

*First Presbyterian  
Church Hastings*



*Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett  
Pastor Damen Jensen-Heitmann*



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# December Communion Offering



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
LEADERSHIP, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



## We have 2 special communion offerings for December:

The first is to the Presbyterian Church (USA) Special Offerings, Christmas Joy; Leadership: Past, Present and Future.

Fifty Percent of your gift will go to current and retired church workers with critical financial needs and the other fifty percent will go towards students in Presbyterian-related schools equipping communities of color.

The second is a local organization, Maryland Living Center, located at 724 W. 7th Street in Hastings. MLC provides transitional apartments for teens and young adults who are homeless.

**FPC Giving Tree**

South Central Behavioral Services

During the holidays, FPC serves an additional 60 brothers and sisters who are served by the Assertive Community Treatment Program at South Central Behavioral Services in Hastings. Of these recipients, 3/4 live independently in their community and 1/4 live with family members. Most of those who live independently have no family network, so our Christmas gifts are the only ones they receive.

Our Giving Tree in the Memorial Room is full of tags that represent appropriate gifts for the person named on each one. If you would like to purchase a gift for someone at South Central Behavioral Services, please take a tag(s), make your purchase and return (with the tag) to the church by Thursday, December 23rd and we will make sure your gifts get delivered.


## The Work of Hope 2021

Each day during Advent place an item in a box and say a prayer. Bring the box to church to add to our collection.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Dish Soap                 | 14. Laundry Detergent               |
| 2. Women's Razors            | 15. Cough Drops                     |
| 3. Pillows                   | 16. Deodorant (Men's & Women's)     |
| 4. Feminine Hygiene Products | 17. Paper Towels                    |
| 5. Kitchen Cleaner           | 18. Broom w/Dust Pan                |
| 6. Baby Wipes                | 19. Disposable Gloves (size L & XL) |
| 7. Twin Sheets (new)         | 20. Acne facewash                   |
| 8. Toothbrush & Toothpaste   | 21. Scrubbing Brushes               |
| 9. Bathroom Cleaner          | 22. Baby Bottles                    |
| 10. Diapers (size 2,5,6)     | 23. Bleach                          |
| 11. Blankets                 | 24. Spaghetti & Sauce               |
| 12. Body & Hand Soap         | 25. Disinfectant                    |
| 13. Dish Cloths              | 26. Mac & Cheese                    |
|                              | 27. Helper meals                    |



# FPC BLOOD DRIVE





**GIVE BLOOD**


**Blood Drive**  
**Hastings First Presbyterian Church**  
Fellowship Hall

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

For an appointment, contact Erica @ 463-0402



Spread cheer! Come give Dec. 17-Jan. 2 for an exclusive long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, Ltd. qty!



**Give Something that Means Something™**  
1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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**Emergency blood shortage – Donor turnout reaches lowest levels of the year amid delta variant outbreak**



**Blood donors needed!**

“Throughout the pandemic, we have experienced challenges collecting blood for patients from blood drive cancellations to surging hospital demand. Now with decreased blood donor turnout, our Red Cross blood supply has dropped to the lowest it has been at this time of year since 2015,” said Chris Hrouda, president of Red Cross Biomedical Services. “We recognize that this is a trying time for our country as we balance the new demands of returning to former routines with the ongoing pandemic, but lifesaving blood donations remains essential for hospitals patients in need of emergency and medical care that can’t wait. The Red Cross is working around the clock to meet the blood needs of hospitals and patients – but we can’t do it alone.”

*-American Red Cross*



**Blue Christmas**  
an ecumenical evening of worship

**7pm - Tuesday December 21st**  
in person & livestreamed

hosted by  
**First Presbyterian**

Some years the joy of Christmas feels hard to reach due to the grief of loss. If this is that year for you, you are welcome at the Blue Christmas Ecumenical Service in Hastings. The Blue Christmas service makes space for us to recognize that melancholy or grief can feel particularly sharp during the holiday season. It will be a solemn service of reflection, scripture, and candlelight. This service will be hosted at First Presbyterian Church and led by pastors from churches across the city and region.

