



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

621 NO. LINCOLN
HASTINGS, NE 68901

NOTABLE NOTES FROM PASTOR GREG

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I feel so blessed to be serving such a generous congregation, and a God of abundance! Thank you for all the many ways you support our church, including through your financial giving.

You may remember that we ended 2020 with a budget surplus of \$90,000. Historically when we end the year with a surplus, we put that money into our endowment. In early 2021, one of our Trustees suggested that we take the surplus and spend it on local mission and ministry, particularly trying to help those who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and the economic slowdown. The Trustees approved this idea in theory and forwarded it to the Session for approval.

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Weeks of August 29th &
September 5th, 2021

FPC

621 No. Lincoln

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Senior Pastor:
Greg Allen-Pickett

Associate Pastor:
Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Session voted to use the surplus in this way:

- 1/3 of the surplus (\$30,000) into savings/endowment
- 1/3 of the surplus (\$30,000) towards improvements at the PEACE Center which is used for ministry and mission that benefits those impacted by COVID-19 like the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, the Hastings Food Pantry, and other local ministries
- 1/3 of the surplus (\$30,000) spent directly on local mission and ministry in 2021

We thought about how to spend the \$30,000 on local mission and ministry and decided to let our Mission Committee facilitate that decision. The Mission Committee wants input from the congregation about the best ways to spend these resources, so they have created a simple application process. On the next page of the newsletter, you will find a one page application. If you know of a worthy organization that is in need of financial resources please fill out the application and return it to the Mission Committee or the church office by October 1.

Thank you for helping First Presbyterian Church of Hastings shine the love and light of Christ into the world through your steadfast support!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

**First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska
Community Support Application**

This year, our year-end budget left us with a surplus, which included a \$30,000 boost to our mission budget to be used to support projects in our community. Our mission committee has several ideas; however, we are reaching out to the congregation for new project ideas or existing programs that you think need, or would significantly benefit from, extra financial support. If you would like to make a request, please fill out this short application form which can be returned to the church office, or to any member of our mission committee.

Date Submitted: _____

Person Submitting Suggestion: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of Organization or Project: _____

Do you know if this organization/project currently has 501c3 nonprofit status? _____

What is the mission of this organization or project? _____

How do you believe this funding could be used to build or support our community?

Any additional information: _____

Amount requested: _____.

All applications will be reviewed, and feedback will be given to the applicant. **Please return this request by October 1, 2021.**

Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission: *Following our call to love and care for our neighbors by serving, supporting, and developing relationships within our church, community, country, and world.*
Dream Big

**Please keep
these people in
your hearts and
prayers:**

Greg Howard♥

Frank Georgiana♥

Family of Arnold
Boehler ♥

Family of Jack
Stinson♥

Lois Hafer♥

Robin Koozer♥

Rachael Lay♥

Rich Portwood♥

Lanae Hall's mother♥

Pam & Don Canaday♥

Bev Stein♥

Melba Trehern♥

Tommy Thomsen♥

Brad Davis♥

Chris Wheeler♥

Carol & Frank
Medsker♥

Shirley Gass♥

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann
Elfond♥

The Tut Ruei family♥

Katherine
Sachtleben♥

Elaine Schumacher ♥



USHERS TEAM #6 is in need of a member. If you have not been an usher before, this is the perfect opportunity for you to meet members face-to-face. We have 6 different teams that

rotate through the year, serving one month at a time. This means we'd need you one month of service twice a year, and substitutes are available for back-up situations.

If you already serve on a team that seems to have a few additional members, would you consider moving to Team #6? Please contact the office 402-462-5147 or email sarah@fpchastings.org.



Members of 1st Presbyterian,
Thank you so much
for the 1000⁺ of sack
lunches and sandwiches
you have made over the
past few weeks! Your
gifts of time and service
will help us to continue
to provide for those fighting
food insecurity in our
area. What a blessing!
- The Table lunch
Open sack program

This past July, members of our Mission Committee worked tirelessly to pack over 3,000 sack lunches and salads to give to the Open Table Program in Hastings. Thanks to all of you who helped in one way or another.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Dear Members, Friends & Staff of FPC,

I cannot even begin to explain what a welcoming first month and a half I have been greeted with as your new Office Administrator. The amount of people who have called, emailed, stopped in or reached out in some other way to meet and welcome me to the church has been completely heartwarming. I am filled with gratitude and thankfulness that I get to come to work each day at a place so filled with kind and caring people.

