



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

# Home Page Newsletter

## **Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit!**

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

This Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, like we do every year 7 weeks after Easter. While Pentecost may be less popular than Christmas or Easter in the church in the United States, in many parts of the world the celebration of Pentecost Sunday is just as big as Christmas or Easter in terms of the attendance, the celebration and the joy that accompanies it. That is because Pentecost is considered the “birthday” of the Christian church. Jesus was resurrected and has ascended into heaven, and Pentecost marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit giving birth to the church. So this is a joyful and spirited celebration in the Christian tradition.

We have tried to capture some of that celebratory spirit over the last seven years by doing a “Pentecost in the Park” service along with other churches in Hastings, and we will do that again this year. We hope you can join us on Sunday, May 28 at 10:30am in Chautauqua Park to celebrate Pentecost Sunday alongside our sisters and brothers from two other churches in Hastings. We will have some special Bluegrass-style music this year as part of the worship service, along with upbeat hymns, joyful prayers, and a dialogue sermon between four fun pastors! The Holy Spirit will be moving among us and it promises to be a delightful time to worship God alongside our friends from First United Methodist and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) And if that wasn’t enough, the Baristas coffee truck will be there to help keep us caffeinated and full of energy!

All this talk of the Holy Spirit arriving and giving birth to the church raises some interesting questions about how we Presbyterians talk about the Holy Spirit. My experience is that Presbyterians can pretty easily grasp the idea of God the Creator, and of Jesus Christ, but the Holy Spirit tends to be a little tricky for us. I know that was the case for me during many years of my faith journey. Then I discovered one of our creeds called “The Brief Statement of Faith.” If this sounds familiar, that is because we studied and preached on the creeds and confessions during the Season of Lent, including “The Brief Statement of Faith.” It has a section on the work of the Holy Spirit that really resonates with me and gives me language to talk about how I see and understand the Holy Spirit at work in the world, in the church, in our faith, and in my life. Below you will find that section. I invite you to read through it and think about your own understanding of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost! Have a blessed and spirit-filled week!

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Greg

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit:

- Justifies us by grace through faith,
- Sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
- And binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage:

- to pray without ceasing,
- to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

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- to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
- to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
- and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.



## Join The Fight Against Cancer

Purchase and personalize a luminary in honor of or in memory of someone who has battled cancer. Luminaries are available for \$10 each in the Memorial Room on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office during the week. Luminaries will be on display in the church in June. Donations may be given online also, at [www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org)

American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Central Nebraska			
Please fill out the form below:			
Your Name _____			
Yes, I would like _____ Luminaria at \$10 each			
Name of Individual being honored or remembered	In Honor	In Memory	Donation
Total Enclosed			



## 5/23/23-5/28/23

<b>Tuesday 5/23</b>	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Board	Anderson Room
	12pm	Bible Study	
	12-6pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 5/24</b>	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 5/25</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 5/26</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Sunday 5/28</b>	10:30am	Bluegrass Worship Service (Pentecost Sunday)	Chautauqua Park

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lisa Unger & family  
 Jodi Graves & family  
 Ashley Ibach  
 Vicki Howard  
 Reta & Lowell Johnson  
 Carl Utley  
 Denny Storer and family  
 Barry Thomson  
 Stephen Gass  
 Greg Howard  
 Ken Fisk  
 Mary Wolf  
 Marie Rasmussen

Tarah Davis & family  
 Brad Davis  
 Elaine Schumacher  
 Dave Schawang  
 Renee Miller  
 Irina Belikova-Erickson  
 Rich Portwood  
 Shirley Gass  
 Don Rasmussen  
 Audre Zaroban  
 Merry Williams  
 Katharine Davis  
 Cheryl Schukei



### In memory of

Jim Hahne, who passed  
 away on 4/24/23  
 Rhonda Sanford, who  
 passed away on 4/24/23  
 Shirley Maul, who  
 passed away on 5/18/23


If you wish to have someone added to or removed from the prayer list,  
 please call the church office at 402-462-5147