# Book Club Opp

**Great Book discussion opportunity!**  
**Contact Sue Medsker with any questions.**

*Interrupting Violence - Jan 16 & 23*

*Reflections from a Hospice Chaplain - Jan 30, Feb 6 & 13*

*Lenten Learnings with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh - Feb 27  
 March 20 & 27, April 3 & 10*

*Ecology & Theology with Dr. Dorothy Dean - April 24  
 May 1 & 8*

Forum Series  
 Spring 2021



Book Discussion  
 Group

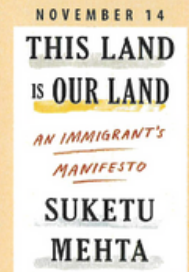
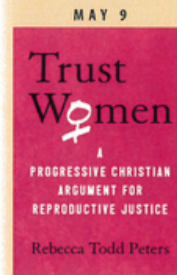
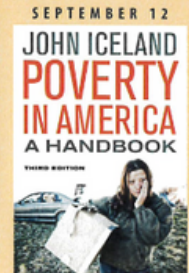
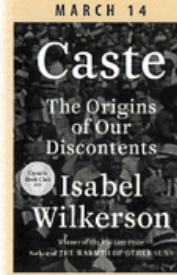
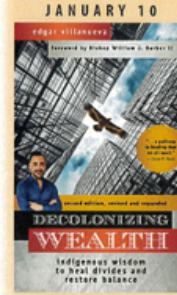
# JUSTICE AND PEACE

- DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM
  - The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!
- DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH
  - Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.
- RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING
  - Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.



To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to [presbyterianwomen.org/justice](http://presbyterianwomen.org/justice).

2022 Reading Selections  
 (6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)



Selections are recommended reading by the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.



## Hastings Community Music Academy

November 28 at 11:20 AM · 🌐

Super proud of the Beginning and Advanced Handbell Choirs! They had a wonderful six weeks of rehearsals, and beautifully demonstrated what they learned last week at their final rehearsal in front of family and friends. These people are amazing, and I am so grateful for their participation in this new community program. Thank you to [Byron Jensen](#) for sharing your time and talent for teaching. We could not have done it without you!

I did not get a photo of the middle school guitar class that met these past four weeks, but their progress was so impressive thanks to Colin Sandall. We are lucky to have great educators in this community!

We are in the midst of scheduling and organizing programming for spring and summer 2022, so watch for those announcements after the holidays!

-Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

Hastings Community Music Academy

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# Many Thanks!

Dear Church Family,

Thanks for the wonderful, wrap-up reception in honor of my time serving as the CE director. So many wonderful memories were made during my 6 1/2 years serving in this role. I truly appreciate the support I had during my time @ FPC. I look forward to serving "alongside" you all in the years ahead!

Love,  
Steph Brader



11/15-21

Thank you, FPC Hastings,  
for allowing us to participate  
in your church activities  
via electronics. Especially  
with Covid restrictions it makes  
a difference in our lives.

M. Margaret Hunter

Charles +  
M. Margaret Hunter



**A special thank you to the following people who came in on a beautiful Friday afternoon to put together the Advent Devotional mass mailing, I could not have done this without your help!**

**- Sarah Allen**

**Jan Bolliger**

**Pat & Dick Kleiber**

**Georgie Evans**

**Linda & Richard Johnson**

**Carole Storer**

**We want to thank our dear church family for remembering us on our 70th Anniversary with prayers, cards, flowers and calls, each was truly appreciated.**

**A special thanks to the deacons for bringing us a bouquet of flowers from the church, they were beautiful for so long.**

**May God bless each of you.**

**With God's love,  
Marie & Don Rasmussen**

*Sanctuary  
Poinsettias*

## IN MEMORY OF

ANNABELLE & MERLE HAFER  
MARYLOU & BOYD LEYMASTER  
*Given by the Hafer Family*

KURT ANDERSON UNGER  
*Given by Lisa Unger*

DARREL LLOYD  
*Given by Roberta, Jeni and George*

MARYANN & WALT SEILER  
ALEX, LOIS, AND JON WACKER  
*Given by Mary & Jerry Seiler*

