



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF HASTINGS**
LIVING A LEGACY OF LOVE

Home Page Newsletter

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

We observed Ash Wednesday last week with a moving service of music, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. Thank you to all who came and participated in the service, with special thanks to our Chancel Choir, our Chancel Handbell Choir, and our organist Linda Vollweiler, whose musical contributions added so much depth and meaning to the service.

The observance of Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, the six weeks leading up to Holy Week and Easter. It mirrors the 40 days that Christ spent in the wilderness, facing temptation and trial. We are invited to spend these weeks in reflection and repentance, recognizing our need for Christ and his saving work that he accomplished. As we journey with Christ to the cross during this season, we are called to redirect our thoughts and energy into our faith, and think about what we believe and how we embody our beliefs in the world.

At First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, we will be spending the next six weeks doing that by focusing on the creeds and confessions that help us understand and live out our faith. You are all invited to dig into these important statements and affirmations of faith, and we will be providing multiple opportunities each week to do that.

Every Sunday, your pastors will be preaching sermons based on one of the creeds or confessions. Our scholar in residence, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, will also teach an adult education forum each week on the same topics. Following worship we will share a devotion each week that allows our members to reflect on the creed or confession throughout the week with accompanying scriptures and prayers. We will distribute paper copies of the devotion on Sunday as you are leaving worship and will also email them out on Mondays, along with a link to the Adult Education Forum.

My hope and prayer is that this in-depth study of our creeds and confessions during the Season of Lent can help us grow more deeply in our faith and provide us an opportunity to reflect on what it is that we believe, and how we go about living out our faith in the world. Below you will find the list of the creeds and confessions we will be studying. We hope you will join us together on this Lenten Journey!

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg

I believe...

Lenten sermon series on
Presbyterian confessions and creeds

February 26: The Nicene Creed

March 5: The Scots Confession

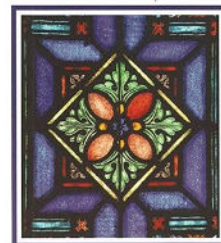
March 12: The Barmen Declaration

March 19: The Confession of 1967

March 26: A Brief Statement of Faith

April 2: FPC Hastings Confirmands
Affirmation of Faith, 2019

THE BOOK OF CONFESSIONS



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Syria-Turkey Earthquake



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support in the aftermath of the 7.8- magnitude earthquake and its aftershocks in Syria and Turkey. Thousands are reported dead and injured, numbers that will rise as search and rescue continues. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads and bridges have been severely damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions for first responders. In some places, such as Aleppo, this destruction is compounding the damage of the now 11-year war in Syria.

PDA is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas. PDA will remain active throughout the recovery process, accompanying our partners as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for building and resilience.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the "GAP" for the people affected by this catastrophic earthquake?

GIVE: PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/give-STearthquake, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR999999-ST earthquake" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



PRAY: *God of mercy, we join in prayer for our siblings in Syria and Turkey, and all other regions affected. In the face of the terrible images that come to us, we ask that your Spirit, O God, once again move in the midst of chaos and destruction. May you provide protection, energy and strength through your presence.*

☐ \$500 ☐ \$125 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

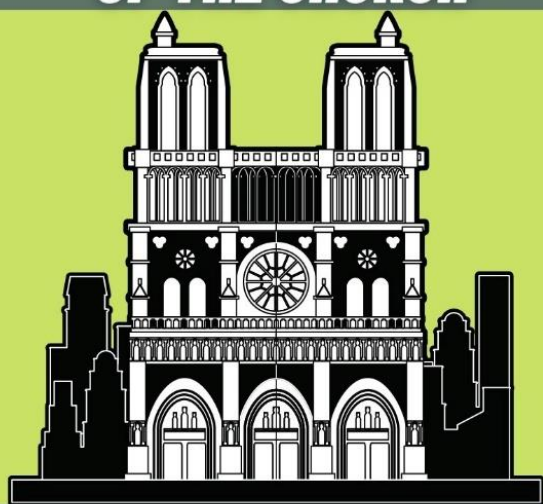
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March Ushers (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, LaVern Franzen, Elaine Specht

March Greeters:

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
5	Gayle Fandry	May Wierenga	Katherine Davis
12	Mary Kay LaMaster	Jean Barber	Melissa Davis
19	Sally Smith	Mary Fisk	Cathy & John Pershing
26	Laurie & Brian Johnson		Stephanie Bliss

**WE BELIEVE:
THE CONFESSIONS
OF THE CHURCH**



Dan Deffenbaugh - Lydia Room
9:15 AM - Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2

**ANYONE FOR
CHUNCH?**



CHURCH + BRUNCH = CHUNCH!
SUNDAY, MARCH 12 @ BLUE FORK
10:00 A.M.
\$10 - AGES 4-12, \$18 - ADULTS, \$14 - 65+
KIDS 3 AND UNDER EAT FOR FREE
RSVP TO CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 10

THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP
THE 10:30 SERVICE WILL STILL TAKE PLACE IN THE
SANCTUARY

Langenberg Lesson Applications for Spring 2023 are now available.

Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Although grants are renewable, parents **MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

Applications are available in the church office or on the church website and are **DUE APRIL 1, 2023**



EASTER LILIES 2023

Easter Lilies are \$12 each. Monies raised above the cost will be donated to "A Joyful Noise".

Lily in memory of: _____

Lily in honor of: _____

Given by: _____

I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I will leave my Lily at the church: ☐ Yes ☐ No

PW NATIVE AMERICAN BOOK STUDY

Join us virtually as we grow through our book discussions to learn more about racial injustices and increase our understanding of Native American/Indigenous Peoples' traditions, customs, and historical trauma. We hope this leads to becoming better equipped to build relationships.

February 6 (1:30 PM or 6:30 PM sessions) and February 20 (1:30 PM session)

***The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge: A Lakota Odyssey* by Joe Starita**

Synopsis: Joe Starita tells the triumphant and moving story of a Lakota-Northern Cheyenne family. In 1878, the renowned Chief Dull Knife, who fought alongside Crazy Horse, escaped from forced relocation in Indian Territory and led followers on a desperate six-hundred-mile freedom flight back to their homeland. His son, George Dull Knife survived the Wounded Knee Massacre and later toured in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show. Guy Dull Knife Sr. fought in World War I and took part in the Siege of Wounded Knee in 1973. Guy Dull Knife Jr. fought in Vietnam and is now an accomplished artist.



February 20 (6:30 PM) - Session with author Joe Starita

The author, Joe Starita, of "*The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge: A Lakota Odyssey*" shares with us the research completed and conversations held in writing this book, what drew him to tell the history of this family, and how it has impacted his life. Time to discuss elements of the book and ask questions will be provided. It's always an informative session with the author!

February 27 (1:30 PM or 6:30 PM) viewing documentary, "On a Knife Edge"

The documentary, "*On a Knife Edge*" that was released in 2017, takes us into the fifth generation of the Dull Knife family. The film is 89 minutes in length and we would have a 30-minute discussion following the viewing and a break.

SUMMARY: "Set against a background of rising tension and protest, a Lakota teenager, George Dull Knife, learns first-hand what it means to lead a new generation and enter adulthood in a world where the odds are stacked against him. Filmed over a five-year period, and culminating with the events at Standing Rock, *On a Knife Edge*, provides a privileged view into the world of George Dull Knife as he becomes politically active with the American Indian Movement, confronts the challenges of growing up on the Pine Ridge Reservation, and wrestles with accepting leadership of his storied family from his father, Guy Dull Knife Jr."



Register by contacting Marilyn Stone at mmstone52@att.net

Provide the following information:

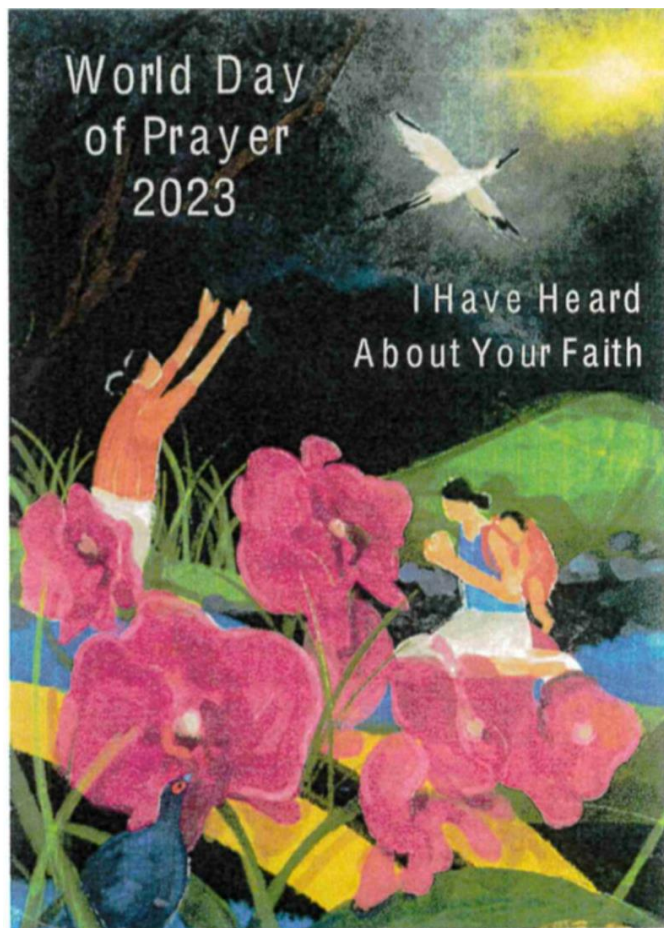
-Email address

-Presbytery

-Name

-Phone #

-Afternoon or evening study preference



World Day of Prayer 2023

I Have Heard
About Your Faith

"World Day of Prayer"

