



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

Home Page Newsletter

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

We continue our 150th Anniversary Celebration with another memory, this one from Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey from when he was a 9 year old boy visiting First Presbyterian Church of Hastings!

As a reminder, we invite you to submit your memories to be published in the newsletter. Please include the year or date of the event being described, your name, and any photos you may have. Memories can also be published anonymously if desired. Mary Seiler has graciously agreed to collect and help us curate these memories, so please contact her via email at marycseiler@gmail.com or give her a call.

Enjoy this "I remember when" from Rev. Bill as a little boy!

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg

Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey - I remember a baptismal Sunday in the 1950s:

My very first memories of First Presbyterian Church came on a "Baptismal Sunday" in the late 1950's when I was attending worship with a friend from Osmond whose Aunt and Uncle lived here in Hastings and attended First Presbyterian Church. I noted in the bulletin that the Sacrament of Baptism was to be observed and I had thoughts of the parents, child, and grandparents surrounding the font and Dr. Kessler baptizing a child. I was not prepared for the two doors in the front paneling opening and a "stream" of parents and babies pouring into the front of the sanctuary creating a semi-circle around Dr. Kessler and Dr. Sweetland.

After declaring the opening baptismal statements from the Book of Common worship and the parents answering the baptismal questions in the affirmative, one by one the two pastors alternated baptizing the children and concluding with the entire congregation of 700+ people standing and in unison, promising to receive these children into the membership of Christ's Holy Church and to nurture them toward confirming the faith for themselves. That was followed by the thundering hymn "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" which included the line "Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go; From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing," and it echoed through my body and soul.

It was awesome for a boy of nine whose little church back home consisted of 75 people on a good Sunday! Who would have thought then, that that nine year old from Osmond would one day have the honor of pastoring some of those Boomer Babies as Elders, Deacons, and friends? God indeed works in mysterious ways!

A photo of the congregation in 1956 from "The First Hundred Years" history book of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings





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



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 Elfond
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
Jenni Bauer
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



March 12-March 18

Sunday 3/12	8:30am	Taizé Service	Chapel
		NO Confirmation or Sunday School	
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10am	Church	Blue Fork
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
		NO Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	
Monday 3/13	1pm-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/14	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Parlor
Wednesday 3/15	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	11:55am-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15pm-2:15pm	PW Circles 3	Library
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	6:30-9pm
Thursday 3/16	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/17	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 3/18		United Harvest	

March 19- March 26

Sunday 3/19	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Confirmation Class/Sunday School	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	In person/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
Monday 3/20	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	5:30-6:30pm	Go & Serve meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 3/21	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In person/Radio/Facebook
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
Wednesday 3/22	11:55am-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 3/23	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/24	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Sunday 3/26	8:30am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various



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!

Hastings Community Music Academy



**UKULELE
FOR
RETIREES**

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25

11:00-11:45

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\$40

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

PERFORMANCE WITH HASTINGS

COLLEGE HANDBELL CHOIR - MAY 1ST

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"A LIVING HERITAGE"

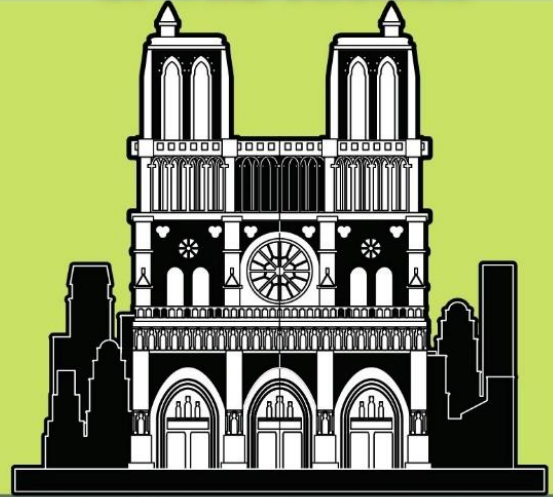
An Evening of Living History
March 26, 2023

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!

WE BELIEVE: THE CONFESSIONS OF THE CHURCH



Dan Deffenbaugh - Lydia Room

9:15 AM - Feb. 26, Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2

Marcia & Mike Hogan 4/2/1983

Jodi & Danny Graves 4/6/2002

Belinda & Paul Nuss 4/8/1978

Tammy & Todd Lay 4/11/1987

Vera & Dan Zabloudil 4/21/1973

Judy & Marty Hoch 4/21/1979

Mary & Jorn Olsen 4/26/1975 Colleen & George Adam 4/26/1975

Sandra & Dave Dirks 4/29/1989

*Happy
Anniversary*



Jacob Shin 4/3
 Brett Erickson 4/3
 Wendy Propp 4/4
 Will Locke 4/6
 Andrea Franzen 4/6
 Norma Saathoff 4/6
 Ruth Swingle 4/6
 Kevin Turner 4/6
 Kenton Grams 4/6
 Michael Brooks 4/7
 Barb Harrington 4/8
 Doug Ourada 4/8
 Irina Belikova-Erickson 4/8
 Launa Epp 4/9
 Anne Halbert 4/9
 Dennis McPherson 4/9
 Cathy Pershing 4/9
 John Pershing 4/9
 Mattie Eddleman 4/11
 Carol Medsker 4/12
 Sarah Nottage-Tacey 4/12
 William Hermes 4/13
 Kevin Junker 4/13
 Marty Hoch 4/14
 Monroe Runcie 4/15
 Harold Korb 4/15
 Collin Hermes 4/16
 Jaxen Mitchell 4/17
 Doodle Harris 4/17
 Evelyn Smidt 4/18
 Dean Meyer 4/18

April Birthdays

Belinda Nuss 4/20
 Robert Grams 4/20
 Kenny Graham 4/22
 Jenni Bauer 4/22
 Kathy Warriner 4/21
 Norah Snell 4/24
 Elaine Specht 4/26
 Brett Miller 4/26
 Thomas Kerr 4/27
 Curtis Reimer 4/27
 Dave Johnson 4/27
 Kristan Manske 4/29
 Julia Reimer 4/30



I believe...

Lenten sermon series on
Presbyterian confessions and creeds

February 26: The Nicene Creed

March 5: The Scots Confession

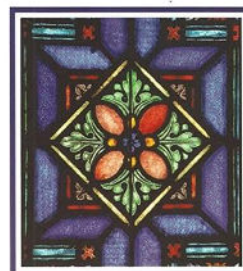
March 12: The Barmen Declaration

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)



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 28, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.



March 18, 2023		
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

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**

Thank You

Hear Church Family
All the thoughts and prayers
have been appreciated. There is
power in prayer!

Thank you to Lisa Unger for
bringing me the beautiful altar
flowers. They sure brightened
my recovery.

God Bless
Nancy Thomas

GO & SERVE CINNAMON ROLL PICK UP DATE WILL BE APRIL 2



GO & SERVE CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER

Name:

Phone #:

Email:

Pick-Up Date - April 2

Number of Pans:

(\$15 a pan, 6 frozen rolls a pan. Please pay at pick-up)



Thank you for your support of Go & Serve!



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 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 Koepf
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