

First Presbyterian Church

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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

The theme of our stewardship campaign this year is “Stewardship as a Spiritual Practice.” We have spent the last few weeks reflecting on our call to give generously to the work of the church as an integral part of how we live our Christian faith. We studied Deuteronomy 26 where God directs the Israelites to give their first fruits and to tithe 10% all of their harvest, which is where we develop the concept of **“tithing” as a response of gratitude to God’s grace and love.**

Stewardship as a
Spiritual Practice

Grounded in that call to give to the church is the belief that all we have and all we are comes from God. We are stewards of God’s gifts. Theologian John Wesley summarizes this belief when he wrote, **“Not, how much of MY money will I give to God, but how much of GOD’s money will I keep for myself?”**

This is the last week of our Stewardship Campaign. Each year we ask the congregation to submit pledge cards with an estimate of giving so that we can faithfully build our budget for the coming year. Pledge cards were distributed to everyone in worship on Sunday, October 23 and also mailed to every household in the church.

For those of you who have already turned your pledge cards in, thank you! If you have not yet turned in your pledge card with your estimate of giving, there are a number of ways you can do that this week. **We are hoping to have all the pledge cards turned in by Sunday, November 6** as we work to create our budget for next year.

If you want to fill out a paper pledge card, you drop those by the church office or mail them in. If you misplaced your pledge card or never received one, please stop by the church office, we have extras.

If you prefer, you can securely fill out your pledge card on-line by going to this link:
<https://bit.ly/2023PledgeForm>

As I stated in the stewardship letter that went out:

We believe we have the right staff team in place and they are committed to our community of faith and its mission, but we have to ensure that we continue to compensate our staff fairly. Due to inflation, we would like to offer a cost-of-living increase in addition to raises for our staff. That requires a larger budget, which necessitates an increase in giving from our church members. Additionally, our facilities costs are also being impacted by inflation. Our facilities manager does his best to keep our costs down, but many of these costs are beyond our control and we will need to increase our facilities budget.

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As you consider how much your family will pledge this year, I ask you to consider increasing your giving to the church in 2023. If you currently give 2% of your income, maybe now is the time to consider giving 3%. Different from donating to other non-profits, giving to the church is part of your faith journey and is an important spiritual practice.

Thank you for your generosity and steadfast support of our beloved church!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg



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.

Scotland
June 15 – 24, 2023
Including an Optional Extension June 24 – 28

Especially designed for
**First Presbyterian
Church of Hastings**
Nebraska

Registration will begin soon!



The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Tour Host



Fundraiser **Trivia Night**

Food4Thought Fundraiser - Thank you HPC 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!

HASTINGS COMMUNITY MUSIC ACADEMY
 HOSTS
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
 7:30 PM
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 FREE ADMISSION



First Presbyterian Church
*Hanging of
 The Greens*
 Sunday, November 20
 11:30am
 All are welcome




**HANDS AROUND
 THE WORLD STORE
 CHRISTMAS OPEN
 HOUSE**



**SATURDAY,
 NOVEMBER 26, 2022
 10:00AM-2:00PM**



The beautiful and unique handcrafted items in our store are made and produced by artisans and farmers from around the world. By purchasing their works, you are helping support their families and provide hope for their future. Each month, a portion of revenue goes to the local mission, United Harvest, helping to support our local community.

GREETERS -We are in need of greeters for the following services in November and December: November 13 (10:30am) and December 24 (5:30pm & 7:30pm) and December 25 (10:30am). Please let Melissa know in the church office (402) 462-5147 if you are able to help. Thank you!

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.



Prayers for

Shirley Maul	Reta & Lowell Johnson
Mary Lewis	Jane Tushaus
Barry Thomson	Carl Utley
Christian Fruehling	Dick Kleiber
Stephen Gass	Raelene (Gerdes) Falcon
Bev Stein	Family of Anne Bohlke
Greg Howard	BJ Pumroy & family
Ramona Shetler	Family of Verna Meyer
Family of Dora Horsley	Lanae Hall & family
Irina Belikova-Erickson	Elaine Schumacher
Rich Portwood	Melba Trehern
Shirley Gass	Michael Hahne
Tarah Davis & family	Dave Schawang
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Katie Reynolds & family
Brad Davis	Family of Phyllis Waltemath



In loving memory of

Anne Bohlke, who passed away on 9/10/22
 Verna Meyer, who passed away on 9/28/22
 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



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"FROM DAYS OF OLD"

An Evening of Living History
 November 6, 2022

Dinner at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 Program at 6:15 in the Sanctuary

THE DETAILS

- Dinner will feature beloved church recipes served over the last century.
- Dress however you'd like.
- Free will donation to be collected at dinner.
- Learn about the great fire, past pastors, & the music tradition of First Pres

Sunday 10/30	ALL SAINTS DAY		
	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5pm-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High youth group	Various
Monday 10/31	1pm-3pm	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE Center Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/1	10-11am	Staff meeting	In-person
	12-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30-7pm	WAM Meeting	ZOOM/Anderson Room
	5:30-6:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE Center NW Classroom
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE Center NE Classroom
	8:15-9:15pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE Center NE Classroom
Wednesday 11/2	11am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Program/Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	Pre K-5 th grade WNL	Various
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 11/3	5:30-6:30pm	Christian Education (Youth) Meeting	Parlor-(CANCELLED)
	6-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Thursday 11/3	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 11/4	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111

Friday 11/4	5pm-7pm	SHDHD Advisory Council Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 11/6	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School Hour	Various
	10am-10:30am 11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	3-4pm	Louie Eckhardt Recital	Sanctuary
	Living History Event 5pm- Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:15pm-Program (Sanctuary)		
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Meet at Hastings College for concert.
Monday 11/7	1-3pm	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE gym
Tuesday 11/8	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12-1pm	Bible Study	ZOOM/Anderson Room
	4pm	Global Mission Committee	Confirmation room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Committee	Parlor
	5:45pm	Trustees Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15pm-9:15pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 11/9	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th grade WNL	various
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 11/10	12:30-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed

Thursday 11/10	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 11/11	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Sunday 11/13	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School Hour	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Group	various

The Harrington Noonday Book Group meets online on Wednesdays at 11:55 a.m. led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh. Currently the focus is on "The Fourth Gospel: Tales of a Jewish Mystic" by John Shelby Spong. If you would like to join the Zoom gatherings, please contact Sharon Brooks, sbbrooks52@gmail.com.

FREE WILL DONATION

Christmas Craft Make-and-Take Event

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

2 PM - 5 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS
621 N LINCOLN AVE

CRAFTS | HOT CHOCOLATE | MUSIC

 What has been?

 What shall be?

The Once & Future Church

 1st Pres Forum
Nov. 6, 13, 20

 Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Rev. Shelli Latham

 Lydia Room - 9:15 AM

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Return Service Requested

Mail To:

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

Director of Children's & Family

Ministries: Rose Koepp

Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey