

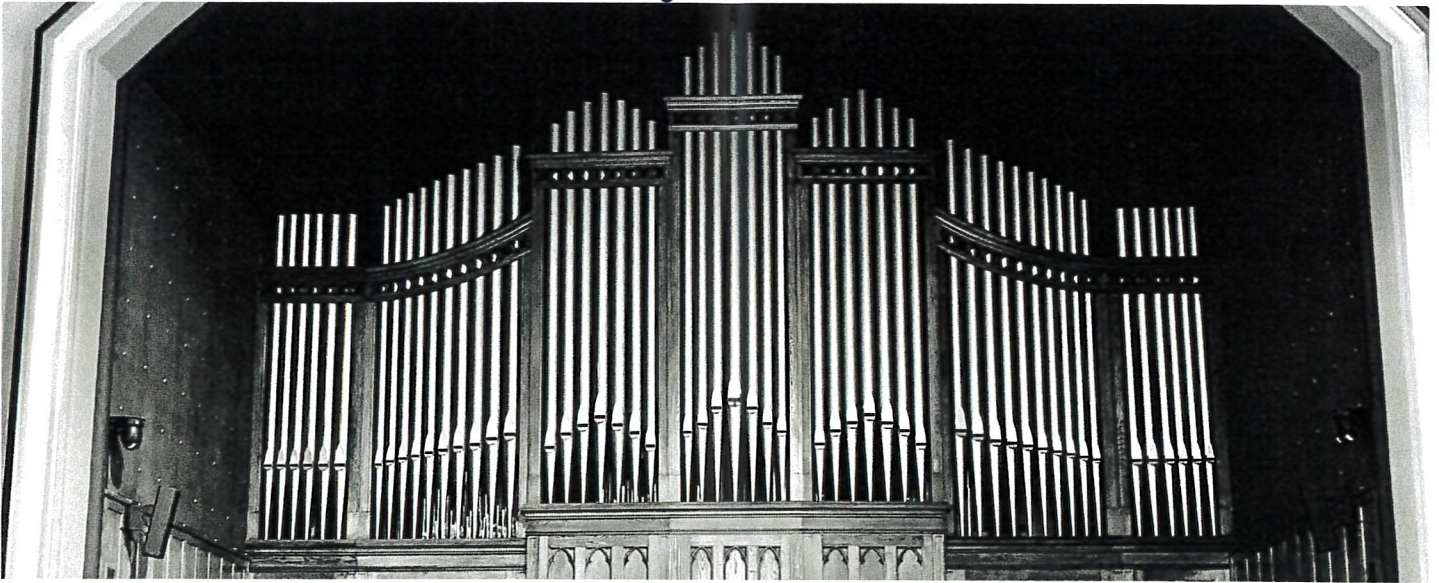
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THE HOME PAGE

First Presbyterian Church
621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE 68901



Hanging of the Greens



Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

On Sunday, 11/21, following the 10:30am service we will decorate our church and sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We call this the "Hanging of the Greens." Part of the reason we do this is to spruce up (pun intended) our worship space to celebrate Jesus' birth. As communities of faith, though, we aren't simply decorating our sanctuaries and buildings; we are preparing them to be a symbol of anticipation and hope for the birth, and rebirth, of Jesus. The "Hanging the Greens" is an opportunity to make this connection each year.



Most of the objects we use to decorate are inherited from Germanic traditions popularized in Victorian England: wreaths on doors; branches, boughs, and lights inside; and an evergreen tree. Many churches, including our own, have borrowed these decorations. While these are not exclusively Christian symbols, we have imparted meaning on them that support the Christian message.

Fir and pine boughs are natural signs of everlasting life, persisting in summer and winter and retaining their color even as leaves change and fall. Cedar wood is associated with royalty, including in the Hebrew scriptures. Holly and ivy—the green leaf and the red berry—are sung about as symbols of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection, especially in the popular carol, "The Holly and the Ivy." And the twinkling lights remind us both of the star of Bethlehem and Jesus as the light of the world. These familiar signs of Christmas serve as symbols of our deeply lived faith.