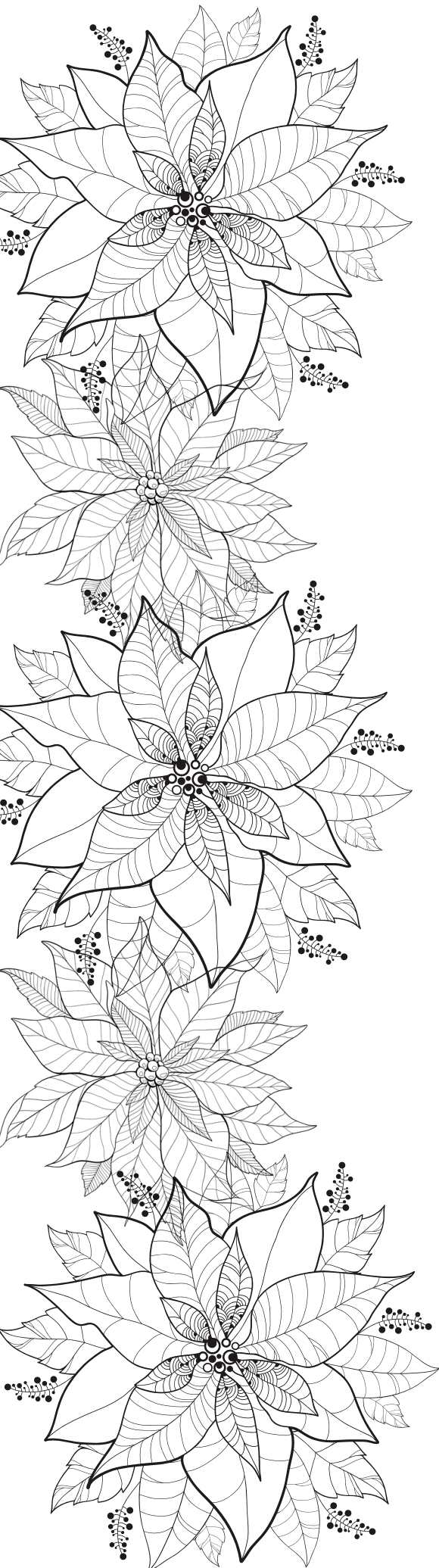
RAY LIND  
*Given by Judy Hoch*

DON KLEIBER  
LOVED ONES  
*Given by Pat & Dick Kleiber*

BRANDON BRADER  
OUR PARENTS  
*Given by Daveta & Dick Brader*

HONOR & OME SHOEMAKER  
DOROTHY & ALFRED FRIEDEWALD  
*Given by the Shoemaker/Friedewald Family*

NICOLE ASHLEY JENSEN  
PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS  
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS  
*Given by Deb & Byron Jensen  
Hannah & Damen Jensen-Heitmann  
Anna Briggs & Nathan Jensen*





## IN MEMORY OF

MARY H. & LEGGETTE ODOM  
LOUISE & JAMES T. COBURN

*Given by Dana & Phil Odom*

ROGENE WENBURG

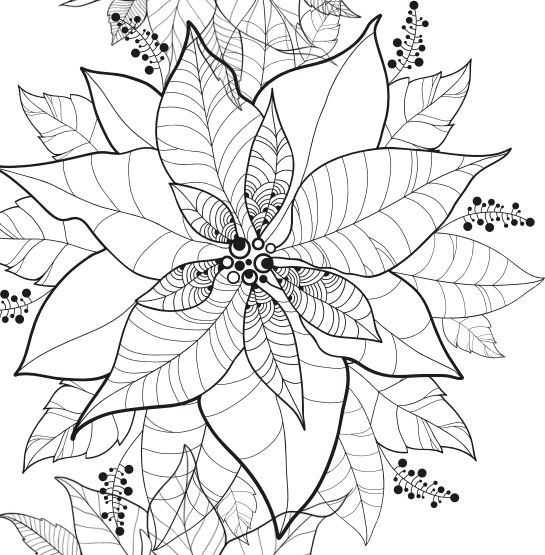
*Given by Justin, Kili, Carter and Selah Wenburg*

