

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GREG ALLEN-PICKETT, SENIOR PASTOR

DAMEN JENSEN-HEITMANN, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

HOME PAGE

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

Our youth did an outstanding job leading worship on Sunday. Their reflection on the story in Luke chapter 5 of Jesus telling Simon Peter to put his boat out in deep water and cast his nets, and their call to "trust the boat" was both a faithful proclamation of the gospel, and a good challenge for all of us to learn to trust God in our daily lives. If you were not able to attend or just want to experience the worship service again, it is available at this link:

<https://fb.watch/b18VMHRsO2/>

I want to reflect a little more on the story with you this week. I invite you to put yourself into the shoes, or sandals, of the fishermen we read about in Luke 5. They've been out all night fishing, and haven't caught a thing. This is not fishing for fun or recreation, this is their livelihood. So they come back to shore pretty disappointed. Maybe they've had a few days where the fishing hasn't been great. Now they are starting to get worried, wondering how they are going to feed their families with no fish to eat or sell.

They pull their boats up to shore, look around, and see this large crowd following this man. The man walks up to them and has the audacity to climb in one of their boats and asks them to push the boat out a little way from the shore. This man, Jesus, sits in the boat and starts teaching this crowd that showed up. You start listening to what he is saying as he teaches the crowd and you realize there is probably something special about him. He gets done teaching, looks at you, and says, "Now put your boat out in the deep water, and let down your nets for a catch." Your initial reaction is hesitation. "We have worked all night long but have caught nothing." But then you start thinking about what he was teaching about, how you started to realize that there was something special about this guy, so you follow up with, "If you say so, I will let down the nets."

Of course, we know the rest of this story. You catch so many fish that it fills two boats to overflowing. And then Jesus says to you: "From now on you will be catching people."

Can you think of times in your life when God was prompting you to do something difficult? Has there been a time in your life where you had to take a risk, to put your boat out into the deep water? Deep water is scary, both literally and metaphorically. When have you felt God prompting you to do something that is scary?

Friends, this story is here in the bible to teach us. I'm not aware of anyone in our congregation who makes a living as a commercial fisherman, and yet we encounter this story and know that it has significance for us today.

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I hope that you can see the call for all of Jesus' followers in this passage to trust God. And to take risks on behalf of our faith, to put out our boats in the deep water and to cast our nets, even when we are tired, or frustrated. I hope that this story reminds us of our dependence on God, our call to trust God, and our call to cast our nets, so that through our life, our example, and our service, we too can become fishers of people.

Have a blessed week, and don't be afraid to put your boat out in deep water, cast your nets, and become fishers of people.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg

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
Ministries: Rose Koepp
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
Accompanists: Mary Plock
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Parish 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



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.

Ushers

February (Team #6)
 Captain – Jim Harrenstein
 Andrew Barrows
 Lynne Friedewald
 Chuck Shoemaker

March (Team #1)
 Captain – Chuck Hastings
 LaVern Franzen
 Jessica Meeske
 Todd Pankratz
 Roger Sunderman
 Elaine Specht

FEBRUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
6	Jan Ham	Julie Thomsen	Susie Graham
13	Eleanor Jorgensen	Flossie Sanderson	Stephanie Bliss
20	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske		Kay & Frank Georgiana
27	Jane Foote	Mary Fisk	Bonnie & Kenton Grams

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
6	Gifts of Women TBD		Jeni & George Howard
13	Mary Kay LaMaster	Jean Barber	Amy & Joe Black
20	Sally Smith	Sue Medsker	Cathy & John Pershing
27	Stephanie Bliss		Laurie & Brian Johnson

Greeters

Prayer List

Elaine Schumacher
 Melba Trehern
 Chris Wheeler
 Jenni Welsch
 Brad Davis
 Michael Hahne
 Tut Ruei Family
 Tony Davis
 Shirley Gass
 Pam & Don Canady

Jean Stevens
 Joan Shaw
 Barry Thomson
 Lois Hafer
 Bev Stein
 Greg Howard
 Rachael Lay
 Marie & Don Rasmussen
 Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond
 Leila Merwin (Lanae Hall's mother)

Frank Georgiana
 Tommy Thomsen
 Rich Portwood
 Carl Utley
 Mary Lewis

In Memory Of

Mary Lee Phelps 12/14/2021
 Katherine Sachtleben 12/14/2021
 Mary Jeanne Cooke 1/10/2022
 Glenn Hunnicutt 1/13/2022
 Connie Kubicka 1/22/2022

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 4



About World Day of Prayer

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized "day of prayer for the world" was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. the United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

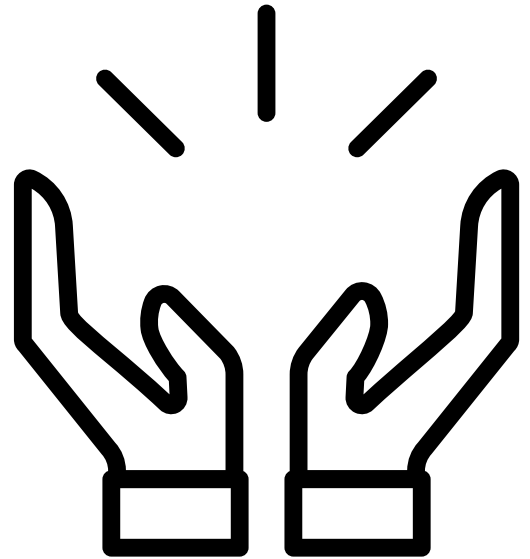
Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country's national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

World Day of Prayer is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating World Day of Prayer has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races, and faith traditions. Each country's committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year. Offering grants are made to women and children's groups in each country.