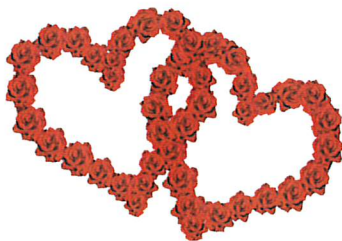
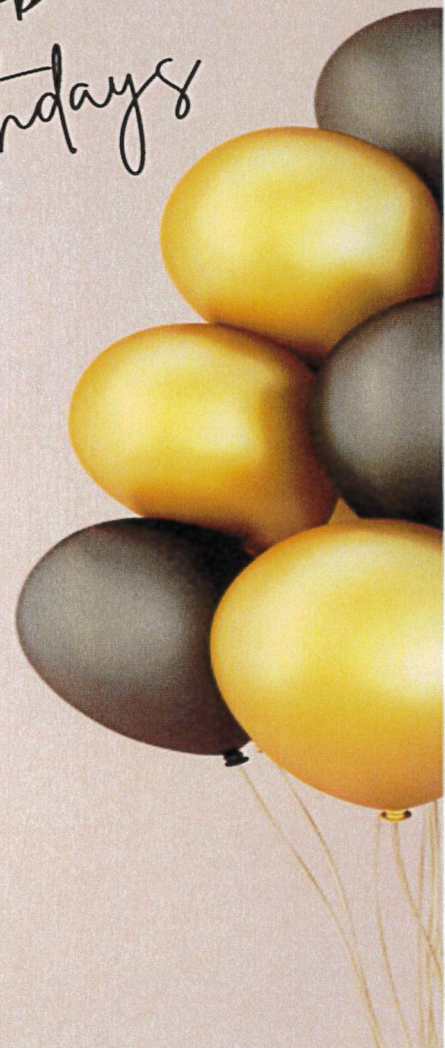
So we hope you can join us on Sunday 11/21 after the 10:30am service as we participate in the "Hanging of the Greens." And it is my hope and prayer that each time you drive by our church or walk into our sanctuary in the next six weeks, you are reminded of the symbolism in the evergreen boughs, wreaths, trees, holly berries, red ribbons, and twinkling lights.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg



Diane Phelps 12/1
 Louie Eckhardt 12/1
 Abigail Shetler 12/3
 Jeanne Hastings 12/3
 Sandra Wimer 12/3
 Diane Mullen 12/4
 Tyson Kerr 12/5
 Connie Franzen 12/6
 Lynette Krieger 12/7
 Tanner Bauer 12/7
 Pam Schlichtman 12/8
 Steve Wolford 12/8
 Dave Dirks 12/9
 Todd Pankratz 12/10
 Danna Wolford 12/11
 Phyllis Salyards 12/11
 Traci Boeve 12/12
 Nyaguor Duang 12/13
 Joyce Moore 12/14
 Mary Fisk 12/14
 Blake Norris 12/15
 Pat Kleiber 12/15
 Lindsey Stout 12/17
 Marilyn Nielsen 12/17
 Deb Jensen 12/18
 Donald Buhr 12/19
 Kili Wenburg 12/19
 Tom Ratzlaff 12/19
 Eleanor Jorgenson 12/20
 Bill Redinger 12/20
 Barbara Sunderman 12/21
 Tracy Brooks 12/25
 Laura Marvel-Wunderlich 12/26
 Sophia Pankratz 12/26
 Jim Wenburg 12/28
 Carolyn Nowka 12/29
 Kelsey Stokely 12/29
 Laura Peterson 12/30

December Birthdays



Happy Anniversary

HEATHER & RICK GOSDA
12/23/2006

MARGARET & CHARLES HERMES
12/18/1965


KAELA & BJ PUMROY
12/30/1995



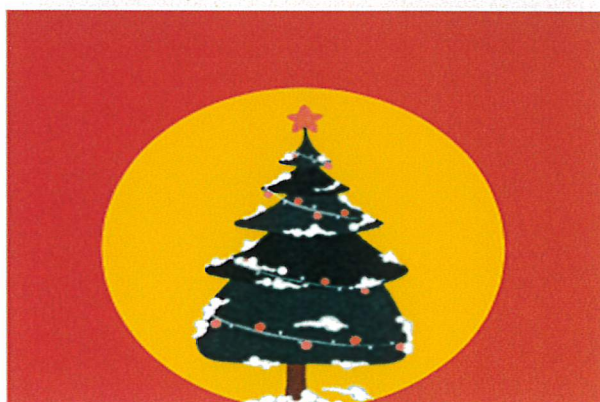


Please keep these people in your prayers:

Carol & Frank Medsker
 Lois Hafer
 Katherine Sachtelben
 Bev Stein
 Greg Howard
 Rachael Lay
 Frank Georgiana
 Tommy Thomsen
 Family of Martha Stuckey
 Rich Portwood
 Shirley Gass
 Elaine Schumacher
 Melba Trehern
 Chris Wheeler
 Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond
 Pam & Don Canady
 Tut Ruei Family
 Brad Davis
 Family of Alana DeBellis
 Carl Utley
 Lanae Hall's Mother
 Michael Hahne
 Taralyn Davis and her family


 In Memory of Carol Wheeler who passed
 on 10/24/2021


 FIRST PRES FORUM SERIES
**CREATING
HOPE**
 An Artistic Advent Exploration
 Led by Lindsey Kluver
 Nov. 21, Dec 5 & 12
 During the Sunday School hour in the
 Lydia Room



DECEMBER 1 CONVERSION
REALM
 CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are going to be converting
 from *Instant Church Directory* to
 the newer software program
REALM for your directory. Watch
 for details and instructions in the
 following weeks.

This “**Win Bin**” can be found at the
 PEACE Center parking lot (East side).
 Specific items collected are those that are
 made of fabric (curtains, bedding, towels,
 clothing, rugs, any sorts of fabric etc.).



The Next United Harvest distribution day is Saturday, November 20th.



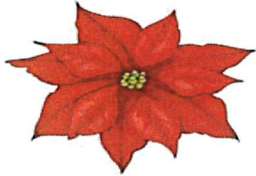
You can find United Harvest
 Mobile Food Pantry on Facebook
 if you would like to sign up to
 help.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Director of Children & Family Parish
Ministries: Rose Koepf
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Teresa & Tim 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
Associate: Kili Wenburg
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Church Office Administrator: Sarah Allen
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

It's already time to order Poinsettias in memory or in honor of someone. Cards can be found in your weekly bulletin, in the Narthex at church, or right here in the Home Page. You can fill this one out and return it to church if that is easiest for you.



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program, which provides money to individuals and families, including children and elderly, towards utilities assistance for necessary electricity, water and gas.

As with all of The Salvation Army's programs, utilities assistance is an emergency service. To qualify, individuals and families must have received a disconnect notice and meet qualifications of need.

Your donation makes a difference. Please return your order form to the church office as soon as possible.

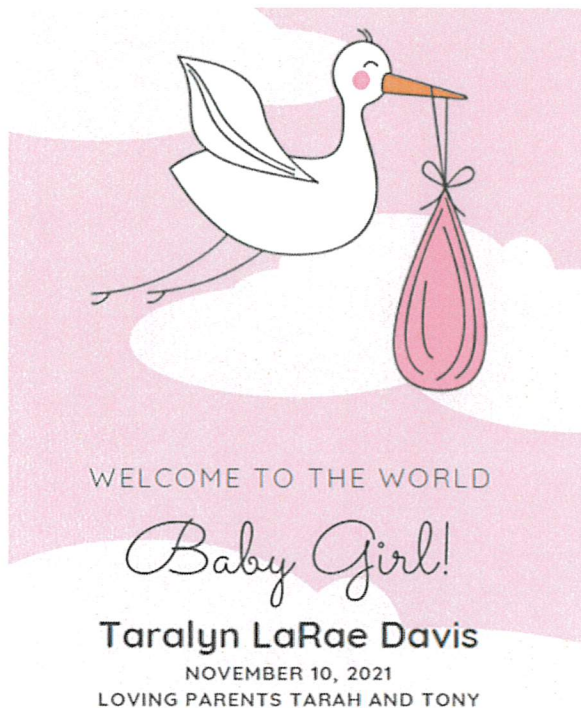
Poinsettia in memory of:

