

First Presbyterian Church

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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

You may have noticed the new parking lot at the PEACE Center that was poured over the summer. And if you were at worship on September 18, you may have participated in the prayer of blessing over the new parking lot that was led by Pastor Damen. I thought that he did such a great job with that introduction and blessing, that I wanted to share it with you in our Home Page newsletter this week. Thank you to everyone who had a role in helping us complete this project. Join me to reflect on Pastor Damen's thoughtful words and prayer over the "Consecrated Concrete!"

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

Introduction to Parking Lot Blessing:

Look, concrete may not be the most exciting thing in the world but we need it. And at First Presbyterian Church we need it for particular aims and particular ends. We need it so that semis can park over there and drop off food for people to eat; so that forklifts can scoot around carrying meals prepared in love and in joy for folks who live half a world away. Among the first times that concrete was put to use it provided space so that people could gather to mourn the loss of beloved church members. Just yesterday cars wound their way through to receive food from United Harvest. That patch of concrete enables the work of Peace. It enables the work of God. As such, we believe, it is right to offer our thanks and appreciation to those who played key roles in its creation. To the Trustees and their Chair Mary Plock, to our facilities coordinator Tony Calhoun, and to Steve Wolford we offer our thanks for their role in the successful completion of this endeavor. And, we believe, it is right to ask for God's blessing so that this may become consecrated concrete; set apart to enable the work of God in our community. Let us join together in prayer:



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Consecrated Concrete

A few minerals and some water form this foundation.

Sand, gravel, lime & clay poured, formed, and cured have become sidewalks and parking stalls. It is really quite remarkable and it is really only a beginning.

More remarkable still is the good work this work enables.

On these groundworks feet will shuffle, skip, and saunter

Arrange themselves until here they stand, side by side, to embrace one another

In the shadow of a funeral,

In the joy of a baptism,

In the conviction of a confirmation,

In the wonder of a silent night.

Minerals and water, properly mixed, allow cars to park and stomachs to be fed,

Children to dance to the music of their parents and grandparents,

The faith to be shared and embraced.

Some stone, approximated and made by human hands,

Helps hearts to find their home,

Ancient words to reveal a new kind of life.

Upon these foundations, O God, your children gather, your children scurry, your children move and find their being set themselves about a particular task.

To live lives worthy of the calling they have received,

Because, O God, you are their foundation, you are their minerals and water.

And as these sidewalks and parking stalls allow good works to flow from these buildings

May your foundation allow good works to flow from their lives.

And all God's people said, "Amen."



Luna the
Wonderdog
(Pastor Greg's Dog)