World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit www.wdp-usa.org.

This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of England, Wales & Northern Ireland call us to worship with the words "I know the plans I have for you," inspired by Jeremiah 29:1-14. We are invited to learn about their history and culture. The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love.

Our local World Day of Prayer Church Women United's celebration service is March 4, at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1338 Saunders, Hastings, NE Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!



World Day of Prayer 2022

I Know the Plans I Have for You | Jeremiah 29: 1-14



Worship Service

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1338 Saunders Ave, Hastings
10:00 AM Celebration Service, Church Women United

Surplus Budget Community Grant Recipient



Hastings Evening Lions

P. O. Box 143

Holstein, NE 68950

(402)469-0232

January 25, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

621 N. Lincoln Avenue

Hastings, NE 68901

Thank you very much for the grant money awarded to the Hastings Evening Lions Club. This gift has allowed us to continue our service to the Hastings area.

The last couple months we have completed vision and hearing screenings at 18 schools using the Mobile Screening Unit supplied by the Nebraska Lions Foundation. So far this year we have screened 1939 children and found 122 with abnormal vision and 139 with abnormal hearing reports. These children were referred to local professionals for additional diagnosis and correction. Financial assistance for this is provided for those families in need for these services. Hastings Evening Lions volunteered approximately 400 hours for these projects.

Additional vision screenings were performed for preschools and adults by club members without Nebraska Lions Foundation assistance. These screenings will continue throughout the year.

Financial assistance for eye exams, therapy, glasses and other requests thus far this fiscal year have totaled over \$2500 with \$1970 being spent in December, 2021 and January, 2022 alone. Your gift has taken up the slack replacing funds lost by COVID eliminating 2 fundraisers in the past 2 years.

Again, thank you for your caring and assistance to the Hastings area community.

Sincerely,

President Dianna Timmons

Hastings Evening Lions Club



Reflections from a Hospice Chaplain

January 30, Feb 6 & 13

First Pres Forum Series
February 20 & 27

enCourage Advocacy
Center



Interrupting Violence

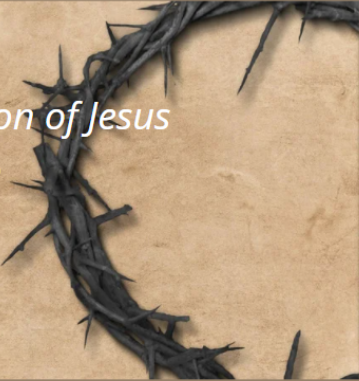
Led by
Dustin Bower

Series hosted in
person and via Zoom

THE RISKS OF THE PASSION

A Lenten Forum Series

LED BY DAN DEFFENBAUGH



Based on
Entering the Passion of Jesus
by Amy-Jill Levine

March 6, 20, 27
April 3, 10

FORUMS

● Forums are held 9:15am-10:15am
on specified Sundays.

● Held in the Lydia Room or via
Zoom.

● Church office can provide Zoom
link.

Entering the Passion of Jesus
*book available now in the
church office*

First Presbyterian
Church Hastings



MEMBER OF
**FEEDING
AMERICA**



Our bin in Fellowship Hall is open for donations to the HASTINGS FOOD PANTRY. Items that would be most helpful this month are:

- Large bottles of apple or orange juice
- Instant and boxed potatoes
- Small containers of oatmeal
- Boxes of individual packets of oatmeal
- Unsweetened cereal
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo

Tea &
Chocolate



The HAW Store has NEW
varieties of tea and
chocolate!!



Open every Sunday

10:00am-10:30am
11:30am-12:00pm



Dear Presbyterian luncheon servers,
Thankyou all for your willingness
to serve during the celebration of
life ceremony for Glenn Hunnicutt.
Everything was very nice and
welcoming to all who attended.
You were a blessing to us,
Radine + family



****REGISTRATION Packet****

PW Synod Gathering

June 16-19, 2022

Hilton Garden Inn

1132 Larsen Park Rd

Sioux City, Iowa 51106

**PW: Better Together
Tied Together With Love**

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIV)

A cord of three strands is not easily broken



What to expect at the PW SLAP Gathering/Better Together:

(Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Lakes & Prairies)

Experience a time of hope, praise and fellowship. This will be a time to grow your faith. It will be a place where having time to be with God/Creator and other women is a priority. It will be a time to reconnect, renew, and grow. The Gathering will explore the PW Purpose in a variety of ways. Plenary (entire group) sessions and keynote speakers will focus on specific points of our purpose. Workshops will provide information about a wide range of topics, including PW missions. A hands-on mission opportunity will be a time to sew school bags. Giving from your hearts and wallets will allow you to support Lila Mae House, All About You Adoptions, Marion Medical Mission and the Dr. Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center.

