

# First Presbyterian Church

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**Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:**

I have been thinking a lot about grief over the last few months. Many of you know that we held a memorial service for my Dad on July 3rd in Arizona. My Dad passed away in October of 2020, but we had to delay his service due to COVID precautions and we finally were able to hold it this summer. We held his service outdoors in Flagstaff at the base of the San Francisco Peaks that my Dad so dearly loved.

It was a glorious celebration of his life and a chance to express the hope we have as resurrection people. Here's a photo of my family at the service that includes my Mom, my sister and husband and my three nephews. We all wore bright colors to celebrate my Dad's life!

I want to thank the church for your support of me and my family over the last 20 months, and particularly this month as I travelled to Arizona for the service. I was grateful for the prayer of blessing and traveling mercies that Pastor Damen and the congregation shared with me on June 26th. We also received flowers from the church at the service which were very meaningful for me, Jessica, Esther, and my mom. Thank you for giving me the time off to be part of my Dad's service, and for accompanying me and my family in our grief since my dad's death.

I am profoundly grateful to be part of this church family, and I am grateful for all the care and support you have shown me and one another over the last two years as all of us have experienced disrupted grief in one way or another. Continue to be tender to one another and yourselves as we wrestle with our grief. May you find hope in our shared faith and may you find comfort in one another.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

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# PRAY FOR

SHIRLEY MAUL  
RICH PORTWOOD  
MARY LEWIS  
SHIRLEY GASS  
RETA & LOWELL JOHNSON  
TARALYN DAVIS & FAMILY  
JOSH REYNOLDS' FAMILY &  
KATIE REYNOLDS AND THE  
PHELPS FAMILY  
BARRY THOMSON  
DAVE SCHAWANG  
CHRISTIAN FRUEHLING  
LANAE HALL'S FATHER  
MICHAEL HAHNE  
IRINA BELIKOVA-ERICKSON

STEPHEN GASS  
ELAINE SCHUMACHER  
CARL UTLEY  
BEV STEIN  
MELBA TREHERN  
GEORGIE EVANS  
GREG HOWARD  
CHERYL ANN ELFOND  
JENI HOWARD  
ANNE BOHLKE  
CHRIS WHEELER  
RAMONA SHETLER  
NANCY GRAMS  
BRAD DAVIS

*IN MEMORY OF*

TOMMY THOMSEN  
PASSED ON 5/12/22

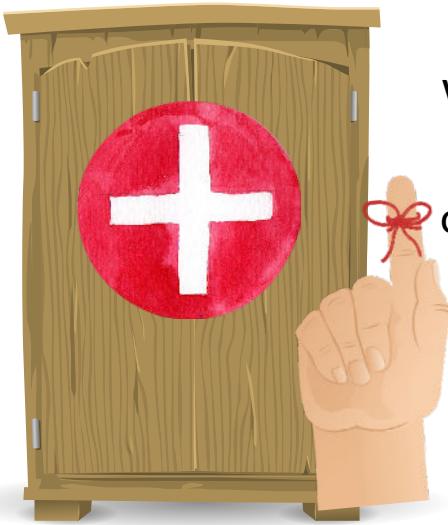
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**TAILGATE**

**HASTINGS SODBUSTERS**

Sunday, July 24  
5:30pm cookout at Harms Park  
6:30pm first pitch @ Duncan Field  
\$5.00/ticket (includes meal)  
Ages 12 and under are free  
Tickets available at church starting June 26 and in the office

**TAKE  
ME  
OUT  
TO  
THE  
BALL  
GAME**





# REMINDER

We have a medical supply cabinet at the church which contains items that can be borrowed such as canes, crutches, walkers, shower stools, toilet seat risers and even a "cold rush" machine for ice recovery after a surgery. Check us out before you go spend money of your own. If you have something you'd like to contribute, just let us know!



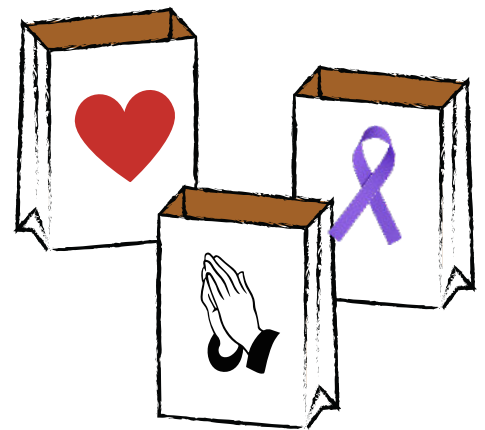
## Donations for the American Cancer Society

Luminarias \$10.00/bag

*In Honor of or In Memory of*



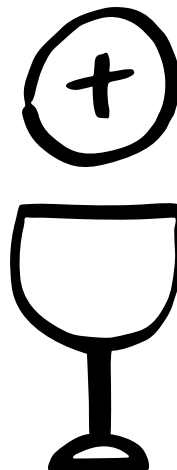
Luminarias will be on display in the church on July 17