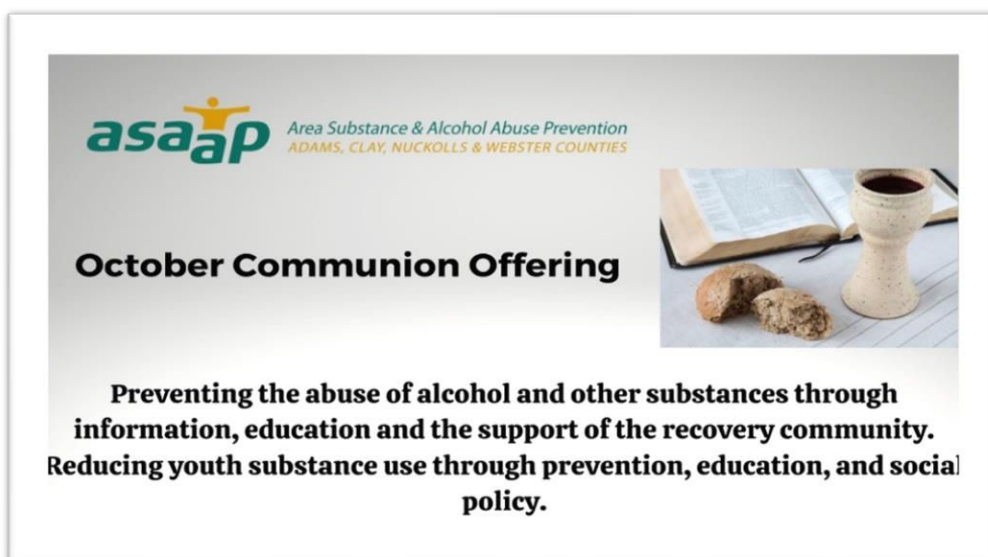
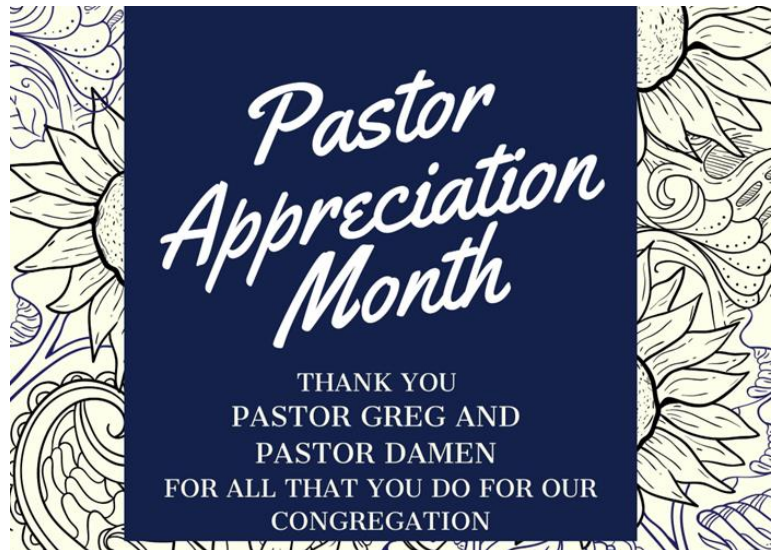
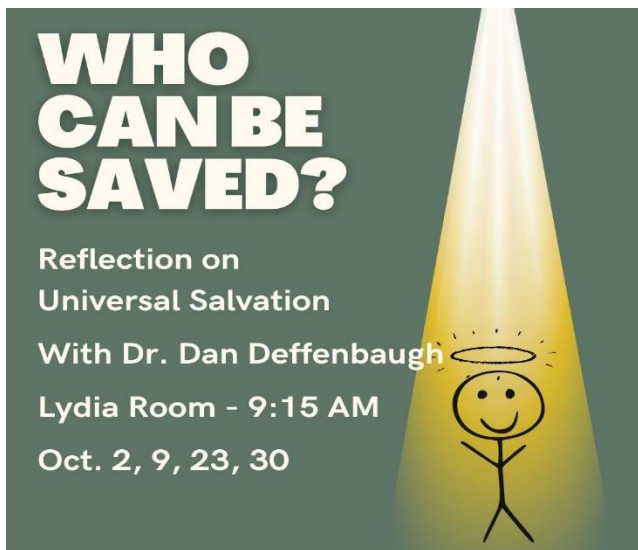
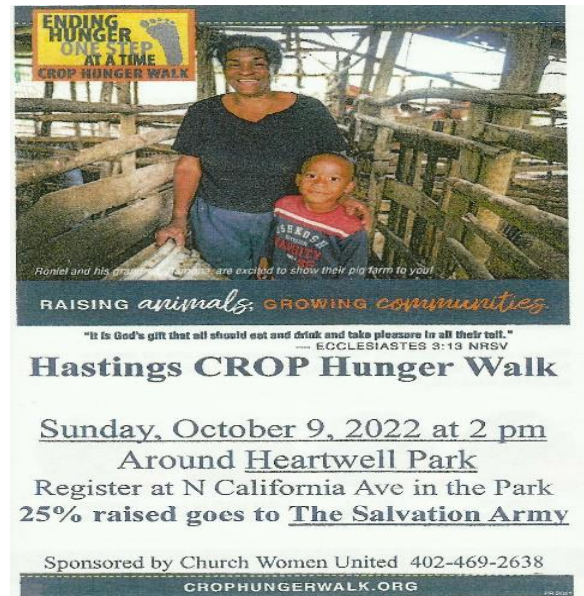
Luna would like to personally
invite all pets in Hastings
(and their owners) to the
Blessing of the Pets Service
at First Presbyterian
Church of Hastings!

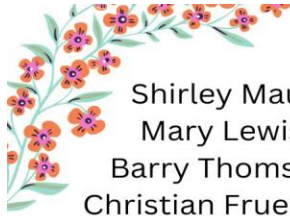
Sunday, October 9
8:30 am in Alexander Park

Luna says, "You will get a free,
fashionable dog tag that says
you were blessed!"

All are welcome, even the cats!"

To register, start a team, join a team, and/or donate online, go to www.crophungerwalk.org or donate in our church office. We have a First Presbyterian Church team! Join in on the fun. Plan to walk and donate. If you can't be there to walk, your donations are appreciated.