**5/29/23-6/4/23**

<b>Monday 5/29</b>	<b>Memorial Day Church Offices Closed</b>		
<b>Tuesday 5/30</b>	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 5/31</b>	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 6/1</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 6/2</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Saturday 6/3</b>	7pm	Bach & Bluegrass Concert	Begins in Sanctuary and will transition to Alexander Park
<b>Sunday 6/4</b>		<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Bach and Bluegrass Cantata Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex



**THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL  
BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, MAY 29  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
MEMORIAL DAY.  
WE WILL BE BACK OPEN ON  
TUESDAY AT 8:30AM.**

**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:  
[fpchastings.org/vbs/](http://fpchastings.org/vbs/)

or scan this code:



So let's  
**strive**  
for the things that  
**bring peace**  
and the things that  
**build each other up.**  
Romans 14:19



## June Ushers

**June (Team #4) Captain** – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Laurie Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

## June Greeters

JUNE	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
4	Connie & Richard McClenahan		Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
11	May & Ira Wierenga		Melissa Davis
18	Brent & Erica Brooks		John & Linda Carlison
25	Melissa Davis	Vonda Essex	Carol & Jim Harrenstein



Erica & Brent Brooks- 6/14/1997  
 Sharon & John Brooks- 6/1/1980  
 Linda & Dave Cooke- 6/23/1984  
 Kristen & Louie Eckhardt- 6/19/2010  
 Chanda & Stan Essink- 6/2/2000  
 Connie & LaVern Franzen- 6/7/1964  
 Bonnie & Kenton Grams- 6/11/1977  
 Gary & Carol Grummert - 6/27/1965  
 Jamie & Patrick Hickok- 6/8/2002  
 Michelle & Rob Kerr- 6/12/1993  
 Lynette & Paul Krieger- 6/2/1973

Mary & Jim Lewis- 6/27/1964  
 Ginny & Will Locke- 6/3/1961  
 Cheryl & Ed Lockwood- 6/6/1970  
 Joyce & Thomas Moore- 6/30/1979  
 Diane & Doug Phelps- 6/24/1978  
 Kathy & Curtis Reimer- 6/10/1989  
 Mary & Jerry Seiler- 6/26/1976  
 Katie & Sung Bong Shin- 6/30/2007  
 Lindsey & Ethan Stout- 6/2/2012  
 Norma & Francis Vineyard- 6/16/1951  
 Sandra & CL Wimer- 6/24/1967



**A Meal Train has been set up for the Overmiller family. If you would like to sign up to provide a meal, the link is: <https://mealtrain.com/4ry987>.**



## LONG SLEEVE SHIRT DRIVE

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.

## **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!!



# BACH & bluegrass

## Pentecost in the Park

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 10:30AM | CHAUTAUQUA PARK

Join other Hastings-area churches at a special outdoor concert featuring a professional choir performing bluegrass-inspired choral arrangements by Shawn Kirchner.

## Bach and Bluegrass

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 7PM | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

This unique performance starts off with the Bach cantata in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian and then moves across the street to Alexander Park.

## Bach Cantata

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 10:30AM | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

A special Trinity Sunday Service that coincides with the 300th Anniversary of Bach's cantatas being shared in worship at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig, Germany.

