



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

# Home Page Newsletter

## Holy Week Gratitude and Easter Joy!

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I am still beaming with gratitude and basking in the joy of the last week. There are so many people to thank who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter special, and there is so much joy to share!

Thank you to everyone who showed up, whether that was in-person or on-line. Our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services were well attended and your presence there meant a lot to me, Pastor Damen, and the musicians. Our Easter Services had over 530 people in-person and on-line. What a blessing that we could share the joy and hope of the resurrection with so many people!

Thank you to our Elders and Deacons who came to the church on Monday of Holy Week to call each family in the church and pray with and for them. And thank you for answering your phones on Monday night, or listening to your messages later. We have heard so much positive feedback about this prayer ministry that we will definitely be doing it again.

Thank you to our music staff and music volunteers! Our Palm Sunday service was so joy-filled with the procession of children and youth and their singing, along with our Chancel Handbell Choir playing. Our Chancel Choir sang for the Maundy Thursday service and made it so meaningful. Pastor Damen and Hannah Jensen-Heitmann provided the music for the Good Friday service. Easter morning was spectacular with our Chancel Choir, Chancel Handbells, and the Cathedral Brass. And our outstanding and beloved organist and music director, Linda Vollweiler, provided so much incredible music and support of our musicians throughout the week. Thank you to all of our musicians, to our hard-working music staff, and to each of you for raising your voices as we contemplated Holy Week and celebrated Easter!

Thank you to our church staff and many volunteers for the extra work this week! This was the first Holy Week and Easter for our office administrator, Melissa Davis. She did a great job of getting our bulletins published and ensuring all the details were right, along with showing up for every service. Our facilities manager, Tony Calhoun, made sure our church building was in great shape for all of the activities while also dealing with many other details that came up in the last month. Rose Koepp, our director of Christian education, ensured that our children and youth were active participants in the story of Holy Week and Easter with wonderful educational opportunities and great messages. Pastor Damen preached an incredible Palm Sunday sermon and created a meaningful Good Friday service. We are so blessed with an incredible church staff!

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank our church family for all of your love and support. Between the two full Easter services, a very special Easter basket showed up in my office full of cards, gifts, and tokens of appreciation for me and my family. Pastor Damen received one as well, and he wanted to me to extend his gratitude. It is truly a blessing to serve as your pastor and I think God is doing some incredible things at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. It is an exciting time to be a part of this community of faith, and I thank God for bringing me and my family here to work alongside each of you as we seek to share Christ's love and light with the world.

My Easter sermon was about Mary Magdalene's joyful proclamation. May we all carry that same joy of Christ's resurrection in our hearts, and proclaim it boldly to the world. Christ has risen! Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Greg



Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the wonderful Easter basket! It was such a joy to unpack it and find all the thoughtful gifts that we will enjoy together as a family. We feel so blessed that God called us here six years ago and blessed to be part of this family of faith!

Love in Christ, *Greg, Jessica, Esther*

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## Prayers for



Shirley Maul  
Barry Thomson  
Stephen Gass  
Greg Howard  
Lisa Unger & family  
Jodi Graves & family  
Ashley Ibach  
Rhonda Sanford  
Vicki Howard  
Roberta Lloyd and family  
Reta & Lowell Johnson  
Carl Utley  
Nancy Grams

Irina Belikova-Erickson  
Rich Portwood  
Shirley Gass  
Tarah Davis & family  
Cheryl Ann Elfond  
Brad Davis  
BJ Pumroy & family  
Elaine Schumacher  
Dave Schawang  
Jenni Bauer  
Don Rasmussen  
Audre Zaroban

<b>Tuesday 4/11</b>	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:45pm	Trustees Meeting	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 4/12</b>	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> WNL	Various
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 4/13</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed
	5:30pm	Christian Ed meeting	
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 4/14</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Saturday 4/15</b>		United Harvest	

<b>Sunday 4/16</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Confirmation /Sunday School	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
<b>Monday 4/17</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 4/18</b>	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom

<b>Wednesday 4/19</b>	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> grade WNL	various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	Basement
<b>Thursday 4/20</b>	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
<b>Friday 4/21</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Sunday 4/23</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School/Confirmation Class	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various

## 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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## Give Hope to Guatemala

Volunteer to help pack 150,000 life-saving meals

Many Guatemalan children and families do not have enough food to eat. That's why the Thrivent Member Network in Nebraska is partnering with Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings to pack meals for Guatemalans in need. The Orphan Grain Train will deliver the meals.

### Reserve your spot

Register for a two-hour shift to help us reach our goal of packing all 150,000 meals donated by the Thrivent Member Network. To register, scan the QR code or visit [HHAH150K.eventbrite.com](https://HHAH150K.eventbrite.com).

