

First Presbyterian Church

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A note from Pastor Greg on Generosity and Gratitude

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

As we begin the Season of Advent, a time of preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus and anticipation to await his return, my heart is full of gratitude for our beloved congregation.

Last week we mailed out the Advent Devotional Guide written by your fellow church members and staff. It invites us to reflect on different names for Jesus as we prepare to celebrate his birth. It also presents the “Reverse Advent Calendar” for the fourth year, where our members are invited to collect items each day during Advent that we will donate to our local ministry partners. I am grateful that many church members asked for us to continue this tradition, and give so generously to it. Thank you! Here is a link and a QR code for the electronic version of the Advent Devotional Guide: <https://bit.ly/FPCHAdvent2023>



Our stewardship campaign ended two weeks ago, with a few pledge cards still coming in (we will still take those, you can bring them to the church office or submit your pledge securely on-line at this link: <https://bit.ly/2023PledgeForm>)

I am incredibly grateful to report that the pledges for 2023 are up, and will allow us to build a faithful budget that looks towards future growth for the coming year. ***Thank you so much for your generous support of First Presbyterian Church through your gifts this year and your pledges for next year.***

Despite a mixed economic outlook, you have decided to invest in the work of hope, peace, joy, and love that embodies the good news of the gospel as an expression of your faith. Because of your commitment to our church, we will continue to grow, reach out into our community, and be the hands and feet of Christ so that all may come to know the saving love and grace of Jesus through our words and our deeds. Thank you!

As 2022 comes to a close, I would ask that you help us end the year well. If you are able, please fulfill your pledge for this year. And if you can, please consider making a year-end gift to First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. I know that you are probably being inundated with requests for gifts from all the amazing non-profits that you support. I humbly ask that if you are in a position to give a year-end gift, please consider prioritizing your church so that we can continue to proclaim God’s love through our ministries to our members, our community, and the world.

Thank you for all that you do to support our beloved church through the investment of your time, talent, and treasure.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

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The Food Pantry is in need of canned good food items. Your donations are appreciated.



FLOWER & RADIO MEMORIALS

There are openings throughout the year for both flower and radio memorials. Please contact Melissa in the office or Mary Olsen (402-462-2811 molsen@charter.net) Donations are greatly appreciated.



Preparations for this year’s Christmas program are underway! Here is the rehearsal schedule:

Dec 4	9:15-10:15 am	All students
	3-5 pm	All students EXCEPT preK/K
Dec 10	9am-12pm	All students
Dec 11	9:15 am	All students

The program is during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 11th.

Mariners

December Gathering

All Mariners* are invited to join in our next gathering! We will meet at 5:45pm on Sunday December, 11 at Trapped Downtown Hastings for an escape room experience! After, we will go to Steeple Brewing where we'll have a table reserved. The escape room is free but please bring money for pizza and beverages at Steeple! Please RSVP by Friday, December, 9, at the Mariners Facebook Page or by emailing Melissa at melissa@fpchastings.org

*The Mariners is a fellowship group for women or like-minded people in their 20s-50s.



Fundraiser



Food4Thought Fundraiser - Thank you FPC for hosting a Food4Thought Chili Dinner and Trivia Fundraiser on Friday evening, Dec. 2nd ! Everyone is invited! Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for students. Trivia Teams have 8 people each! Get your teams together early and let Chaplain Doodle Harris know who is on your team by e-mailing her at doodle.harris@hastings.edu!

Don't have a team? No problem! Just come on the 2nd and we'll find you a table of friends! Doors open at 5:30. Dinner starts at 6:00 and Trivia begins at 6:30! There will be prizes for the winners! Please let Doodle know if you have any questions!



Lessons and Carols Service at Hastings College- Members of First Presbyterian Church are invited to the Hastings College Service of Lessons and Carols on Wednesday morning, December 7th 9:30am.

This service will have your favorite Christmas readings as well as performances by the Hastings College Handbell Choir and the Hastings College Choir! This event is free at French Memorial Chapel on the Hastings College Campus.

