



**Fifth Sunday
of Easter
May 16, 2021**

PRELUDE

“God of Grace”

arr. Paul Manz

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Michael W. Smith

Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, Directed by Linda Johnson; (Pre-recorded 5/13/18)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 133)**

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

How very good and pleasant it is,

When God’s people live together in unity!

Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,

We live as one with Christ in our hearts!

God bestows God’s blessing on us when we seek to live in harmony.

Come, let us worship God, who promises us life forevermore!

***HYMN**

“How Very Good and Pleasant” (3x through)

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Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

Due to COVID-19 and the threat of disease transmission through aerosolized particles that are expelled during singing, we will not be singing out loud during our service.

You are invited to hum along if you would like, reflect on the lyrics,
and let the music enhance your worship of God this morning.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, sometimes our hearts are too narrow and our perspectives are too small. There are times that we reject those who are not like us: those with different opinions, those who look, talk, or act differently than we do, those who disagree with us.

We forget that you declare that all of us are your beloved children, and we neglect your call to live as one and to love one another. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed to be a people known by our unity and love. Show us how to be more caring. Teach us how to love one another, and make us faithful disciples.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

When have I failed to show love to others?

How have I contributed to division in my community?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God dwells among us, giving to all who believe, the opportunity for repentance that leads to an abundant life.

Rejoice in the Lord and love one another, for we are freed by God's mercy and love!

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

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

In order to reduce the risk of disease transmission, please do not shake hands or hug people outside of your immediate family. Instead, maintain proper social distance, look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest and bowing your head to them, or share some other appropriate sign.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

2020/2021 Christian Education Volunteers



PreK-5th Sunday School Lesson Videos:

Jessica Allen-Pickett, Traci Boeve, Nancy Grams, Lois Hafer, Ann Koozer, Leah Ratzlaff, Kathy Reimer, Chelby Schlichtman, Pamela Schlichtman, Ben Welsch

6th-8th Grade Youth Group Leaders:

Amy Hermes, Leah Ratzlaff

Confirmation Mentors:

Tarah Davis, Matt Fong, Deb Jensen, Brian Johnson, Richard Johnson, Kathy Reimer, Lindsey Stout

Forum Leaders:

Bob Amyot, Catherine Biba, Byron Jensen, Turner McGee, Ruth Nielsen

Heirs Apparent Leaders:

Ruth Nielsen, Curtis Reimer, Kathy Reimer

Gilead Gleanings Book Club Leaders:

Anne Bohlke, Constance Malloy, Jenni Welsch

Wednesday Noon Book Club Leaders:

Sharon Brooks, Dan Deffenbaugh

Friday Feature Leaders:

Emily Dunbar, Louie Eckhardt, Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, Robin Koozer, Peter Lainson, Jim Sanderson

CE Area Organizers:

Nancy Grams, Judy Hoch

CE Children & Youth Committee:

Nancy Grams, Irina Erickson, Amy Hermes, Kris Horton, Chris Junker, Harold Korb, Kathy Reimer, Lindsey Stout, Ben Welsch

CE Adult Committee:

Anne Bohlke, Sharon Brooks, Dan Deffenbaugh, Grant Hunter, Harold Korb, Will Locke, Curtis Reimer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. Inspire us by your Holy Word this morning to clothe ourselves with compassion, humility, patience, and above all love. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Colossians 3:12-15

ANTHEM

“Timbrel and Dance”

Kevin McChesney

Calvin/Westminster Youth Hand Bell Choir – Byron Jensen, Director; (Pre-recorded 5/19/19)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 17:20-26

SERMON

“Unified as One!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

The final sermon in the Easter Season Sermon Series “Living in a Post-Resurrection World”

*HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From First Lutheran Church in Louisville, KY)

As a community of the people of God, we are called to minister to all people of our world. We recognize that all people are precious children of God, created in the image of God. We also know that the world is often an unloving place: a place of division, alienation, and brokenness. Christ calls us to unity, reconciliation, and wholeness. We are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing within our society. We affirm with the apostle Paul that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female.” Christ has made us one. Therefore, rejoicing in God’s abundant grace, we extend welcome to all: believers, doubters and seekers. In Christ’s love, we welcome all, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can work together to usher in God’s reign of justice, peace, and mercy.