Sarah Allen



The first meal between FPC and the Hastings College international students took place Sunday, August 15th at Alexander Park with a flag raising ceremony on campus later that day. There was a great turn out of students, parents, church members & friends. You could feel the emotions as parents were sad to be returning home alone, and students nervous in anticipation of their new journeys ahead. Thanks to all who attended, your presence made it

clear to the parents that their children are being offered a loving and caring environment to become a part of. Our next lunch will be held on September 19th in Fellowship Hall immediately following 10:30am worship, please join us.



Pastor Greg sharing a blessing for the international students.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is blessed to have so many amazing members. If you know of a member who has done something we should recognize, please let us know!
Email sarah@fpchastings.org or call the church office 402-462-5147.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SHARON BROOKS for being inducted into the Nebraska Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame!



Sharon began her career as a part-time news and weather reporter at KHAS-TV in 1973 while a student at Hastings College ('74); she was then hired full-time by KHAS-TV in 1974.

In 1976 she was the first woman in the state of Nebraska to hold the title of News Director at a television station.

Sharon began a teaching career at Hastings College in 1979 and stayed until she retired in 2016. During this time, she was instrumental in designing the broadcast program at HC as well as assisting architects in the design of the Gray Center to suit the needs of such a program. Sharon has influenced and touched the lives of thousands of students as well as being a well-respected colleague and peer in our community.

Take a moment to watch this amazing tribute to Sharon Brooks' career:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=548959933016075>

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBIN KOOZER who will be inducted into the Hastings College Fine Arts



Hall of Fame, which honors individuals who have made an impact in their communities through the arts; he is being recognized for his contribution through music.

Robin, Emeritus Professor of Music at Hastings College, is also a graduate of HC ('76) and served in various leading roles in the music department from 1988-2017. First Presbyterian Church has been so fortunate to have had Robin serve through our music ministry for over 3 decades and is currently the Chancel Choir Director.

Join in the celebration! Sunday, September 19th at 11:30am there will be a luncheon at the Scott Studio Theatre (on the HC campus) followed by the induction ceremony at 12:30pm. Tickets are available at hastings.edu/homecoming or by contacting the HC Alumni Office at

402-461-7363. Tickets are \$12 per person.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Sunday 8/29	9:00a-10:15a	CHRISTIAN ED KICK OFF	
	9:30a-10:15a	In-Person Worship, no mask required	Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
	10:30am	Stay-At -Home & Traditional Worship	FPC/Various
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
Monday 8/30	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Center Gym
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Center Gym
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 8/31	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Center Gym
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study	Zoom/Anderson
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Center Gym
Wednesday 9/1	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Center Gym
	12:00p-1:00p	PW Coordinating Team	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study	Zoom
	1:00p-2:00p	PW	Fellowship Hall
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	LL Church
Thursday 9/2	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Gym
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed (Youth) Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Center Gym
Friday 9/3	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	LL Church
Sunday 9/5	9:30a-10:15a	In-Person Worship, no mask required	Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
	10:30am	Stay-At -Home & Traditional Worship	FPC/Various
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
Monday 9/6	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Center Gym
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Center Gym
	4:00p-8:00p	Memorial Service for Norris Swan	Lochland Country Club
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 9/7	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Center Gym
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study	Zoom/Anderson
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting	Zoom/Fellowship Hall
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Center Gym
Weds 9/8	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Center Gym
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study	Zoom
	4:00p-6:45p	WNL 1 st -5 th	
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal Time	
	6:20p-6:50p	Bell Rehearsal 6 th -12 th	
	6:50p-7:30p	Choir Rehearsal 6 th -12 th	
	7:30p-8:30p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	LL Church
Thursday 9/9	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Center Gym
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel Committee Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Center Gym
Saturday 9/10	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	LL Church
Sunday 9/11	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
	10:30a	Stay-At -Home & Traditional Worship	FPC/Various
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex

Our next **SYNOD FALL GATHERING** is just around the corner, this September in Minden. We will be assembling CWS School Kits (Christian World Service) and have set up a table for donations in the Memorial Room. The desired items are listed below, anything you can supply is appreciated:

CWS School Kits

School kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.