Frontera de Cristo

Buenas dias compadres,

Denny here with your end of November Frontera de Cristo newsletter. As I mentioned last month November is the 20th anniversary of the founding of Cafe Justo, which created an amazing coffee coop, which over time was able to raise prices to the coop's coffee growers from 30 cents a pound to over \$8 a pound. This provided incomes that enabled countless families to stay in Mexico and continue growing coffee rather than feel the pressure to immigrate to the United States...below is a good video dialogue between Jaime Escobar and Mark Adams in Salvador Urbina. Jaime was my host in Salvador Urbina when Jan Ham, Jeni Howard, Pam Lay, and I were visiting the Coop six years ago this month. Do take the time to open the links below.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Good-News-From-the-Border--In-All-Things--Give-Thanks.html?soid=1103337725578&aid=oX7Kxcl1wNM>

Paz y esperanza,
Denny Storer



Prayers for



Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
Christian Fruehling
Stephen Gass
Bev Stein
Greg Howard
Ramona Shetler
Family of Dora Horsley
Irina Belikova-Erickson
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Tarah Davis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond
Brad Davis
Audre Zaroban

Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Ruby Sloggett
Dick Kleiber
Family of Ken Fike
BJ Pumroy & family
Elaine Schumacher
Melba Trehern
Michael Hahne
Dave Schawang
Katie Reynolds & family
Family of Phyllis Waltemath
Family of Bob Johnson

In loving memory of

Bob Johnson, who passed
away on 10/22/22
Dora Horsley, who passed
away on 10/27/22
Phyllis Waltemath, who passed
away on 10/31/22
Ken Fike, who passed
away on 11/5/22



Sunday 11/27	8:30a-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Children's Christmas program practice	
	10am-10:30am	HAW store open	Narthex
	10:30-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW store open	Narthex
	3pm	Cathedral Brass Quintet Concert	Sanctuary
	3pm-5pm	Children's Christmas program practice	
Monday 11/ 28	1-3pm	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/29	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-Person
	12-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson/Zoom
Wednesday 11/30	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	Prek-5 th grade WNL	Various
	6:45-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	basement
	7:30-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 12/1	12:30-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Christian Ed. Committee (youth)	Fellowship Hall
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 12/2	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
	5-8:30pm	Food4Thought Fundraiser	Fellowship Hall

Christmas With First Presbyterian

CHRISTMAS EVE 2022

To Grandmother's House
2:00PM

A service of caroling and rejoicing is held at College View. Chancel Choir and Pastors hold a service for residents and their family members.

A Family Christmas
5:30PM

A lively service held in the sanctuary features traditional hymns, organ, a child-friendly message, and singing by candlelight.

Traditional Service
7:30PM

Held in the sanctuary, this service contains traditional hymns, music by the family choir, and singing by candle light.

Holy Night
11:00PM

A contemplative service is held in the chapel to greet the newborn child with simple music and prayer.

Sunday 12/4	8:30-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	3pm-5pm	Children's Christmas Pageant Practice	Sanctuary
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Varies
Monday 12/5	1-3pm	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 12/6	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson/Zoom
	5:30pm-7pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson/Zoom
Wednesday 12/7	11am-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Luncheon/Program	Fellowship Hall
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Sesquicentennial group meeting	
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 12/8	5pm	Personnel Meeting (as needed)	
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout room
Friday 12/9	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 12/10	9am-12pm	Children's Christmas Pageant Practice	Sanctuary
Sunday 12/11	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Children's Christmas Pageant	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various

Cathedral Brass Presents:
'Tis the Season



A Study of Advent Music & Fatih
Lydia Room - 9:15 AM
Dec 4 & 11

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The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Tour Host

 Faith Journeys

There will be an informational meeting about the Scotland trip on Sunday, December 4 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Check with Pastor Greg if you need the Zoom link.



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Foster Grandparents. Your donation makes a difference. Please return your order form to the church office as soon as possible.

Poinsettia in memory of:

Poinsettia in honor of:

Given by:

How many total poinsettias are you ordering? _____

I will leave my poinsettia(s) at the church:

Yes

No



Giving Tree

During the holidays our First Presbyterian Church family embraces 50 more brothers and sisters who are served by the Assertive Community Treatment program at South Central Behavioral Services in Hastings. The tags on the Giving Tree list items that would be appropriate for the person noted on the tag. Please select from the list one or two items as gifts. Then wrap the items, attaching the tag to the gift bundle. If you bring the gifts to place around our Giving Tree by Monday, December 19, volunteers will be able to deliver them in time for Christmas.

Of the individual recipients, most live independently in their community and some live with family members. Most of those who live independently have no family network, so our Christmas gifts are the only ones they receive. During the year, many also depend on food banks and donations of non-perishables and clothing.

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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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