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

For the health and safety of our members, we will not pass a plate or collect gifts during the offering. You are invited to give by dropping your offering as you leave in the plates at the back of the sanctuary, dropping it in the outside locked tithing box located on the second brick column under the portico, mailing it in, or giving online: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY

“Andante” from Sonata for Organ

James D. Kimball

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another and unite as the Body of Christ. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love and unity we share bring hope to a world that is in need. 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

“We Are One in the Spirit”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

***RESPONSE**

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

POSTLUDE

"A Joyous Postlude"

Cyrus S. Mallard

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red!)

May 30 – Worship in the Park with First United Methodist Church

June 6 – Children's Book Sermon Series begins!

10:30 a.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home worship

In-Person: No RSVP for the month of May, just come and join us!

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast
on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from 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 and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanist: Mary Plock

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

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(Psalm 133)

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

How ver-y good and pleas-ant when we live in u-ni-ty. It is

(A7) C7 (G7) B \flat 7 (D) F

like pre-cious oil, like fresh morn-ing dew. We

(D) F (G) B \flat (F \sharp) A (Bm) Dm

gath-er here to-geth-er with our hearts and voic-es raised to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A7) C7 (D) F

God, who's the cen-ter of our u-ni-ty and praise!

This paraphrase draws on Psalm 133, one of the Songs of Ascent sung by pilgrims to Jerusalem. It adapts the original theme of national unity through shared worship on Mount Zion into a celebration of the unity God grants to those who come together in one place for worship.

TEXT and MUSIC: Barbara Boertje, 1997
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HOW VERY GOOD
Irregular

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B \flat (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D) (F) B \flat Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) F (G) B \flat (C) E \flat (G) B \flat (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) C7 (D) F (F \sharp) A (Bm) Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) Dm7 (D) F (Bdim7) Ddim7 (Em7) Gm7 (Dm)(A7) (D) Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.

MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

May 16, 2021

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service, simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM, and is given in memory of Loved Ones.

Flowers are given in memory of Elton and Edith Willcock by family.

Ushers

May Team #3: Dave Fisher-Captain, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom,
Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

Greeters

May 16: Kim Hermann House, and LaVerne & Connie Franzen

May 23: Justin & Kili Wenburg, and Chuck & Jane Bauer

Unstaffed Nursery is available if needed. The television has a live feed to the Sanctuary so you can still watch the service.

Today's 10:30 "In-Person" Worship Service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (You don't need an account.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. at College View live on Facebook in the small theatre room, residents and their families are welcome

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Giving during our time of In-Person and Stay-at-Home Church The church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in worship, please take time to



1. mail your donation in,
2. drop by the church and leave your offering in the locked tithing box located on the second brick column under the portico,
3. sign up for electronic fund transfers,
4. or give on-line at: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

FPC Prayers for

Lois Hafer	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	Lanae Hall's mother
Cindy Pickett	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Rachael Lay
Gretchen Lainson	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom)	Pam & Don Canady
Rich Portwood	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Gayle Fandry	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Frank & Carol Medsker
Bev Stein	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond	The Tut Ruei family
	Family of Dorothy VanBuskirk	Family of Norris Swan

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.

In Memory of

- ♥ Norris Swan, who passed away 04/12/2021. Services were held at FPC Hastings, April 16, 2021, with Pastor Greg presiding.
- ♥ Dorothy VanBuskirk, who passed 04/17/2021. Services were held at FPC Hastings, April 21, 2021, with Pastor Greg presiding. Dorothy was Justin Osborne's grandmother.

This Week at FPC --- May 16, 2021– May 23, 2021

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must use the following guidelines for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 20 or fewer in attendance, 2.) No time limit, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6-ft. seating. All boards and committees have the option to meet in person or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both (to be coordinated by the church staff representative).

