

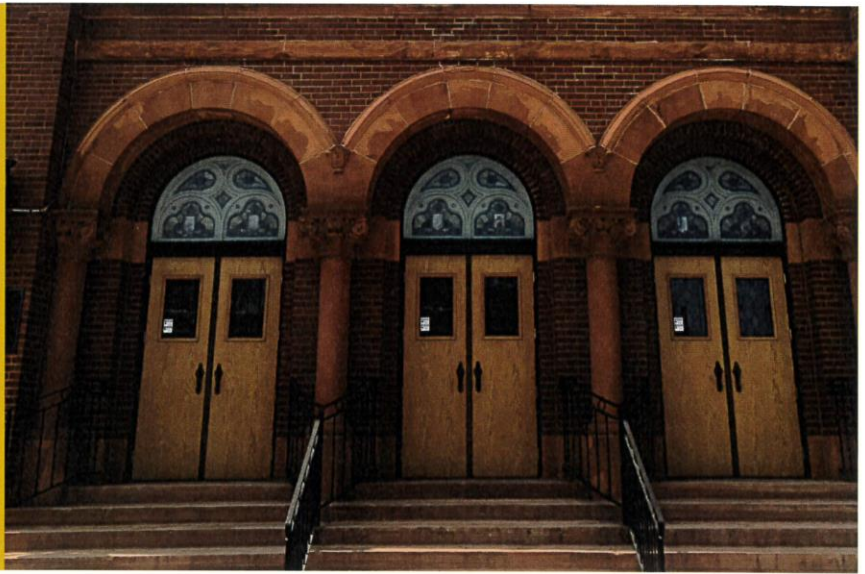
THE HOME PAGE

10/10/2021 &
10/17/2021

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Pastor
Greg Allen-Pickett

Associate Pastor
Damen Jensen-Heitmann




NOTABLE NOTES FROM PASTOR GREG

A Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I need to share some news with you about a staff transition. Stephanie Brader, our beloved Director of Christian Education, has notified us that she has taken a new job as a part-time accountant for Good Samaritan Village. This job will reduce the number of hours she is working and provide her more flexibility to support her family and pursue other interests. Steph has served the church and our children and families faithfully for six years and we are so grateful for all that she has done.

Steph was hired during a period of transition in this church six years ago, and she helped hold our church together in a very difficult time while building on our high quality, faithful programs for children and youth running. When I started four and a half years ago, I knew that there was something special about Steph, and was so grateful that she was on the staff team. Her love for the kids and the volunteers, and her logistical and organizational support of our ministries are all amazing.

In the last 18 months, due to COVID-19, Steph graciously added a ton of additional duties and responsibilities including video producer and editor. Every week during COVID,



Steph edited and produced videos for our remote Sunday school classes, usually doing two videos per week, one for PreK-2nd graders and one for 3rd-5th graders. She would coordinate our volunteer teachers coming in, and would fill in on camera when needed. In addition to the video lessons, Steph also became a mailing, shipping, and logistics specialist. Every month or two, with the help of volunteers, she would compile a packet that would be mailed to each household in our church with kiddos. She knows how to do bulk mailings and envelope stuffing parties with the best of them. She also was instrumental in our special events like the Palm Sunday and Pentecost parades.

I could go on and on describing all of Steph's contributions to our church. I want to recognize Steph for all that she has done to keep our Christian Education programs and our church thriving over the last six years. We celebrate your heart, your commitment to these kids, and the love of God that you are filled with that you share with the kids, the volunteers, and all of us here on staff. Thank you.

Consistent with her commitment to our church described above, Steph has graciously agreed to stay on staff until we can find her replacement, and she will help train her replacement. So we are also incredibly grateful for that!

I have been hard at work with the Personnel Committee and the Christian Education committee to find a new Director of Christian Education. I had five informal interviews/conversations with potential candidates over the last two weeks. This week we held a formal interview with one of those candidates. Following the interview, the interview team and the Personnel Committee were in unanimous agreement that this was the right candidate for the job. Once we finalize the offer and paperwork, we will be introducing her to the congregation.

In the meantime, we give thanks to God for Steph and her six years of service! Once we determine Steph's final day, we will do something to mark this transition and celebrate Steph and her gifts and contributions to our church, so stay tuned.

