## **First Presbyterian Church**

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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

A few weeks ago, I shared with you the news of the staff transition of our beloved office administrator, Sarah Allen. We will miss Sarah and her positive presence here in the office.

I want to thank all of the volunteers and our staff members who have stepped up to help cover some of the office administrator duties since Sarah's departure last week. I am so grateful for these folks who have helped keep our church moving forward in this time.

I am excited to announce that we have hired a new office administrator who will start on September 12! Melissa Davis is a member of First Presbyterian Church. You may have seen her as a greeter on Sunday morning, or volunteering here in the church office when Jean or Sarah have been out. She also actively participates in the Heirs Apparent Adult Bible Study class/small group that meets on Sunday morning.

Melissa worked for Mid-Nebraska Individual Services for more than 16 years where she taught daily living skills to adults with developmental disabilities. Working in this job, Melissa demonstrated incredible patience and care for everyone she worked with and was well loved by her co-workers and her clients. She decided to change careers so she enrolled in classes at CCC and then transferred to Bellevue University in 2021. She will graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration in November. Her coursework at CCC and Bellevue included classes in computer technology, bookkeeping and finance, marketing, and small business administration. She went to school with the hope of working in an office environment where she could make a positive difference.

We are blessed and excited that she is going to join our staff team. During her interview, she expressed a deep love for First Presbyterian Church and demonstrated a positive spirit, strong communication skills, and a keen eye for attention to detail. She will begin work on September 12.

Join me in welcoming Melissa and offering a prayer of thanksgiving that she will fill this important role for our beloved church.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg



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Melissa Davis

## د المحمد TV SERIES FOUND ON APPLE TV

The series follows Ted Lasso, an American college football coach who is hired to coach an English soccer team in an attempt by its owner to spite her ex-husband. Lasso tries to win over the skeptical English market with his folksy, optimistic demeanor while dealing with his inexperience in the sport.

# Join HC Chaplain Doodle Harris' Forum Series as she makes correlations between specific episodes and our lives as Christians.







Dear Church Family, Thank you for having Jan deliver the lowery arrangement of red conations & cheery, yellow surplowers. yellow surplowers. Jan's visit, kind words, gan's brightened our day. Dick Kleiber

The PW Fall Gathering will be held in Holdrege on Saturday, September 10. 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!

# Here's what you'll need



- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no looseleaf 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)

Asking for prayers

Shirley Maul Mary Lewis Barry Thomson Christian Fruehling Stephen Gass Bev Stein Greg Howard Jeni Howard Ramona Shetler Benjamin Franco & family Irina Belikova-Erickson Rich Portwood Shirley Gass Tarah Davis & family

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SEPTEMBER 9

Dave Schawang Lanae Hall & family Elaine Schumacher Melba Trehern Michael Hahne Cheryl Ann Elfond Katie Reynolds & family Brad Davis Reta & Lowell Johnson Jane Tushaus Carl Utley Dick Kleiber Anne Bohlke Raelene (Gerdes) Falcon



Steven Kleiber, son of Pat & Dick Kleiber, who passed away on 8/6/22. Georgie Evans, who passed away on 8/4/22 Mark Bliss, who passed away on 8/25/22



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You are cordially invited to a Commissioning Service for Rev. Doodle Harris as Chaplain at Hastings College French Memorial Chapel Hastings College 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 18th

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Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Senior Pastor at 1st Presbyterian Church and Member of the Hastings College Board of Trustees will be preaching.

Those providing music include Dr. Amanda Boyd, soprano, Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet, Linda Vollweiler, and the Hastings College Choir under the direction of Brett Epperson.

Immediately following the service there will be a reception in the narthex of the chapel.

#### Snacks for Hasting College Bible Study

This year, weekly Bible Studies and Monthly Movie chats will be provided to Hastings College and Employees through the Chaplain's office and new Chaplain Rev. Doodle Harris! However, Doodle needs your help! I am hoping churches in Central-Nebraska will consider providing snacks for these activities (because, let's face it, College Students love to be fed!). Please consider gathering snacks including small bags of popcorn or chips, cookies, sodas, waters, and candy (nothing that requires a microwave)! You can deliver these snacks directly to Hastings College chapel or make arrangements with Doodle for her to come pick them up (or meet me somewhere in between).

If gathering snacks is not ideal, consider making a donation! Amazon Cards, Walmart Cards, Target Cards are also fabulous for snacks! Checks can also be made payable to Hastings College with "Chapel Snacks" in the memo line. (A check for \$100 can feed them for a month!)

Checks and gift cards can be sent to: Hastings College Office of the Chaplain 710 N. Turner Ave. Hastings, NE 68901

If you have any questions or would like to know other ways your church can be involved in collegiate ministry at Hastings College, reach out to Doodle: <u>doodle.harris@hastings.edu</u> use her cell: 412-638-6890.

# Jr/Sr High Youth Fellowship Begins SEPT 11 5:00 to 7:00 pm

#### Mini-Performance + Q&A • September 12, 6:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church In conjunction with the Hastings Community Music Academy • Free Admission •

#### Concert • September 13 • 7:00 p.m.

#### Hastings High School Auditorium

#### With Special Guests From

Hastings Middle School, Hastings High School, Hastings College • Free Admission •



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