OLIVE MADRID

THE MOSER FAMILY

THE PEDERSEN FAMILY

*Given by Carla & Ken Fike*



MY PARENTS-LUCILLE & DON MCHARGUE

MY SISTER-MARCIA MESHBESHER

MY GRANDDAUGHTER-LIVY ZAMORA

*Given by Jan Bolliger*

RUTH & BILL WALKER

*Given by Mary & Dick Plock*



SANDRA EASTWOOD

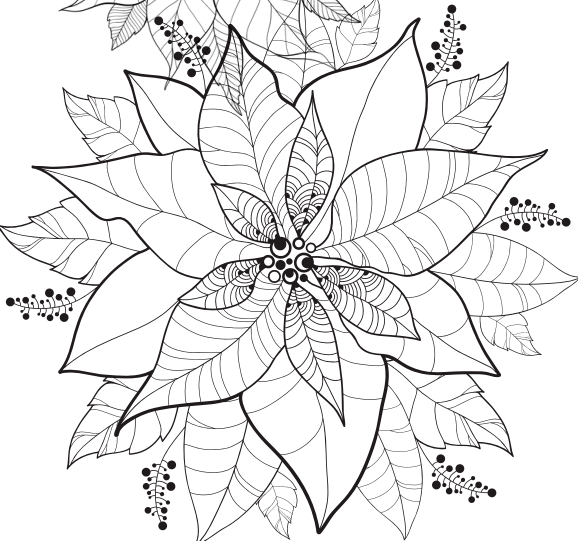
*Given by Kaleena & Matt Fong*

GRETCHEN & HAL LAINSON

*Given by the Hermes, Olsens, Bliss and Overmiller Families*

ERIC OLSEN

*Given by the Jorn Olsen Family*



JEANNE CEBELL

ROY SWACKHAMER

*Given by Char & Bruce Cebell*





# IN MEMORY OF

ROGENE WENBURG

*Given by Her Family*

OUR PARENTS

*Given by Linda & Richard Johnson*

JOYCE & JOHNNY HARRENSTEIN

ETHEL & ARVID JOHANSEN

SUZANNE HARRENSTEIN

*Given by Carol & Jim Harrenstein*

*Kristan & Jesse Manske*

*Tracy & Kenny Brooks*

RUBY HEYLE

NELLE SMITH

*Given by Sarah Allen and Kortni Igel*

MOM-JUDY ANDERSON, GONE 35 YEARS

*Given by the Anderson & Hermann Families*

OUR PARENTS

*Given by Colleen & George Adam*

DEAN PICKETT

*Given by the Allen-Pickett Family*

LYLE DAVIS

DELLA & WILLARD STEIN

*Given by the Stein Family*

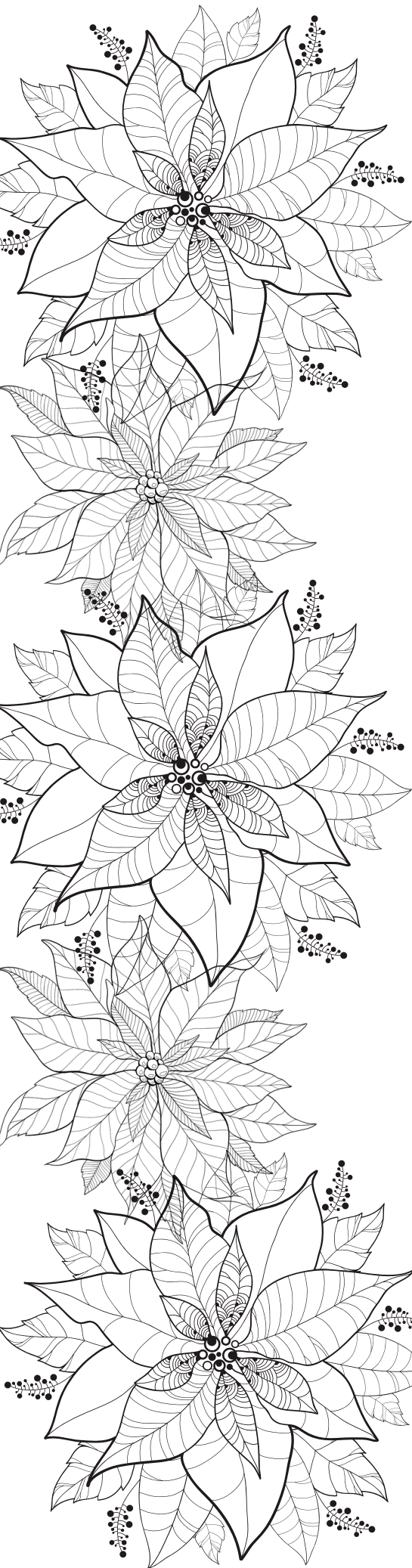
LOVED ONES

*Given by Lesa & Steve Cropley*

LOVED ONES

*Given by Sally Smith*





## IN MEMORY OF

LOVED ONES

*Given by the Koozer & McDougal Family*

JOHN HARRINGTON

*Given by Barbara Harrington and Family*

MARIETTA & JAKE VOLLWEILER

*Given by Linda Vollweiler*

MICHELE L. NORTHROP

DAVID E. NORTHROP

FRANK W. NORTHROP

*Given by the Northrop Family*

PHYLLIS & DON GLASS

DOROTHY & SHELDON CHRISTENSEN

*Given by the Glass & Klein Family*

CHUCK EVANS

*Given by His Family*

## IN HONOR OF

ANDREA

*Given by Sharon, John, Michael and Matthew Brooks*

FPC HASTINGS STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY

*Given by the Allen-Pickett Family*

FPC CHURCH MUSICIANS

JULIA MCDUGAL

*Given by the Koozer & McDougal Family*

FPC STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

*Given by Colleen & George Adam*

<b>SUN 12/12</b>		<i>No 8:30am worship</i>	
<i>Advent 3:</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Forum Series	Lydia Room or Zoom
<i>Boundless</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Various Locations
<i>Peace</i>	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Choral Cantata	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
<b>MON 12/13</b>	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee = (Mon-Thurs)	PEACE Gym/NW Classroom
	12:00p-3:00p	PEO Chapter HT	Library
	1:00p-3:00p	FPC Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
<b>TUES 12/14</b>	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor	Anderson
	4:30p-5:30p	Global Mission Meets	Confirmation Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees Meet	Anderson Room
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meet	Kessler Room
<b>WED 12/15</b>	9:30a-10:30a	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan	Zoom
	12:00p-2:00p	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:45p	WNL 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Mealtime	Fellowship Hall