Thank you for all of your support and prayers during this time of transition. God provided us Steph for a time and we are so grateful for her commitment and service. We trust that God will continue to provide leadership for our Christian Education programs into the future.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg

Please Pray For:

Carol & Frank Medsker
Lois Hafer
Kahterine Sachtleben
Greg Howard
Rachael Lay
Frank Georgiana
Tommy Thomsen
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Lanae Hall's Mother
Elaine Schumacher
Melba Trehern
Chris Wheeler
Brad Davis
Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond
Pam & Don Canady
Tut Ruei Family
Family of Alana Debellis
Bev Stein
Tori Georgiana



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

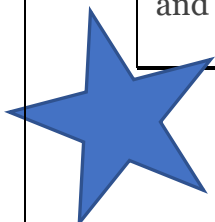
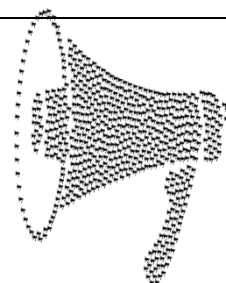
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Check out Presbyterian Disaster Assistance if you are looking for a way to donate or provide other support in response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti or to damage in the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Ida. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has long-standing partnerships to provide disaster assistance around the world. They have excellent brochures and a website with information about specific disaster assistance they are providing. This includes a way to donate at: <https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/ida-bulletin>

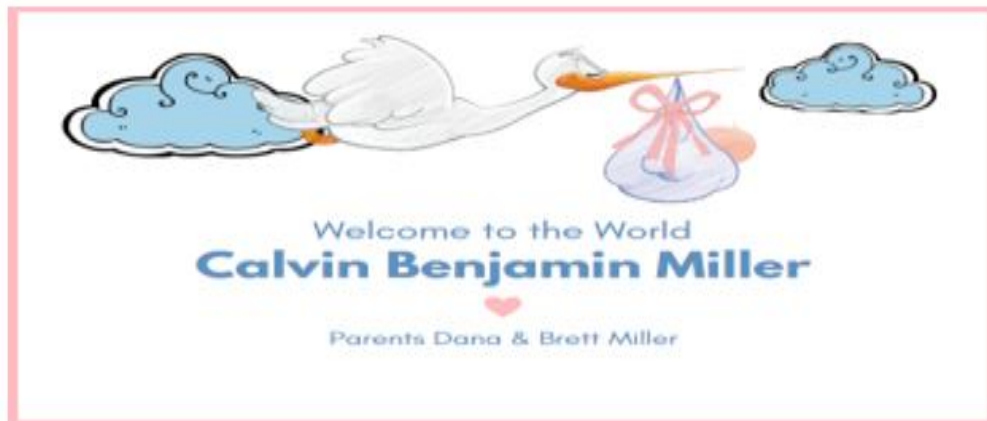


Sun 10/10	8:30a-9:15a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	Various Locations
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Various Options
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	2:00p-4:00p	CROP Hunger Walk	Heartwell Park
		Pastor Appreciation Day	
		Bible Presentation Sunday	
Mon 10/11	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee (<i>Mon-Thurs</i>)	PEACE Gym
	12:00p-1:00p	Memorial Committee Meets	Parlor
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
Tues 10/12	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	4:30p-5:30p	Global Mission Committee Meets	Parlor/Zoom
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meets	Parlor/Zoom
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees Meet	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15p-9:15p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wed 10/13	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan	Zoom
		NO WNL or Youth Groups	Fall Break
	5:15p-6:15p	New Members Class	Lydia Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:30p	Wood Carvers	Lower Level Church
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Portico
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
Thur 10/14	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel Committee Meets	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE Center
	6:30p-7:30p	Good Reads Book Club	Zoom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Fellowship
Fri 10/15	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Youth Group Room
Sat 10/16	9:45a-1:00p	United Harvest	PEACE Parking Lot
Sun 10/17	8:30a-9:15a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
		NO Sunday School Fall Break	
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Various Options
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	11:30a-1:00p	International HC Student Lunch	TBD

A shout out to Jill Kramer: Jill had her 3rd-4th-5th grade Sunday School students make special cards for the residents at College View to let them know they are loved and thought of. Jill took those cards to College View and asked for them to be personally handed out along with a piece of candy. Thank you, Jill for your kind heart.