Questions? Email [NebraskaTMN@thrivent.com](mailto:NebraskaTMN@thrivent.com) or call 402-249-1104. Register by April 17, 2023.

### Event details

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PEACE Center, Hearts & Hands  
Against Hunger of Hastings  
622 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Hastings, NE 68901



Sign up for a two-hour shift today.

No products will be sold. Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings and the Orphan Grain Train are not affiliated with or endorsed by Thrivent.

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## Easter Lilies



### Given by

Sally Smith  
Pamela & Peter Lainson

Steph, Lauren, Matt, & Rosie  
Jorn Olsen family  
Hanover PW Ladies  
Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and  
Overmiller families  
Pat & Dick Kleiber

Doug & Diane Phelps  
His family  
The Shoemaker/Friedewald Family

Deb & Byron Jensen  
Dick & Daveta Brader  
Kathy Utter & Family  
Justin, Kili, Carter & Selah Wenburg  
Wihlma Price  
Charlie & Lois Hafer

Darlene Payne

Janet & Gary Brandt  
Colleen & George Adam  
Lisa Unger  
Jan Bolliger

Linda & Dave Cooke  
Mike & Becky Meyer  
Marilyn Nielsen  
The Northrop Family

Hanover PW Ladies

### In Memory of

Loved Ones  
Phyllis & John Lainson  
Virginia & Roger Davis  
Gretchen & Hal Lainson  
Mark Bliss  
Mark Bliss  
Hanover Presbyterian Church  
Gretchen and Hal Lainson

Our Son, Steve Kleiber  
Don Kleiber & Dick Billings  
Mary Lee Phelps  
Robert L. Foote  
Alfred & Dorothy Friedewald  
Ome & Honor Shoemaker  
Nicole Jensen  
Brandon Brader  
Dennis Utter  
Rogene Wenburg  
Herb Price  
Merle & Annabelle Hafer  
Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster  
George & Inez Payne Family;  
Hubert Payne; son Paul Payne  
Robert Asmus  
Our Parents  
Kurt Anderson Unger  
My Parents- Don & Lucille McHargue  
My Sister- Marcia Meshbeshier  
My Granddaughter Livy Zamora  
Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke  
Verna Meyer  
Dale & Pauline Moomey  
David E. Northrop  
Frank W. Northrop  
Michele L. Northrop  
Hanover Presbyterian Church

## Easter Lilies

### Given by

Mike & Becky Meyer  
Charlie & Lois Hafer  
Your Children & Grandchildren  
Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey

Deb & Byron Jensen  
Don & Marie Rasmussen

### In Honor of

Dean Meyer  
Children & Grandchildren  
Neal & Susan Hoff  
FPC Staff and Congregation  
Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen  
Hannah, Damen, Nathan and Anna  
Abbi & Jayson Stoddard & daughters



United Harvest Mobile Food  
Pantry is a joint ministry with First  
Presbyterian Church &  
First United Methodist Church.  
We provide a food distribution to  
400+ families.

- If you need food, please come at the time indicated based on the first letter of your last name.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.



April 15, 2023

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

## CATHEDRAL BRASS CONCERT

Sunday, April 16  
3pm

First Presbyterian Church  
Sanctuary



If anyone is missing a  
Subaru car key, please see  
Melissa in the Church  
Office to claim.



DATE: Monday, June 26th – Thursday, June 29th

TIME: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

621 N Lincoln, Ave

AGES: \*Pre-School – 6th grade

(This is the grade they are entering in August 2023)

\*Preschoolers must be potty trained; exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis.

Register or sign-up to volunteer by visiting: [fpchastings.org/vbs/](http://fpchastings.org/vbs/)



THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING  
LONG-SLEEVE WORK  
SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

THESE SHIRTS PROTECT THE WORKERS FROM  
THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL  
CHEMICALS.

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED  
BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU.

Labor with Love - A Heart to Care

## May Friendship Day Salad Luncheon

You're Invited.....All are Welcome

May 5, 2023 12pm Noon

Grace United Methodist Church  
1832 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Hastings  
402-463-1329

Church Women United  
Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve

Hastings  
Community  
Music  
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Tuesdays, April 18, 25, May 2, 9  
5:00-5:45 PM  
First Presbyterian Church

REGISTER ONLINE:  
[WWW.HASTINGSMUSICACADEMY.COM](http://WWW.HASTINGSMUSICACADEMY.COM)

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EMAIL:  
[MUSICACADEMYDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MUSICACADEMYDIRECTOR@GMAIL.COM)





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Return Service Requested

***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 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