that volunteers can begin stuffing eggs. Thank you in advance for your help in making this event a success. Questions? Contact Stephanie Brader at 402-462-5147.

**April Communion Offering goes to Mentoring Works** (formerly known as Big Brothers/Big Sisters) established in 1957 so that all children can achieve success in life.



### **March Special Attendance Recognition**

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. Two children will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their faith growth to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

Acolyte (if under 4<sup>th</sup> grade)

Usher

Music soloist

Call to Worship leader

Prayer leader

Children's Moment leader  
or helper

During the month of March, twelve (12) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-six (26) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for March's recognition are Henry Black (Sunday School) and Ian Erickson (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!



**Hands Around the World Store** - New shipments have arrived with coffee, tea, spices, scarves, and Easter decorations. Please stop by the store to see all of our New Spring merchandise. Our products are from SERRV, Equal Exchange, and Just Coffee are Fair Trade. Behind every product is a story of inspiration, hope, and change - of artisans being able to send their children to school, build a first home, and feel the security of becoming self-sufficient. Your purchase not only helps to lift artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty, but also supports United

Harvest, a local mission, to which our store donates \$100.00 every month. Your purchase makes a difference!



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

A new study series, "Joy Stealers: Overcoming Obstacles to Hope and Happiness" begins April 7. Via streaming video and conversation, Pastor Rob Refroe offers five transformational decisions, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that will offer us a clearer path to joy. *Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Anderson Conference Room in the Educational Wing at 9:15am.*



her work.

*Presenters: Bruce Sheffield*

❖ April 16 "The First Native American Woman Physician & The Presbyterian Church" Susan La Flesche Picotte grew up on the Omaha Reservation and went on to earn a medical degree and build a hospital in Walthill, Nebraska. Her story, including her connection to the Presbyterian Church, is the subject of a PBS special, "Medicine Woman." Our forum will focus on an effort underway to preserve the hospital property and enhance opportunities to learn more about

**Bible @ Breakfast** (Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor) The current study is on the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. Come join this class with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying from scripture in the Old and New Testaments. (Will not meet April 17<sup>th</sup>.)



**Soup Group Lunchtime Conversations for Women have been cancelled for the rest of the semester.**

## 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., in the Library (New Location).

❖ 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?

# UPCOMING EVENTS

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Monday, July 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).



American Red Cross

**Knitters and Crocheters** If you like knitting and/or crocheting, join us for our new knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We will meet 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, or stop in for pointers on how to get started. We'll have refreshments, fellowship, and fun!



**Register NOW for 2019 Summer Camp Grades 3 - 12,**

**PLUS Intergenerational & Family camps for Adults/Children age 5-12!**

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 ☑ Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally, and physically. (Supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association)

Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are available on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office. Scholarship

Applications are also available. Contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) with any questions.



## 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; Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 to 8:00pm. 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.

**In the "Foot steps of Jesus"  
Journey to the  
Holy Land**



Spiritual Directors  
Pr. Greg Allen-Pickett



October 04 - October 12 2019

**Have you ever wanted to visit the Holy Land? Now is your chance!!**

The total package includes roundtrip airfare, all accommodations, meals, and eight days of sightseeing. Questions? Please call the office, time is running out! 5 spaces still available!



God on the  
move!  
A Lenten Sermon Series

Join us for the Season of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter as we explore God's work through the travels, teachings, death & resurrection of Jesus

**March 10: God moves... in the desert**

Luke 4:1-13

**March 24: God moves... over the fence**

Luke 13:1-9

**March 31: God moves... down the road**

Luke 15:11-32

**April 14: God moves... to the cross**

Luke 19:28-40 (Palm Sunday)

**April 18: God moves... showing us what love looks like**

John 13:1-17, 31-35 (Maundy Thursday)

**April 19: God moves... to the end**

John 18:1-19:42 (Good Friday)

**April 21: God moves... out of the tomb!**

Luke 24:1-12 (Easter Sunday)



Registration is now open for this summer's Synod School that runs Sunday through Friday, July 21-26. Deirdre "Dede" Johnston, professor of communication at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, will be the convocation speaker, and Shawna Bowman, associate director of field education and experiential education at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, will be the worship leader. The catalog is available online at

<https://www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool>

### Presbyterian Women.

There will not be a P.W. luncheon in April. Instead please attend the Sermons a La Carte – 2019 Theme: The Way of Love Practices for a Jesus Centered Life. *Please join us at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday, April 10, from 12:05 p.m.-12:30p.m. for a Lenten message given by Pastor Greg followed by lunch (\$4. per person).*

- ✓ Circle I will meet April 17-9:30am  
(Hostess-Jean Barber; Lesson-Peggy Thomson)
- ✓ Circle II will meet April 17-9:30am  
(Hostess-Gayle Fandry; Lesson-Mary Jeanne Cooke)
- ✓ Circle III will meet April 17 – 1:15 pm in the Library  
(Hostess-Marie Rasmussen; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)



**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is the church saying, "We'll be there when you need us."** Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing, visit [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs). This offering is collected every year on Easter Sunday.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Hosted By: First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 20 at 2:00pm

Located at Alexander Park

(Just north of First Presbyterian Church)

Alternate location in case of rain: First Presbyterian Church

Age Divisions: • Age 0-2 years • Age 3-5 years • Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

\*\*Please bring your own basket for collecting eggs and candy.