Mon 10/18	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Lunch (Mon-Thurs)	PEACE Gym
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
Tues 10/19	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15p-9:15p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wed 10/20	9:30a-10:30a	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship/Parlor
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study w/Dan	Zoom
	1:15p-2:15p	PW Circle 3	Fellowship
	4:00p-6:45p	1 st -5 th WNL	Inquire at Check-In
	5:15p-6:15p	New Members Class	Lydia Room
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal Time	Fellowship Hall
	6:20p-6:50p	6 th -12 th Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:50p-7:30p	6 th -12 th Choir Rehearsal	Inquire at Check-In
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Portico
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	7:30p-8:30p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	Youth Group Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:30p	Wood Carvers	Lower Level Church
Thurs 10/21	5:30p-7:30p	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Fri 10/22	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Youth Room
Sun 10/24	8:30a-9:30a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	Various Locations
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Various Options
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	12:00p-2:00p	Music Staff Meeting Calendar Dates	TBD





Hastings Community Music Academy



Beginning & Advanced Handbell Choir



Tuesdays: Oct 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23
Beginner Ensemble: 6:30-7:15 pm
Advanced Ensemble: 7:30-8:15 pm

All Are Welcome!



First Presbyterian Church, 621 N. Lincoln
Adults 18 and older
Fee: \$20 for 6 weeks
Financial Assistance Available
Masks Required



Contact: Hannah Jensen-Heitmann
(402) 519-4711 musicacademydirector@gmail.com
Facebook: Hastings Community Music Academy

Dear Session and FPC Members,

Thank you for the many get well wishes on FB and those snail mailed to me. Your thoughts and prayers along with the beautiful flowers from the Deacons are deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Greg and Deacon Andy Barrow for their delightful and prayerful visits.
With kindest regards,
Glen Bill



William G. Nottage-Tacey

Communion Offering for October:



The Committee for Local Mission and Global Social Witness announces the Communion Offering for October as the Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School through the Friends of Pine Ridge Reservation.

Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota is home to the Oglala Sioux Tribe with an estimated population of close to 40,000. The reservation is large, and its needs immense, commensurate with extreme poverty. Friends of Pine Ridge focuses on the specific needs of the many schools and social service organizations such as shelters, children's organizations, and clinics physically located on the reservation. Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary is requesting seven **educational games** for use in their classrooms:

The Time Game	\$32.97
Money Bags game	\$13.06
Sum Swamp	\$19.99
Grammar Wise	\$13.99
Mind Your Numbers	\$13.99
Guess in 10 States in America	\$13.99
Guess in 10 Cities Around the World	\$13.99

2021 Bible Presentation



Child/Youth	Parent(s)	Grade
Malcolm Eckhardt.....	Kristen and Louie	Kindergarten
Tenley Hermann	Ashley and Jeff	Kindergarten
Truman Welsch.....	Jenni and Ben	Kindergarten
Stella Adam.....	Stephanie and Tyler	3 rd Grade
Faith Brader.....	Stephanie and Justin	3 rd Grade
Launa Epp	Dacia	3 rd Grade
Sophia Hemje	Kate and Mark.....	3 rd Grade
Caroline Ourada.....	Stephanie and Doug.....	3 rd Grade
Evan Turner	Amanda and Kevin	3 rd Grade
Grace Brader.....	Stephanie and Justin	8 th Grade
Ashton Essink.....	Chanda and Stan	8 th Grade
McKain Ratzlaff.....	Leah and Tom.....	8 th Grade
Norah Snell	Sarah and Scott	8 th Grade

Please join us this Sunday, October 10th for Bible Presentation Sunday.



New Members Class

Wednesdays 5:15pm-6:15pm
October 13
October 20
October 27

October 27 join our
Children and Youth
Wednesday Night Live Family Meal
immediately after class

CALL 402-462-5147
FOR DETAILS



Hastings Community Music Academy


Beginning Guitar Class

Thursdays: Oct 28, Nov 4, 11, 18
6:30-7:15 pm

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
621 N. LINCOLN

MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS
GUITARS PROVIDED
FEE: \$40 FOR 4 WEEKS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
MASKS REQUIRED

CONTACT: HANNAH JENSEN-HEITMANN
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MUSIC ACADEMY



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR:

WNL RECREATION LEADER

- + PLAN weekly activities for Wednesday Night Live, 1st-5th grades
- + LEAD one group in a non-competitive physical activity/craft/hobby
- + CREATE a safe space where young people will want to participate
- + RELATE to young people as a leader, friend and role model
- + PRAY regularly for each student and leader by name

3:50PM-4:30PM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
 MUST BE AT LEAST 19 YEARS OF AGE
 CONTACT STEPHANIE BRADER: STEPHANIE@FPCHASTINGS.ORG

The next United Harvest will take place on Saturday, October 16th. To volunteer, go to the “Sign Up Genius” link on the United Harvest Facebook page (search on Facebook for “United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry”). The sign-up link is posted and available one week prior to each month’s distribution OR you can call the church office at 402-462-5147.

