



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

# Home Page Newsletter

That time between Easter and the Ascension...

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

Exactly one month ago today we celebrated the glorious resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. It was an incredible celebration of hope! More than 530 people heard the Good News proclaimed on Easter Sunday at First Presbyterian Church between our two services and our broadcast ministries. Once again, I want to thank everyone that worked hard to make our Easter worship services special. If you missed the service or want to experience it again, you can watch it by clicking here: <https://fb.watch/kq11EE5gno/>

On Easter morning, we read the account of the empty tomb from the Gospel of John. Mary Magdalene encountered the risen Christ, but she did not recognize him until he said her name. And then we read:

*Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (John 20:17-18)*

After this encounter, the resurrected Christ spends 40 days walking the earth before ascending into heaven. During those 40 days, he continues to teach his disciples through a series of "post-resurrection appearances." One of those is the story of Christ appearing to doubting Thomas, which we studied in worship the week after Easter. If you missed that, you can watch it here, the sermon starts at the 37:45 mark: <https://fb.watch/kq16S99jWD/>

Another one of those post-resurrection appearances is the story of Christ appearing to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, which we studied in worship two weeks ago. If you missed that, you can watch it here, the sermon starts at the 31:45 mark: <https://fb.watch/kq1c1VwjBq/>

While we have been studying and preaching about these post-resurrection appearances in worship, we have also held an adult education forum series led by our scholar in residence, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh. He spent 3 weeks leading an in-depth study of this time between Christ's resurrection and Christ's ascension. You can watch those at this link: <https://bit.ly/post-resurrection>

In addition to worship and our adult education forums, most weeks Pastor Damen and I record a short podcast that provides some insight into the scripture as well. We call those the Monday Check-In, which you can access here: <https://bit.ly/FPCMonday>

Throughout the year, we strive to provide opportunities for our church family to engage in deep study of scripture. Pastor Damen, Dr. Deffenbaugh, and I work together to align what we are presenting in the adult ed forums with what we are reading and preaching about in church. Our children's ministry does the same thing, the children are studying and learning about the same scriptures and stories on Wednesday night and Sunday morning that we preach and teach about in worship. Our hope in doing this is to help increase our knowledge and understanding of scripture and the story of God at work in the world, and to see where we fit into that story.

We hope that you have enjoyed studying these post-resurrection appearances of Jesus with us, and you have taken the opportunity to reflect on those 40 days between Easter and the celebration of Christ's ascension into heaven. Have a great week!

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Greg

**VBS 2023**

**COKEBURY'S HERO HOTLINE**  
Called Together to Serve God!

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



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.



SUNDAY MAY 21, 5-7:30PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

## SUMMER MOVIE CLUB

FOR INCOMING K-5



We will be watching and doing a Bible study related to:

**ENCANTO**

PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED  
BRING A PILLOW AND BLANKET

CONTACT ROSE WITH QUESTIONS 402-462-5147



**American  
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church  
are hosting a blood drive on  
Tuesday, May 23, 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](http://redcrossblood.org),  
select the drive at  
First Presbyterian Church, Hastings,  
and make your appointment.

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



May 20, 2023		
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

## 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)

<b>Tuesday 5/9</b>	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5pm-6pm	Joyful Noise	Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Committee	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 5/10</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	5pm-7pm	WNL Year End Picnic	Lib's Park
	6:30pm	Woodcarver's Meet	basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir (Tenor/Bass)	Choir Room
<b>Thursday 5/11</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee Meets	As needed
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 5/12</b>	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
	6pm	Hastings College Baccalaureate	Sanctuary



<b>Sunday 5/14</b>	8:30am-9:15am	Contemplative Worship	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School (last day)	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 (last day before summer break)	Various
<b>Monday 5/15</b>	1pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 5/16</b>	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 5/17</b>	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	1:15pm-2:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 5/18</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 5/19</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Saturday 5/20</b>		United Harvest	
<b>Sunday 5/21</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship	Chapel
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12pm-1pm	Music Planning Meeting	Parlor
	3pm-4pm	Cathedral Brass Concert	Sanctuary
	5-7:30pm	K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Club	Fellowship Hall





# THANK YOU

Dear FPC staff and church family,

Thank you for your prayers,  
support and thoughtfulness,  
during Dale health issue.  
We are very blessed.