10 am, Friday, March 3 Coffee @ 9:30

First Christian Church, 1201 Sheridan Dr.

Speaker: Tammy Stuhr

Church Women United



Have you moved?

Got a new phone number?

Had an email address change?

Please notify the church office (402-462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org) so we can update your information. Thank you!



2023 JUSTICE and PEACE Book Discussion Group

FEBRUARY 13

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTIANITY

A HISTORY OF
SLAVERY
AND ANTI-BLACK
RACISM IN THE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

WILLIAM YOO

SPECIAL WEBINAR
WITH AUTHOR



DISCUSS THE BOOKS WITH OTHERS VIA ZOOM

• The J&P Book Discussion Group is open to all!



DISCUSSION GROUP MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH

• Read and discuss any or all books that appeal to you. Registration will be needed to join the discussion on Zoom.



RECEIVE STUDY GUIDES TO INFORM YOUR READING

• Questions for discussion or reflection will be sent with your registration confirmation.

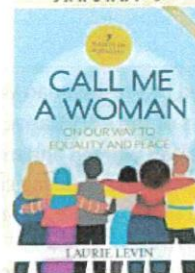


To register, scan the QR code with your smart phone or go to presbyterianwomen.org/justice

Reading Selections

(6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Eastern Time)

JANUARY 9

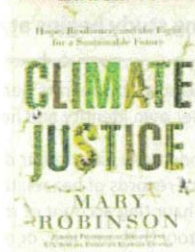


JULY 10

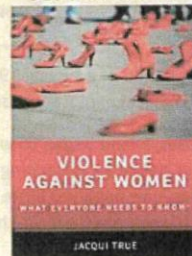
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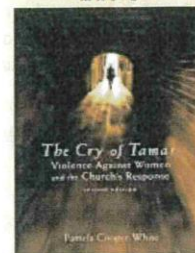
MARCH 13



SEPTEMBER 11



MAY 8



NOVEMBER 13



Selections are recommended by the Justice & Peace Committee of PW's Board of Directors.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"A LIVING HERITAGE"

An Evening of Living History

March 26, 2023

Soup Supper at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Program at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

THE DETAILS

- A variety of soups will be provided.
- Dress however you'd like.
- Free will donation to be collected at dinner.
- Learn about notable figures and events from the last 150 years!

Sunday 2/26	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
Monday 2/27	1-3pm	FPC Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/28	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity	Parlor
	12pm	Noon Bible Study	Anderson/ZOOM
	7-8PM	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 3/1	11-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th grade WNL	various
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	basement
	6:45pm-7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:15pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 3/2	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Youth Christian Education Meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/3	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Room 111
Sunday 3/5	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	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
Monday 3/6	1-3pm	FPC Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/7	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson/ZOOM
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	5:45pm	Trustee's Meeting	Confirmation room/ZOOM
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom

Wednesday 3/8	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
		NO WNL	
	5:30pm-7pm	Scholarship Committee Meeting	Kessler Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 3/9	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel meeting	As needed
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/10	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Sunday 3/12	8:30am	Taizé Service	Chapel
		NO Confirmation or Sunday School	
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store OPEN	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
		NO Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	

Prayers for

Shirley Maul
 Barry Thomson
 Christian Fruehling
 Stephen Gass
 Bev Stein
 Greg Howard
 Irina Belikova- Erickson
 Rich Portwood
 Shirley Gass
 Tarah Davis & family
 Cheryl Ann Elford
 Brad Davis
 Roberta Lloyd and family
 Nancy Grams
 Family of Bernice Rakestraw

Reta & Lowell Johnson
 Carl Utley
 BJ Pumroy & family
 Elaine Schumacher
 Melba Trehern
 Dave Schawang
 Katie Reynolds & family
 Jenni Bauer
 Sally Smith
 Don Rasmussen
 Freddie Petersen
 Jenni Welsch
 Dale Hamburger
 Audre Zaroban
 Ashley Ibach

In loving memory of

Bernice Rakestraw, who passed away on 1/22/23



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Return Service Requested

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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 Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Brett Epperson
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Director of Children & 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