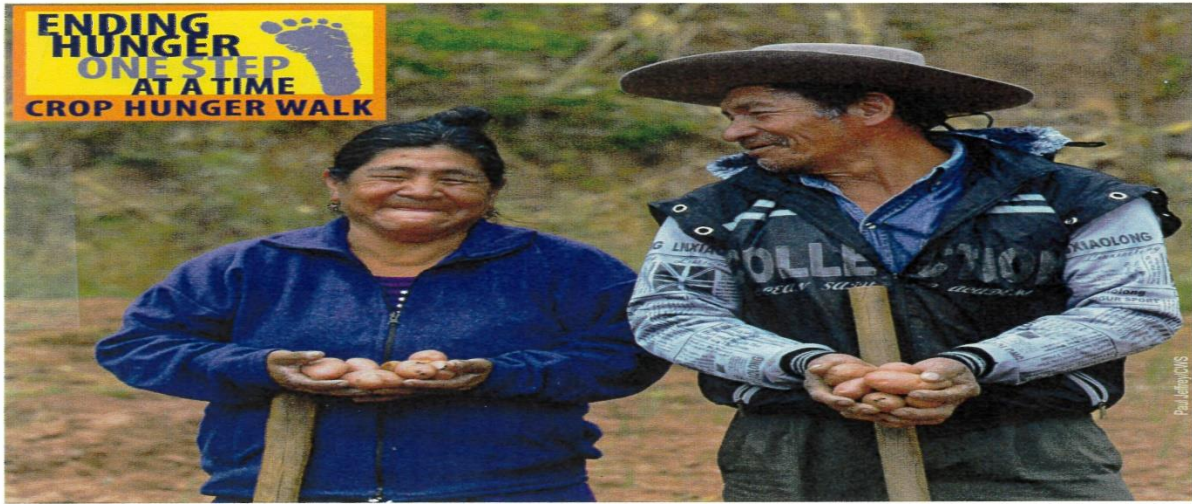


October 16, 2021		
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM



The PEACE Center will be getting a new HVAC System the first of October and work is expected to last for 4 weeks. FPC will keep you updated on exact dates and if any scheduling changes need to occur.

The elevator in the church will be getting upgraded mechanicals. Work is tentatively scheduled between Thanksgiving and Christmas. FPC will keep you updated on exact date.



Walk. Give. Change the world.
Hastings CROP Hunger Walk
2pm Sunday, October 10, 2021
Around Heartwell Park
Register at N California Ave in the park
25% raised goes to local school's
Backpack Food Programs
Sponsored by Church Women United
crophungerwalk.org

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NEED OF A
VOLUNTEER THE
2ND AND 4TH
SUNDAYS OF EACH
MONTH. PLEASE
REACH OUT TO
FPC@FPCHASTINGS
IF YOU CAN HELP.**



Get a free "blessed" dog tag for each pet!

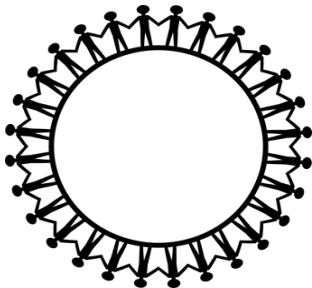
Work Blessing at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, NE

Blessing of the Pets

Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings for our 5th annual Blessing of the Pets Service
Sunday, September 26 at 8:30am in Alexander Park
 NW corner of 7th and Lincoln behind Great Western Bank
(Please bring your own chair)
ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!

BLESSING OF THE PETS WAS A SUCCESS!
 Pastor Greg blessed 35 dogs, 1 crawdad and photos of at least 10 cats

The **Hands Around the World Store** has received a new shipment from SERRV. Olive oil, spices, jewelry, and gift items are some of the new products. SERRV supports fair trade artisans and farmers from around the world. The HAW Store is located between the Narthex and Memorial Room and is open on Sundays 10:00am-10:30am and 11:30am-12:00pm (when services are in session at the church).



??? Did you know that our very own Hands Around the World store gives \$100 a month to United Harvest? When you purchase items, you are supporting both international and local missions

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Address Service Requested



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and is officially celebrated on the second Sunday, this year October 10th, 2021. Thank you, Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen, for dedicating your lives to God, First Presbyterian Church, all of its staff, members, families, friends and the community that it serves. We are grateful you are our leaders.