Even more enticing is that the Gathering will give you a chance to lift your voice in praise by being part of the Gathering Choir; you will meet and make new friends; you will share laughter, smiles, hugs and tears; you will gather new ideas for your local PW group; you will enjoy great food and hotel accommodations located along a beautiful river walk. But best of all will be the many unexpected blessings happening all around you and to you. Please come join us!



Start each plenary by hearing the word of God from our Worship Leader Rev. Danelle Crawford McKinney. Danelle is a member of the non-geographic Dakota Presbytery, currently working at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, where she resides with her husband, Ron, and teenage son, Ronston. She has 2 adult daughters, Alethia Oatman from Idaho and Madison McKinney from Lawrence, KS. She brings a unique outlook to our Gathering as she helps us to ponder God's calling through her eyes and experiences, which will guide each of us to understand our own calling.

Registration Packets for the PW Synod Gathering are available in the church office or by contacting Sue Medsker. Please come check out all the great opportunities being offered this year!



Congratulations to the HPMS
Team Black for their **1st PLACE**
finish in the ESU9 Quiz Bowl:

Esther Allen-Pickett
Caleb Schukei
Kayden Bartunek
Vivienne Turner
Anakin Jarzynka
Harrison Welsch
Liberty Kimminau

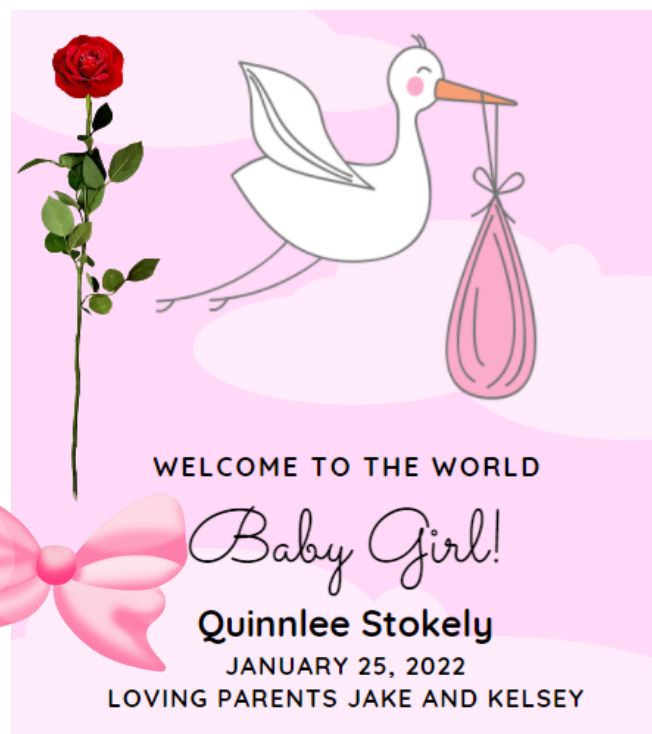
Coach: Mary Beave



NEBRASKA ESU ACADEMIC

QUIZ BOWL

We can't help but notice that 4/7 of the team members are
FPC members as well! 😊



A meal train has been set up for the Jake and Kelsey.
To sign up, go to <https://mealtrain.com/6dmlvq>

MON 2/7	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	Mon-Thurs PEACE Gym
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
TUES 2/8	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	4:00p-5:00p	Global Mission Meets	Confirmation Room/Zoom
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meets	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees Meet	Kessler/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 2/9	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Study Group w/Dan	Zoom
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:00p	1 st -5 th WNL	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:45p-7:45p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	PEACE Youth Room
	7:45p-8:15	6 th -12 th Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	8:15p-8:40	6 th -12 th Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 2/10	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE Center NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 2/11	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SUN 2/13	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum	Lydia Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Children's Sunday School	Assigned Rooms by Age/Education Wing
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
MON 2/14	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	Mon-Thurs PEACE Gym
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	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson Room/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom

WED 2/16	9:30a-10:30a	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Study Group w/Dan	Zoom
	1:15p-2:15p	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:00p	1 st -5 th WNL	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:45p-7:45p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	PEACE Youth Room
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	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 2/17	5:30p-7:00p	Session Meets	Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 2/18	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
	3:30p-6:30p	Private Event	PEACE Gym/NE Classroom
SAT 2/19	9:30a-1:00p	United Harvest Food Pantry	PEACE Parking Lot
SUN 2/20	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum	Lydia Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson/Zoom
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MIND YOUR MOMENTS

AN HPL BOOK STUDY

This four session program is an introduction to meditation and mindfulness based on the book Peace is Every Step by Thich Nhat Hanh.

Facilitated by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Where: Meeting Room AB

When: 5:30-6:30pm

Dates: Feb. 10th
Feb. 17th
Feb. 24th
Mar. 3rd



Ages 18+ | Registration Required
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