	6:20p-6:50p	Cal/West Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:50p-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:30p-7:30p	FPC Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers	Church Lower Level
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30p-8:30p	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Youth Group	Youth Group Room
<b>THURS 12/16</b>	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	Scout Room
<b>FRI 12/17</b>	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
<b>SAT 12/18</b>	9:45a-1:00p	United Harvest	PEACE Parking Lot
<b>SUN 12/19</b>	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
<i>Advent 4:</i>		<i>No Sunday School-All Ages</i>	
<i>Boundless</i>	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
<i>Hope</i>	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
<b>MON 12/20</b>	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee = (Mon-Thurs)	PEACE Gym/NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	FPC Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room



<b>TUES 12/21</b>	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor	Anderson
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
<b>WED 12/22</b>	12:00p-6:00p	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan	Zoom
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
		<i>No WNL Activities</i>	
	6:30p-7:30p	FPC Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Memorial Room
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers	Lower-Level Church
<b>THURS 12/23</b>	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	Scout Room

## CHRISTMAS EVE



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3:30 pm: Service at College View for residents and their families

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-6:30pm: Family Christmas held in the Sanctuary

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm-8:30pm: Traditional Service held in the Sanctuary

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00pm-midnight: Holy Night Service held in the Chapel

<b>SUN 12/26</b>		<i>No Informal Worship Service</i>	
		<i>No Sunday School All Ages</i>	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Mary Lewis  
Carol & Frank Medsker  
Lois Hafer  
Katherine Sachtleben  
Bev Stein  
Greg Howard  
Rachael Lay  
Frank Georgiana  
Tommy Thomsen  
Carl Utley

Shirley Gass  
Lanae Hall's Mother  
Elaine Schumacher  
Melba Trehern  
Chris Wheeler  
Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond  
Pam & Don Canady  
Tut Ruel Family  
Brad Davis

Rich Portwood  
Michael Hahne  
Taralyn Davis & Family  
Elaine Schumacher

## IN MEMORY OF

Joyce Harrenstein  
passed away 11/27/2021

Carol Wheeler  
passed away 10/24/2021

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fpc@fpchastings.org

Return Service Requested

Mail To:



**We are in need of Ushers for the  
5:30 and 7:30 Christmas Eve Worship Services.  
Please call the office if you can help at either  
of these services 402-462-5147.**

*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