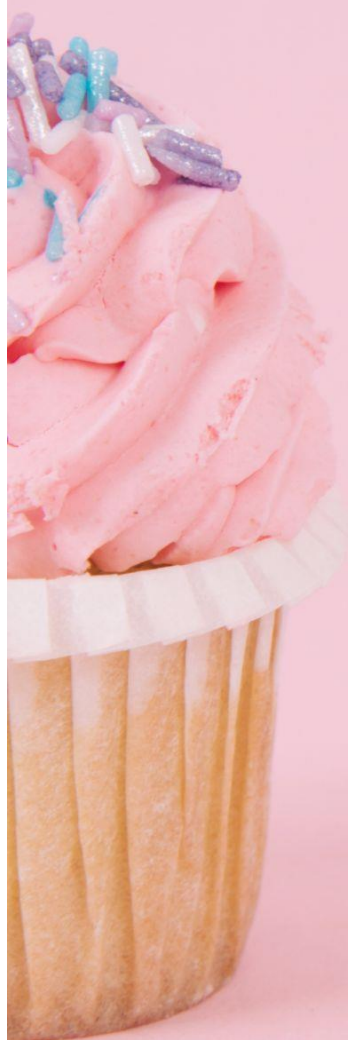


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Happy  
Birthday

June



Peter Lainson- 1  
Cathy Mitzelfelt- 2  
Dick Christensen- 3  
Ashley Hermann- 4  
Wanda Williams- 4  
Bev Stein- 6  
Pam Lainson- 6  
Norma Vineyard- 6  
Jeni Howard- 8  
Andrew Barrows- 8  
Dave Cooke- 8  
Alexis Longshore- 9  
Joyce Orr- 10  
Genna Little- 10  
Shawn Norris- 10  
Deb Johnson- 10  
John Carllson- 12  
Rikki Nielsen- 12  
Kaleena Fong- 12  
Charles Hafer- 13  
Laurie Lofquist- 13  
Bruce Phelps- 14  
Tenley Hermann- 14  
Janna Johnson- 14  
Kris Norris- 15  
Sam Boyd- 15  
Julia Boyd- 15  
Nathan Kerr- 16  
Courtney Junker- 16

Everly Hogan- 16  
Lorri Oakeson- 16  
LaJeanne Boehler- 16  
Sally Smith- 18  
Amanda Turner- 18  
Leah Ratzlaff- 18  
Ian Erickson- 18  
Eric Brader- 18  
Judy Hoch- 19  
Rebecca McPherson- 21  
Keira Erickson- 21  
Neil Kerr- 22  
Bob Amyot- 22  
Doug Oakeson- 23  
Claire Schwarz- 23  
Jan Schawang- 24  
Connie Hansen Golter- 25  
Tom Kreager- 25  
Jill Kramer- 26  
Colleen Schukei- 26  
Rory Stout- 26  
Jim Boeve- 26  
Carol Harrenstein- 26  
Jim Lewis- 27  
Jodie Phelps- 28  
Kelsey Kamarad- 28  
Dianne Christensen- 29  
Gabriel Snell- 30  
Ruth Nielsen- 30





## Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Visit

Please join the Mission Committee in welcoming our Mission Partners from Frontera de Cristo, Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado at 5:30p.m., Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, in Fellowship Hall for a barbecue and potluck. Mark and Miriam will be visiting as part of their interpretation assignment across the United States. The Mission Committee will provide brats, burgers, condiments, and toppings. We ask that others bring salads or desserts to go along with the main course.

### Presbyterian Women Father's Day Offering

Presbyterian Women will be collecting a Father's Day Offering. We will be set up in the Memorial Room on Sundays, May 21, June 4, June 11, and June 18. You may donate in honor of a father or in memory of a father. Proceeds will go to Living Waters for the World.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) **trains volunteers** to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to **implement and operate** sustainable water purification systems and health education programs.

[LWW Networks](#) come alongside water teams and partners throughout every phase of a water project. They provide essential support for **sustainable** water systems that produce **clean water for a generation**.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Living Waters for the World. Unlike organizations that rely on paid staff to initiate and execute water projects, Living Waters for the World relies on volunteer teams trained by volunteer instructors working within volunteer-led networks. LWW's small staff of 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees exists to facilitate the activity and long-term impact of this volunteer force.

Over 2,000 individuals have trained at [Clean Water U](#), and they have engaged an estimated 10,000+ volunteers as members of LWW water teams. Volunteers have also guided the establishment of international networks, the development of Clean Water U's curriculum, and much more!

Volunteers have made LWW what it is today and will play an integral role in ensuring clean water for generation in the communities LWW serves.

## *Upcoming Worship Schedule*

(ONE worship service)

*5/28-10:30am-Bluegrass Service in the Park-Chautauqua Park*

*6/4-10:30am-Bach and Bluegrass Cantata-Sanctuary*

*6/11-10:30am-Sanctuary*

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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