For more information contact Stephanie at  
402-462-5147 or [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org)

## *Easter Vigil*

*April 19-21*

Beginning after Good Friday  
Evening Service until 6:30 a.m.  
Easter Sunday

Please sign up for times in the  
Memorial Room



## EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies may be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Adams/Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens).



Lily in memory of:

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Lily in honor of:

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Given by:

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I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services:  Yes  No

I will leave my Lily at the church:  Yes  No

**\*\***(All lilies left will be delivered to a member of the church who is unable to attend services.)

## VBS 2019

### Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 6 9:00am-12:00pm.



We are preparing for another great Vacation Bible School! This year, we are using Living Waters for the World's VBS curriculum: *Water All Around the World*. It is designed to enable children to understand the importance of access to clean water



for health, and to make them aware of the way in which this access (or lack of access!) affects the lives of children in other countries. It also teaches the value of water in our own lives.

### 2019 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

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 SOON as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

**To register your child to attend VBS** go to <https://fpchastings.org/children/> for the best week of the summer! \*\*Early drop-off option at 8:00am by pre-registration ONLY. Everyone welcome! Pre-school (must be toilet trained) through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Special Needs VBS 2019 will be held Tuesday, June 4 – Thursday, June 6 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Our ecumenical Special-Needs VBS will be staffed by volunteer special education teachers and others familiar with children who have special needs...maybe even a teacher, para, or parent you know.

Registration is open to elementary-aged, special-needs children and siblings. Registration is limited so sign-up now at <https://fpchastings.org/children/> . If you would prefer a printed registration form, please contact Stephanie at the email or phone listed below. *All registrations must be received before May 29.*

Can't wait to see you there! For more information, e-mail [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or call Stephanie at 402-462-5147.

## CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church  
and First United Methodist Church  
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  
these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,

First United Methodist Church, YMCA

and [Pershing Orthodontics](#).

Thank you in advance!!



You are invited to a

*Retirement Reception celebrating*

*30 Years of Teaching*

for

***Dr. Lee R. Wigert***

***Professor of Psychology***

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Morrison-Reeves Science Center

Hastings College

717 North Ash Avenue

Hastings, Nebraska

RSVP by April 10, 2019  
dianewigert@gmail.com

**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 contact Denny Storer for details.



***You Are Cordially Invited***

*to celebrate the Work of the Spirit in Harvard at the  
Ordination of Pastor Dave Johnson*

*Saturday, May 11 at 2:00P.M.*

*Harvard United Church of Christ*

*206 S Adams Ave.*

*Harvard, NE*

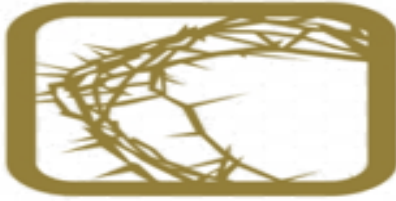
*Rev. Darrell Goodwin Preaching*

*Coffee/Reception to Follow Worship*





# HOLY WEEK



First Presbyterian Church, Hastings

## **April 14 – Palm Sunday**

- ♥ 8:30 a.m. Celebrate Worship Service
- ♥ 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages)
- ♥ 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Church @ Campus (French Memorial Chapel)

## **April 17 – International Day of Farmers/Ranchers Struggles**

- ♥ Noon Soup Luncheon & Prayer Service for Farmers/Ranchers
- ♥ WNL Activities as Scheduled

## **April 18 – Maundy Thursday**

- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

## **April 19 – Good Friday**

- ♥ 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- ♥ 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- ♥ 8:00 p.m. Easter Prayer Vigil (continues until 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday)

## **April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt**

- ♥ 2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Alexander Park (North of the church)
- ♥ Easter Prayer Vigil (continues until 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunday)

## **April 21 – Easter Sunday**

- ♥ 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship Service in the Hastings College Football Stadium/Lynn Farrell Arena Press Box
- ♥ 7:00 a.m. Breakfast in the HC Press Box
- ♥ No Sunday School (All Ages)
- ♥ 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

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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 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.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying.  
As she wept, she bent over  
to look into the tomb  
<sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white,  
seated where Jesus' body had been,  
one at the head and the other at the foot.  
<sup>13</sup> They asked her,  
"Woman, why are you crying?"  
"They have taken my Lord away," she said,  
"and I don't know where they have put him."  
<sup>14</sup> At this, she turned, around  
and saw Jesus standing there.

John 20:11-14