TODAY 5/16	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service
	11:30a-Noon	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
Mon, May 17		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
	1:00p-3:00p	1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Troop 200 Scouts in Scout Room
Tues, May 18	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom/Anderson
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons via Zoom/Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall
Wed, May 19	11:00a-12:00p	PW Gathering in Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers Basement Room
Thurs, May 20	5:30p-6:30p	Session via Zoom/Anderson
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class NE Classroom/PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center
Sun, May 23	9:15a-10:15a	Adult Ed Heirs Apparent Zoom/Anderson
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service
	11:30a-Noon	Hands Around the World Store OPEN



Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

The **PW Coordinating Team** will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be August 4th at 10:00.

The next **PW Gathering** will be May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. COVID rules remain in place.

The PW sponsored Native American Book Study is launching its next book study. Please register your plans to attend with Marilyn Stone (mmstone52@att.net).

- **May 24, and June 7-*Standing in the Light: A Lakota Way of Seeing***
Two 1-hour sessions will be held on each date at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM discussing sections of the book.



The May Communion Offering will go to Open Table. The Open Table Sack Lunch project, created in 2004, is supported by donations. Lunches are given weekdays, at Catholic Social Services. No questions asked.



The Hands Around the World Store has Café Justo coffee. Stop by the church office during the week to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag. The store is open every Sunday morning for 30 min. at 10:00 & 11:30.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 25, 2021** 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 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym has returned to the PEACE Center every Monday from 1:00-3:00. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people, with social distancing observed.



Want to help run the tech booth? Contact Erik Nielsen for information. kazgratz@gmail.com



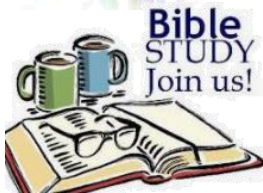
Want to volunteer at **United Harvest?** Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

June 19, 2021		
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

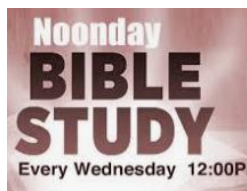


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, has concluded for this semester. Previous Forums can be found on the church YouTube page

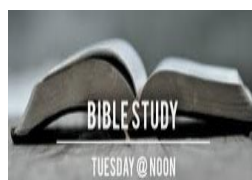
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. The current study began on 02/21/2021 using the book *Visioneering* by Andy Stanley, which is based on the book of Nehemiah in the Old Testament. We meet in the Anderson room and via Zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at teece4@gmail.com or call the church office to get the Zoom link.



Bible at Breakfast has a new time and name! Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM on **Wednesdays** at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We are looking at the Book of Revelation using the text *Revelation & the End of All Things* by Craig R. Koester. To join the study, contact sbbrooks52@gmail.com. All are welcome!



Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Pastor Greg

All are welcome to join this weekly study. The focus for the group discussion and study each week is on the verses to be used on Sunday during worship. The group gathers either by ZOOM Conferencing or in person in the Anderson Room. To join by ZOOM, contact the church office.



Work Shirts Needed for Proteus There is a great need for long-sleeved 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 Donation Station in Fellowship Hall.

To participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, please contact Denny Storer for details.



2021 VBS Children & Volunteer Registration

We'd love for you to join us for VBS 2021! First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church are coming together to host a 3-day, outdoor VBS. At Discovery of Adventure Island VBS children will explore the ways God's great light shines in the world, and shows everyone how they can reflect that light in their own lives.

DATE: Tuesday, June 1 through Thursday, June 3

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (volunteers will be needed 8:45am - 12:15pm)

WHERE: Masonic Temple grass lot at the corner of 6th Street and Hastings Avenue (will be outside)

COVID PRECAUTION: At this time, masks will be required

CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS: Please register SOON via the First Presbyterian Church website <https://fpchastings.org/2021-vbs/> or by direct link:

- Children: <http://bit.ly/HastingsVBS>
- Volunteers: <http://bit.ly/HastingsVBSVolunteer>

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions.



Presbyterian Camp Scholarships available!

A Presbyterian Camp Scholarship is available for all Presbyterian sponsored camps including youth camps and family camps. An individual camper may receive one scholarship per calendar year that will cover up to ½ of the camping fees!

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.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org for a scholarship request form or if you have any questions.