

First Presbyterian Church

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On Sunday, April 3, I preached a sermon on perseverance in the context of our faith as part of our Lenten sermon series entitled "Character and Calling." I used Paul's words in Philippians 3 where he encourages the church to press on to make our faith our own because Jesus Christ has claimed us and made us his own. Then he writes: "Forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." I reflected on Paul's own journey and his perseverance through adversity. Then I closed my sermon reflecting on another faithful Christian who teaches us to how persevere through adversity, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

April 3 was the 54th anniversary of Dr. King's famous "I have been to the mountaintop" sermon, and April 4 is the anniversary of his assassination in 1968. King persevered through many challenges to press on for the goal of equality and civil rights for all. It was his faith that drove him to fight for equality and civil rights, and it was his faith that that gave him the strength and courage to persevere.

In honor of Dr. King's life and legacy, I want to share some of his thoughts:

"Make a career of humanity. Commit yourself to the noble struggle for equal rights. You will make a better person of yourself, a greater nation of your country, and a finer world to live in."

Spoken at the March for Integrated Schools, April 18, 1959.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." Written in his book: **Strength to Love**, 1963.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Written in his book: **Strength to Love**, 1963.

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Life's most persistent and urgent question is: "What are you doing for others?" Written in his book: ***Strength to Love***, 1963.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Written in the Letter from Birmingham, Alabama jail, April 16, 1963.

"If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective." Spoken in his Christmas sermon, Atlanta, Georgia, 1967.

"We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Spoken at the Washington National Cathedral, March 31, 1968.

"Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness...The question is not, "If I stop to help these people in need, what will happen to me?" The question is, "If I do not stop to help these people in need, what will happen to them?" That's the question." Spoken in the "I have been to the mountaintop" sermon, April 3, 1968.

My hope and prayer for our family of faith is that the example of love and perseverance that is exemplified in the life and words of Martin Luther King Jr. can inspire all of us to grow and persevere in our own faith. Let us press on to share the love and light of Christ in the world.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg



Line Up Schedule



April 16, 2022		
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

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POTLUCK

Sunday, April 24th
immediately following
10:30 service
Fellowship Hall

Congregation asked to bring food items based on
the first letter of their last name:

A-G Salads & veggie dishes

H-M Main dishes & entrees

N-Z Desserts



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FARMWORKER
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**A
NEW FORUM
IS ON THE
HORIZON**

Ecotheology

A Three-Part Forum Series with

Dr. Dorothy Dean

April 24: Ecofeminist Theology

May 1: Theology & Animals

May 8: Christianity & The
Climate Crisis



**THE HASTINGS FOOD PANTRY
IS IN NEED OF
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

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Hastings, NE, NE 68901
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Hastings Food Pantry

- Hamburger Helper
- Instant/boxed/whole potatoes
- Cereal-sugared and no sugar
 - Pork & beans
 - Soups
 - Saltine crackers
 - Rice & pasta sides
 - Cream corn
- Small cans of tomato sauce 15 oz.
 - 1 pound bags of rice
 - Diced tomatoes
- Small spaghetti sauce 15 oz.



GREETERS FOR APRIL



APRIL	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
3	Teresa Luther	Marnie & Doug Soderquist	Lois & John Meeske	Sarah Allen
10	Alice Throckmorton	Julie Thomsen	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	
17	Kim Creech	Kathy Utter		
24				Jane & Dwight Marsh

April Communion Offering: YWCA- The Zone



The Zone is a free After School Program providing a fun, safe, drug and alcohol-free environment for local middle school students. Students who attend *The Zone* are able to take advantage of a free dinner program, homework tutoring, arts and crafts, sports, games, classes and lessons, academic enrichment opportunities, and community service projects.

Monday-Friday 3:30pm-6:00pm
Dinner served 4:30pm-5:30pm

-YWCA

Holy Week Schedule



First Presbyterian Church Hastings



2022

Palm Sunday, April 10

In-Person Worship at 8:30 & 10:30am
with palms and a joyful procession!
10:30am also on radio and Facebook

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Communion Service at 7:00pm
In-Person and on Facebook

Good Friday, April 15

Worship at 7:00pm
In-Person and on Facebook

Easter Sunday, April 17

In-Person Worship at 8:30 & 10:30am
Organ, Choir, Handbells, Brass Quintet
10:30am also on radio and Facebook



www.facebook.com/fpchastings
(you do not need a Facebook account to view)

Radio broadcast KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

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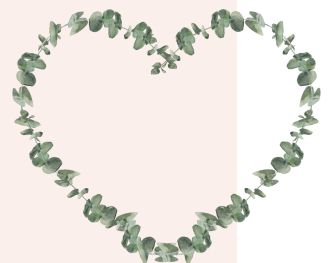
Mary Lewis	Elaine Schumacher	
Melba Trehern	Shirley Gass	
Barry Thomson	Brad Davis	
Lois Hafer	Chris Wheeler	
Stephen Gass	Michael Hahne	Carl Utley
Greg Howard	Cheryl Ann Elfond	Bev Stein
Tommy Thomsen	Joan Shaw	Stan Essink
Rich Portwood	Jenni Welsch	Dave Schawang

Taralyn Davis and her family
Betty Siemoneit's family
Lanae Hall's family

IN MEMORY OF:

Frank Georgiana 2/19/22
Rachel Lay 3/5/22
Leila Merwin 3/20/22

Pam & Don Canady
Marie & Don Rasmussen
Tut Rwei 's family



SUN 4/3	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Service	Chapel
<i>Communion</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Forum The Risks of the Passion	Lydia Room/Zoom
<i>Sunday</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Children's Sunday School	Education Wing
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Memorial/Narthex
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Memorial/Narthex
MON 4/4	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee (M-TH)	PEACE Gym/NE Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
TUES 4/5	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson Room/Zoom
	4:00p-5:00p	Mission Committee Meets	Confirmation Room
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 4/6	11:00a-11:45a	PW Coordinating Team	Library
	11:45a-1:30p	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	Zoom
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL 1 st -5 th Grades	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time- All Are Welcome	Fellowship Hall
	6:45p-7:45p	Youth Groups	Youth Group Rooms
	7:45p-8:15p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
	8:15p-8:40p	Cal/West Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 4/7	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
FRI 4/8	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SAT 4/9	10:00a	Katherine Sachtleben Memorial Service/Cookies and Coffee to follow	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
SUN 4/10	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Service	Chapel
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Forum The Risks of the Passion (Final meeting for this session)	Lydia Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Children's Sunday School	Education Wing
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Memorial/Narthex
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Memorial/Narthex

MON 4/11	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee (M-TH)	PEACE Gym/NE Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
TUE 4/12	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson Room/Zoom
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meets	Anderson Room/Zoom
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees Meet	Kessler Room/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 4/13	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club with Dan	Zoom: sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:00p	1 st -5 th WNL	Fellowship Hall Check-In
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal	Fellowship Hall
	6:45p-7:45p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	Youth Group Rooms
	7:45p-8:15p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
	8:15p-8:40p	Cal/West Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:30p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	THURS 4/14	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class
		7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts
		7:00p	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
FRI 4/15	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
	<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00p	Good Friday Worship Service
SAT 4/16	9:30a-1:00p	United Harvest	PEACE Parking Lot
SUN 4/17		<i>No Sunday School All Ages</i>	
	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:30a	<i>Traditional Worship Service (No Taizé)</i>
		10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open
		10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room

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