

# First Presbyterian Church

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## Home Page

**Can we interest you in a Spiced Pumpkin Latte?** A Pumpkin Spice scented candle to create the aroma of Fall in your home? How about some nice, warm, fresh, just out of the oven Spiced Pumpkin bread? Do you feel like it is too soon to start thinking about about fall, the changing of leaves, the crisp fresh air and all things flavored pumpkin?

Ok, we do too....

**...HOWEVER...**

...it's not too soon to start thinking about **SUNDAY SCHOOL, WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**, and **YOUTH ACTIVITIES** to start back up! We are gearing up for all these activities with new curriculum, new scheduling, and a fresh start but we need some volunteers (like you) to make it all happen.

There are many opportunities on both Sundays and Wednesdays to work with kids of all ages in lots of different capacities. Please take a look at the descriptions of volunteer positions within this Home Page, then reach out to Rose and let her if you are the perfect person she is looking for!

# TOO SOON?



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

## WNL

## YOUTH GROUP



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# FPC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Nursery Volunteers. This is a 1 hour commitment on Sunday mornings. We use a rotation schedule so you never work more than one Sunday a month (the more volunteers, the less often you're on the schedule). We are looking for kind, patient, loving people to spend time in the nursery.



- Middle School Youth Group volunteers. This is a 1 hour commitment each Sunday night (6-7pm). We are looking for people who are patient, helpful, and enjoy engaging with 6-8th grade students. Main responsibilities include facilitating conversations and making connections with students.



- Preschool and Kindergarten WNL helpers. This is a 2 hour commitment each Wednesday night. We are looking for people who are high energy, patient, and helpful to assist with our youngest students.



- Volunteers for Wednesday Night Live meals. This is typically a 2 hour commitment. These volunteers prepare the fellowship hall for WNL meal time, plate/serve meals, wash dishes/clean up the kitchen. *There are no cooking requirements for this position (unless you want to take on that responsibility).*



- Confirmation Mentors. We are in need of 7 adults from our congregation to act as mentors to the 8th graders going through confirmation this year. There is a one-page questionnaire to fill out if you are interested. Please reach out to Rose or Damen for more information.



Anyone 13 and older is welcome to volunteer! Come talk to Rose, or email [rose@fpchastings.org](mailto:rose@fpchastings.org)



## What is Food 4 Thought?

Food 4 Thought is a nonprofit organization that prepares meals for families who struggle with food insecurity.

During the school semester, Hastings College students pack & deliver weekend meals for about 100 families a week. It costs approximately \$200 to feed a child and their family for one semester



Help provide our children food for their growing minds!



## How can you help?

### Monetary donations:

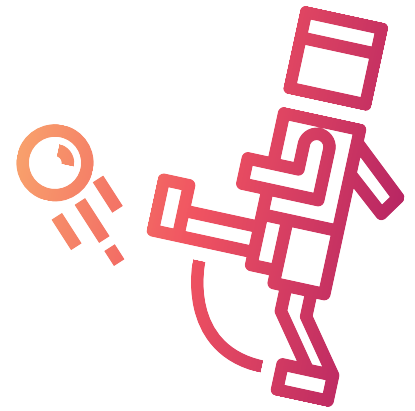
Food4Thought  
c/o Hastings College (Psychology)  
710 N. Turner Ave. Box #7  
Hastings, NE 68901.

### Volunteer help:

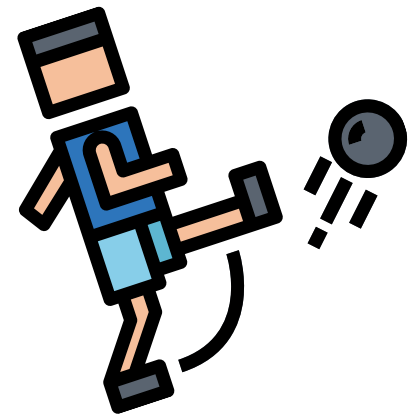
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**COMMUNION OFFERING**  
August

## OPEN TABLE



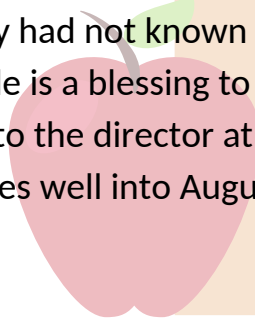
**Sunday School Kickoff**  
**August 28, 9:30**  
**Fellowship Hall**



For the past 18 years, our church has partnered with Catholic Social Services by making sack lunches on four Sundays in July to be distributed at Catholic Social Services during the week. We have done this every year, even during church transitions and the pandemic. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the generosity, prayers and energy for Open Table last month. Together, we assembled about 5,000 sacks/sandwiches (1,225 per Sunday). It is a joy to be a part of our church family as we are working together. Not only did we provide needed meals for others, we did it with faith, positive energy, conversation, creativity and humor. Once again, several new members, and people got to work together with people they had not known previously. As is true with any mission project, participation in the Open Table is a blessing to all of us. We expected the numbers to be higher again in July. According to the director at CSS, 2,675 lunches were distributed this month, so we will have provided lunches well into August.

Thank you!