Here's what you'll need

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (please remove pencils from the package)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside of the bag. The MyShopAngel website has an affordable CWS Kit bag for bulk purchase. Visit cwskits.org/bag to order. Or, [download our school bag pattern](#) and make your own!

Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.

Value: \$15.00

Processing fee: \$2.00 per kit

HOMEMADE NOODLE FUNDRAISER



• The Salvation Army
400 South Burlington Ave.

• **Friday August 27th**
11:00 am – 6:00 pm

• Call 402-705-7551
to preorder for pick up

• Meal Includes

- Homemade Chicken & Noodles
- Mashed potatoes
- Green beans
- Dinner roll

\$8.00 PER MEAL

PIE AVAILABLE -- \$1:50 PER SLICE
Noodles Only-- \$8.00 Per Quart

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT



2021/2022 Youth & Adult Programs

*please
join us*

Kick-Off Celebration

Sunday, August 29

Families with Children

9:00am-10:20am: Bouncy House & Slide (supervision provided) in the playground area for children age 3 to 5th Grade. The staffed Nursery will be open for children 3 and under. Parents/Guardians drop your children off in the playground or nursery, and then gather in the Fellowship Hall for the information meeting.

9:15am-10:15am: Parents/Guardians will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live registration and parent information meeting followed by the adult activities/classes information meeting.

Families/Others without Children

9:45am-10:15am: Meet in the Fellowship Hall to hear about all of the Fall 2021 adult enrichment opportunities.

**Take
Note**

Wednesday Night Live activities will begin on **September 8.**

Sunday School (Children & Adult classes) will begin on **September 12.**

**My heartfelt thanks to all who made my
100th birthday a great remembrance.**

With God's love to all,

Joyce Harrenstein



Celebration of Life for Norris Swan



Monday, September 6th at Lochland Country Club

4:00pm-8:00pm

Message from Pastor Greg at 4:45pm



THANK YOU to those of you who have brought in fresh produce from your gardens! We LOVE everything that you bring and truly appreciate your thoughtfulness! It is such a special treat when we get to sit down and eat these fresh items, and please know that the fruits of your labor (literally!) are appreciated and our prayers of thanks include you.

-FPC Office Members

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 & 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: Sarah Allen

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

HASTINGS COLLEGE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FELLOWSHIP, CONVERSATION & MEALS...

and open your home to the world.

Every year Hastings College welcomes international and music students to the Hastings community. We are inviting you to be apart of this cultural experience as a host or host family through a partnership in ministry with First Presbyterian Church. As a host, one must be able to offer support and conversation to students navigating their way into the Hastings community. Families will offer meals at designated dates over the course of the Fall 2021 semester and as needed will offer spiritual guidance, help with integration to college life, and in general offer words of mentorship & support, engagement and fellowship. In addition to this, the role of a host or host family requires flexibility as students navigate their college experience and ever changing schedules. We hope your commitment in this ministry will be welcomed.

Questions?

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Important Dates:

- August 15th - Kick Off
- September-19th
- October -17th
- November - Thanksgiving Meal

*All meals will be held at
First Presbyterian Church
Following 10:30AM Worship
Service*



INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS



Mark Your Calendar:

FORUM SERIES

Wisdom for the Good Life

*Four part series on biblical
wisdom literature
and our current lives*

**SEPT 12, 19, 26 & OCT 3
9:15 AM | LYDIA ROOM**

Sessions will be led by
Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
and hosted both in person
and via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84337329785>

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Address Service is Requested



Welcoming all; Living the love of God and neighbor; Seeking to transform ourselves, our community, and our world to be more Christ-like through service, worship, prayer, education and fellowship.