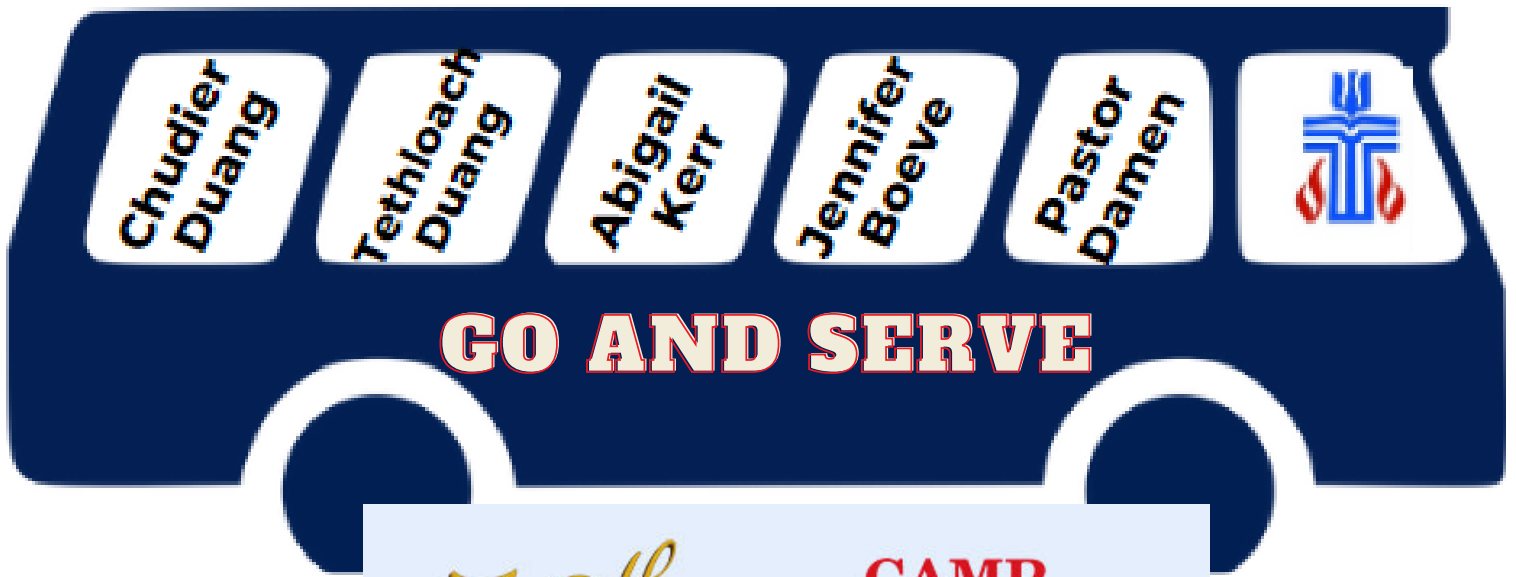
**There has been a great response to our Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The collection of luminary bags, that keeps getting larger and larger each week, really hits home as to how many people in our church have been touched by cancer in their lives somehow. Let us take time to honor, celebrate, remember, and pray. Each bag has been specially decorated to represent the person it stands for and all will be on display in the church on Sunday, July 17. Bags are still available throughout the week in the church office.**



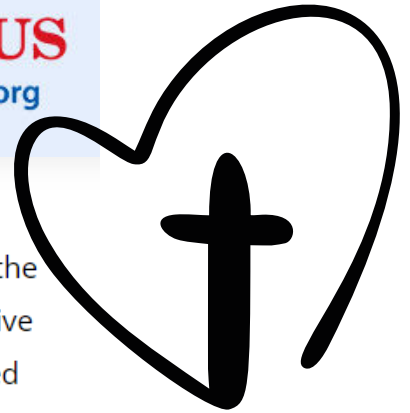
## July Communion offering







**CAMP  
COURAGEOUS**  
[www.campcourageous.org](http://www.campcourageous.org)



## Camp Courageous History

Camp Courageous was founded in 1972 when 40 acres of land was donated for the sole purpose of establishing a camp for individuals with special needs. In 1973, five buildings were built with donated labor and materials. The first campers attended during the summer of 1974. There were 211 campers who attended this first summer. Today, Camp Courageous consists of nearly 400 acres of land, 33 buildings and serves nearly 10,000 individuals with special needs on an annual basis.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO CAMP COURAGEOUS NEXT WEEK TO CONTINUE OUR TRADITION OF GO AND SERVE. WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY, INCLUDING YOURSELVES. GOD BLESS YOU.**

*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:** Rose Koepp  
**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler  
**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson  
**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** 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 Heitmann  
**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

# Open Table Sack Lunch Program

**One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.**

Join our congregation in fellowship and service as we celebrate nineteen years of support for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. For those of you that are new to our church or community, the Open Table Sack Lunch Program is a community wide program providing free daily sack lunches Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Beginning Sunday, July 10th, we will be assembling 1,250 lunches a week during the last four Sundays of July in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Sunday worship services. This tradition in our church has been a blessing for the people receiving the lunches, and the people preparing them.

## **Volunteer opportunities for 2022 include:**



### **Sundays (Always fun).**

Early Bird Assembly:

**10:15 to 11:15** after early service

Group Assembly:

**11:30 to 12:30** after second service

**12:15 to 12:45** Transporting sandwiches and sacks to Catholic Social Services on Sunday following assembly.

### **Weekdays or Saturdays:**

Saturday: Picking up loaves of bread from Russ's IGA and transporting to Fellowship Hall (Volunteers call or text Meg, 402- 902-9330)

Saturday: Picking up meat from Custom Pack and putting in refrigerators at church.  
(Volunteers call or text Jeni, 402-469-1500)

Numbers of recipients and costs are rising, so donations of cash or food are always welcome and needed.

Prayers!

Thanks for your generous and enthusiastic support of this ongoing mission.

**Mission Committee**

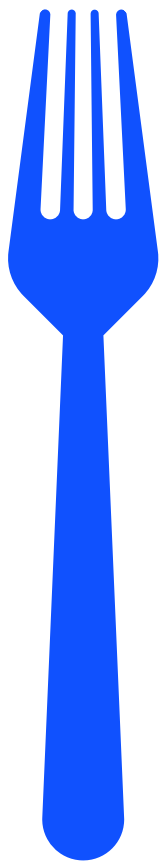
**UH UH UH UH UH**

**July 16, 2022**

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



**July and August distributions will take place at the current Hastings Middle School. Enter off of 5th and Marian, exit onto 2nd Street. Volunteers are always welcome.**



# ANYONE FOR CHUNCH?



CHURCH + BRUNCH = CHUNCH!  
SUNDAY, JULY 17 @ BLUE FORK  
10:00 A.M.  
\$10 - AGES 4-12, \$18 - ADULTS, \$14 - 65+  
KIDS 3 AND UNDER EAT FOR FREE  
RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE BY JULY 15

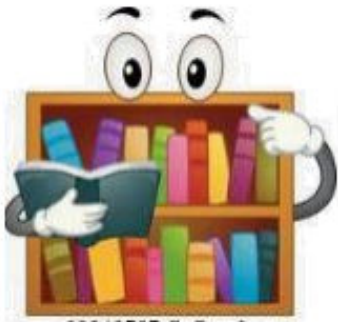
THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP  
THE 10:30 SERVICE WILL STILL TAKE PLACE IN THE  
SANCTUARY

YUM

YUM

YUM

**THE CHURCH IS NOT A BUILDING, THE CHURCH IS NOT A STEEPLE,  
THE CHURCH IS NOT A RESTING PLACE, THE CHURCH IS A PEOPLE.**



**Brooks's Bookshelf** Our son, Brooks, was born on October 10, 2018. Three days after his birth, he was diagnosed with Trisomy 21: Down Syndrome. He is a happy, strong, loving, unique individual and a true blessing to our family. He makes our lives better every day!

Brooks's Bookshelf was created in celebration of our amazing son. He is an inspiration to anyone who is lucky enough to know him! The bookshelf is a way to share the joy of reading and also spread the awareness of Down Syndrome. Bookshelves where children are welcome to take a book home will be located throughout our community!

Each bookshelf will include books of all interests with some specific books focused on kindness, on compassion, and on individuals with unique differences. Books to range from picture/baby up to early readers.

Every story and every person is unique and beautiful. We hope that you'll find it in your hearts to donate a book or send a monetary donation to help us in this celebration.

Check out our Amazon wish list under Brooks's Bookshelf and other places to donate on our website at [brookssbookshelf.org](http://brookssbookshelf.org) Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

-Kindly, Brooks Borrell & Family





WED 7/13	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee M-Th	PEACE Gym or Heartwell Park
	10:00a-12:00p	HCMA Sign Language Choir M-F this week	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:00p-9:00p	Car Show & Root Beer Floats	Church Parking Lot
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
THURS 7/14	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	Middle School Room
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 7/15	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SAT 7/16	8:00am	Go and Serve Leaves (Through 7/23)	Meet at Church
	9:30a-1:00p	United Harvest	Current Hastings Middle School
SUN 7/17	9:00a-9:45a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10:00a-11:30a	Church (brunch + church)	Blue Fork Kitchen
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:15a-11:15a	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	11:30a-12:30p	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
MON 7/18	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee M-Th	PEACE Gym or Heartwell Park
	1:00p-3:00p	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-9:00p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
TUES 7/19	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study	Anderson Room
WED 7/20	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers Meet	Lower-Level Church
THURS 7/21	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	Middle School Room
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 7/22	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SUN 7/24	9:00a-9:45a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
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	5:30p-6:30p	FPC Tailgate Picnic	Harms Park
	6:30p	Sodbusters FPC Family Night	Duncan Field
MON 7/25	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Gym or Heartwell Park
	1:00p-3:00p	1:00p-3:00p	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym
	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Board Meets	Anderson Room
	7:00p-9:00p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
TUES 7/26		<i>No Staff Meeting</i>	
	11:45a-1:15p	Habitat for Humanity Meets	Parlor
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study Meets	Anderson Room

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**Return Service Requested**

**Mail To:**



**WORSHIP IN THE  
PARK**

**SUNDAYS AT 9:00**

**JULY 10, 17, 24, 31**

**AUGUST 7, 14**