Global Mission and Local Social Witness Committee



Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I want to say thank you for helping pay for Calvin Crest. I did horse backriding, pool time and much more. I learned a lot about Jesus and God. We learned about Creation in the week. I had an exciting time and thank you so much!

-Maddie Gosda

THANK

Thank you,  
Maddie!

YOU!



Your thoughtfulness  
meant so much!

*Thank you so much for the flowers for Dennis' Celebration of Life! Cindy Roberts*



In Loving Memory of  
Georgie Evans

1/1/1935-8/4/2022

## Please pray for these people:

Shirley Maul  
Mary Lewis  
Barry Thomson  
Christian Fruehling  
Stephen Gass  
Bev Stein  
Greg Howard  
Jeni Howard

Michael Hahne  
Carl Utley  
Tarah Davis & family  
Dave Schawang  
Brad Davis  
Jane Tushaus  
Anne Bohlke  
Katie Reynolds & family

Benjamin Franco & family  
Irina Belikova-Erickson  
Cheryl Ann Elfond  
Reta & Lowell Johnson  
Lanae Hall & family  
Elaine Schumacher  
Melba Trehern  
Ramona Shetler  
Rich Portwood  
Shirley Gass

# FALL FORUM AT A GLANCE

## Holy Humor of Ted Lasso

Sept 11, 18, 25

HC Chaplain Doodle Harris explores theological concepts using the AppleTV comedy *Ted Lasso*



Oct 2, 9, 23, 30



## Doctrinal Confessions

Scholar in Residence Dan Deffenbaugh considers the historic confessions of the Presbyterian Church

## The Once & Future Church

Join in a series of discussions which focus on where the Church has been and where it might be going

Nov 6, 13, 20



Dec 4, 11



## Advent Artistry

Artists in Residence Cathedral Brass lead reflection on the music of the season.

**FORUM  
SEASON  
AT A  
GLANCE.**



Holy Humor Of  
TED LASSO

First Presbyterian Forum  
September 11, 18, & 25  
Chaplain Doodle Harris  
9:15 AM - Lydia Room

Forums take place during the Sunday School Hour (on specified dates) and are available to view a few days later at [YouTube.com>search>First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, NE](https://www.youtube.com/search?q=First+Presbyterian+Church+of+Hastings,+NE)



## Worship in the Park

**AUGUST 7, AUGUST 14  
@ 9:00AM**

**EXTENDED TWO MORE WEEKS!!!**

**AUGUST 21, AUGUST 28**

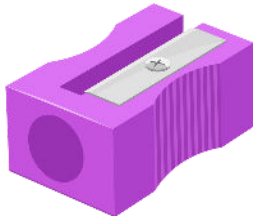
**@ 8:30AM  
DIFFERENT TIME**



SUN 8/7	9:00a-9:15a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex
MON 8/8	8:30a-10:00a	Walker/Walkers Coffee	Heartwell Park ( <i>Mon-Thurs</i> )
	1:00p-3:00p	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-9:00p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
TUES 8/9		<i>No staff meeting</i>	
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Damen	Anderson Room
	<del>4:00p-5:00p</del>	<del>Global Mission CANCEL</del>	<del>Confirmation Room</del>
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meets	Parlor
	<del>6:00p-7:00p</del>	<del>Trustees Meet Rescheduled</del>	<del>Anderson Room</del>
WED 8/10	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers Meet	Lower-Level Church
THURS 8/11	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Rehearsal	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 8/12	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SUN 8/14	9:00a-9:45a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12:00p-1:00p	Music Planning	Parlor
MON 8/15	8:30a-10:00a	Walker/Walkers Coffee	Heartwell Park ( <i>Mon-Thurs</i> )
	1:00p-3:00p	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-9:00p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
TUES 8/16	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson Room
	6:00-7:00pm	Trustees <i>Rescheduled</i> Meeting	Anderson Room
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
WED 8/17	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers Meet	Lower-Level Church
THURS 8/18	5:30p-7:30p	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Rehearsal	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 8/19	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SAT 8/20	9:00a-1:00p	United Harvest	Hastings Middle School
SUN 8/21	8:30a-9:15a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:15a-10:15a	Child Safety Training for VBS Staff and Volunteers	TBD
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex



The Synod Fall Gathering will be held in Holdrege this September. We will be assembling CWS School Kits again and are requesting donations for school supplies. There will be a table in the Memorial Room to bring your donations, and the list of requested items is below. Thank you!




## CWS School Kits

School kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.



### Here's what you'll need

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler 
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (please remove pencils from the package)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside of the bag. The MyShopAngel website has an affordable CWS Kit bag for bulk purchase. Visit [cwskits.org/bag](http://cwskits.org/bag) to order. Or, [download our school bag pattern](#) and make your own! (you do not have to make a bag)


Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.



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**Return Service Requested**

**Mail To:**

 Happiness Happens Month was established August 8, 1999 and is celebrated annually. It is dedicated to celebrating things that make you happy. It's a known fact that happiness is contagious and sharing your happiness can bring a smile to someone's face. The month reminds us that happiness can be found in even little things that we might not notice and that spreading the same joy amongst others can help make the world a better place.



***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 Koepf  
**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