Love,  
Deb & Dale

Dear First Presbyterian Members,

Hearts & Hands Against Hunger  
would like to thank the First  
Presbyterian Church for letting us  
use the Peace Center for our  
"Give Hope to Guatemala Packing Event."  
With the help of over 350 volunteers  
from the community and Thruvent  
we were able to pack 156,816 meals  
for hungry people in Guatemala.

Sincerely  
Jeanne Hastings  
Hearts & Hands Volunteer

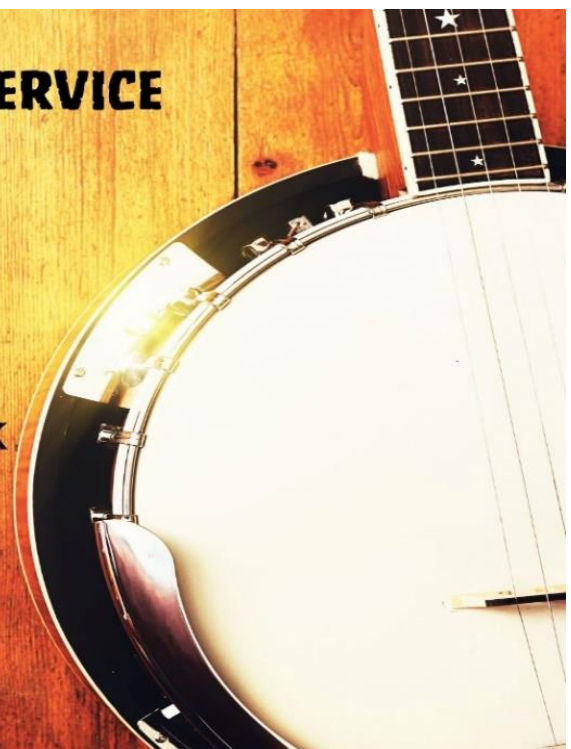
## BLUEGRASS WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE PARK

Pentecost  
Sunday

SUNDAY, MAY 28  
10:30AM  
CHAUTAUQUA PARK



Barista's Coffee Truck  
will be on-site





# May Communion Offering



## **Open Table Sack Lunch Program**

***One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.***

Our communion offering for May is the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. This year our congregation will be celebrating twenty years of support for this program. For those of you that are new to our church or community, the Open Table Sack Lunch Program is a community wide program providing free daily sack lunches Monday through Friday that are distributed from the Catholic Social Services Office in downtown Hastings. Every July for the past 19 years, our church has assembled sack lunches each Sunday before and after services. Many years, we have also added hot meals and chef salads. This tradition in our church has been a blessing for the people receiving the lunches; as well as, for the people preparing them. Assembling these lunches has been a joyful gathering opportunity for members of our church and guests. Your donations for this communion offering will stay in our church to use towards purchasing food for the sack lunches we prepare.

***Thanks for your generous and enthusiastic support of this ongoing mission.***

***-Mission Committee***



## CATHEDRAL BRASS CONCERT

Sunday, May 21  
3pm  
First Presbyterian Church  
Sanctuary

# Please pray for

Shirley Maul	Irina Belikova-Erickson	
Barry Thomson	Rich Portwood	
Stephen Gass	Shirley Gass	In memory of
Greg Howard	Tarah Davis & family	Jim Hahne, who passed
Lisa Unger & family	Brad Davis	away on 4/24/23
Jodi Graves & family	Elaine Schumacher	Rhonda Sanford, who
Ashley Ibach	Dave Schawang	passed away on 4/24/23
Vicki Howard	Renee Miller	
Reta & Lowell Johnson	Don Rasmussen	
Carl Utley	Audre Zaroban	
Denny Storer and family	Merry Williams	
Ken Fisk	Katharine Davis	
Family of Jim Hahne	Family of Rhonda Sanford	
Mary Wolf		

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

## May Ushers

**May (Team #3)** Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows,  
Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

## May Greeters

MAY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
7	Daveta & Dick Brader	Lynette & Paul Krieger
14	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
21	Connie & LaVern Franzen	Ginny & Will Locke
28	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jane & Chuck Bauer

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Confirmands

✝ Henry Black	✝ Ruei Duang
✝ Riley Propp	✝ Maddux Pumroy
✝ Paige Redline	✝ Paxton Rhodes
✝ Jacob Shin	

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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