Prayers are Requested for the Following People

Shirley Maul
Mary Lewis
Barry Thomson
Christian Fruehling
Stephen Gass
Bev Stein
Greg Howard
Ramona Shetler
Family of Mark Bliss
Benjamin Franco & family
Irina Belikova-Erickson
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Tarah Davis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond

Reta & Lowell Johnson
Jane Tushaus
Carl Utley
Dick Kleiber
Raelene (Gerdes) Falcon
Family of Anne Bohlke
Abby Pumroy
Family of Verna Meyer
Lanae Hall & family
Elaine Schumacher
Melba Trehern
Michael Hahne
Dave Schwang
Katie Reynolds & family
Brad Davis

In loving memory of

Georgie Evans,
who passed away on 8/4/22.

Steven Kleiber, son of Pat & Dick
Kleiber
who passed away on 8/6/22.

Mark Bliss, who passed
away on 8/25/22

Anne Bohlke, who passed
away on 9/10/22

Verna Meyer, who passed
away on 9/28/22



Save
the Date

LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Sunday, November 6, 2022

5pm- Dinner
6:15pm- Living History Event
Stay tuned for further details

New Member Class

If you are interested in joining First
Presbyterian Church or just want to find
out more about us, a new
members/inquirers class will be held on
October 5, 12, and 19 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
It will include dinner. Call the church
office at 402-462-5147 to register for the
class.





October 15, 2022

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

REBOOKULOUSLY GOOD READS



A Faith & Spirituality Book Group

Rebookulously Good Reads returns to explore the complicated and nuanced world of Gilead, Iowa! Back by popular demand is our Good Reads book club. Beginning in October you are invited to read *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. *Lila* tells the story of the wife of Rev. John Ames (a minister in Gilead, IA) as she "struggles to harmonize the life of her makeshift family and their days of hardship with her husband's gentle Christian worldview, which paradoxically judges those she loves." If that doesn't sound like the set up to some interesting conversations, then I don't know what does.

As in years past our book club will use both pre-recorded and in person conversations. The pre-recorded conversations will feature English professors Constance Malloy and Jenni Welsch as well as Pastor Damen. Those conversations will be available for your listening/viewing pleasure on Oct. 6, 20, & Nov. 3. The in-person conversations will be hosted both at the church and via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 13, 27, & Nov. 10.

Sunday 10/ 2	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School hour	Various
	10:30am-11:30am	Worship Service	Hastings College-Steinhart Plaza
	2pm-4:30pm	Hastings College Choir concert	Sanctuary
	5:00pm-7:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group	various
Monday 10/3	1pm-3pm	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	7pm-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 10/4	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Zoom/Anderson room
	5:30pm-7pm	WAM Meeting	Zoom/Anderson
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15pm-9:15pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/5	11am-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	ssbrooks52@gmail.com
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Program/Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	5pm-6:45pm	Preschool-5 th WNL	Fellowship Hall
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 10/6	10am-11am	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Christian Education Meeting	Parlor
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scouts Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 10/7	9:30am-11:30am	Church Women United	Parlor
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Classroom 111
	11am-2:30pm	PEO Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 10/9	8:30am-9:15am	Blessing of the Pets	Alexander Park
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School Hour	Various
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	5pm-7pm	Jr High/Sr High youth group	various
Monday 10/10	12pm-1pm	Memorial Committee	Parlor
	1pm-3pm	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	7pm-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room

Tuesday 10/11	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	ZOOM/Anderson Room
	4pm-5pm	Global Mission Committee	ZOOM/Confirmation Room
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Congregational Life Committee	Parlor
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience class	PEACE SE Class
	8:15pm-9:15pm	CCC Dog Obedience class	PEACE SE Class
Wednesday 10/12	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	ssbrooks52@gmail.com
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
		Preschool-5th WNL	CANCELLED/Fall Break
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 10/13	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:30pm	Rebookulously Good Reads	
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/14	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 10/15	9:30am-1pm	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sunday 10/16	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
		Confirmation/Sunday School hour	CANCELLED/Fall Break
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
		Jr High/Sr High Youth Group	CANCELLED/Fall Break



CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church
would love to receive your gently
used winter coats for our coat drive
that
will be held in October.
Coats of all sizes are needed for
Men, Women and Children.
(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)

Donations accepted now through October
at these Hastings locations:
First Presbyterian Church,
Pershing Orthodontics.
Thank you in advance!!

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Return Service Requested

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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

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Director: Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanist: Mary Plock

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

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