Poinsettia in honor of:

Given by:

I will take my poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve services: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I will leave my poinsettia at the church: ☐ Yes ☐ No



Blood Drive
Hastings First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 22, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens

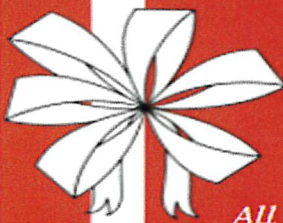
The Congregational Life Committee welcomes you
to join in the

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 21

11:30am-1:30pm

All are welcome



Gift Wrapping to support United Harvest



*All materials and gift wrapping are donated
and provided by Judy Hoch*



*No-contact drop off/pick up at Judy's home
1003 Lakeview Terrace*



*No set price per package, but your at-will donation for
United Harvest is greatly appreciated*



Secure and accurate, Judy is the only one wrapping



*"House calls" available for those who cannot drive
Call Judy at 402-460-0832*



Last day to drop off packages December 10th

First Presbyterian Church
621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE 68901
402-462-5147
fpc@fpchastings.org

Return Service Requested

Mail To:



FRIENDS ARE LIKE FLOWERS—
THEY BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY...

...lift your heart,
make you smile
and chase
the gloom away.

Your **FRIENDSHIP**
lightens up my days.

*Thank you for the
beautiful flowers from
last Sunday's service*

Mary Jane L.

SUN 11/21	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Various Locations
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum Series	Lydia Room
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	11:30a-1:30a	Hanging of the Greens	Sanctuary/Memorial Room
MON 11/22	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee (<i>Mon-Thurs</i>)	PEACE Gym/PEACE NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
TUES 11/23	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	11:45a-1:15p	Habitat for Humanity Meets	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Bell Choirs perform for family and friends	Sanctuary/Memorial Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
WED 11/24	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan Deffenbaugh	Zoom
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
		<i>No Wednesday Night Live Activities</i>	
		<i>No Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>	
		<i>No Chancel Bell Rehearsal</i>	
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
THURS 11/25		<i>Thanksgiving Church Offices Closed</i>	
FRI 11/26		<i>Church Offices Closed</i>	



SUN 11/28	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
		<i>No Sunday School</i>	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
MON 11/29	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee (<i>Mon-Thurs</i>)	PEACE Gym/PEACE NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	3:30pm-6:30p	HC Lessons of Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Memorial/Narthex
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
TUES 11/30	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor	Anderson/Zoom
	3:30p-6:30p	HC Lessons and Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Memorial/Narthex
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
WED 12/1 <i>December</i>	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan Deffenbaugh	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	PW Coordinating Team Meeting	Library
	1:00p-2:00p	PW Program	Fellowship Hall
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	3:30p-6:30p	HC Lessons and Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Memorial/Narthex
	4:00p-6:45p	Wednesday Night Live 1 st -5 th Grades	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-6:45p	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	TBD
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
THURS 12/2	3:30p-6:30p	HC Lessons and Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Memorial/Narthex
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed Meets	Parlor
	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 12/3	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	TBD
	3:30p-6:30p	HC Lessons and Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Memorial/Narthex
SAT 12/4	3:30p-6:30p	HC Lessons and Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Memorial/Narthex
SUN 12/5	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	Various Locations
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum Series	Lydia Room
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	3:00p-4:30p	HC Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary