



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF HASTINGS**
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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

We continue our 150th Anniversary Celebration with another memory, this one from Dr. Will Locke and his son Ken about the history of the Boy Scout Troop 200 at First Presbyterian Church.

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 the Lockes!

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg

100 Years of Boy Scouts at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska

By Ken Locke (Troop 200 Eagle Scout) and Dr. Will Locke (former Troop 200 Scoutmaster)

The First Scouts at First Presbyterian Church in 1918:

The guns of World War I were still booming on the Western Front when Session member Edgerton moved, “...that we as a church take charge of Boy Scouts in the City of Hastings...” (Session minutes, Dec. 20, 1917). Dorothy Creigh (The First Hundred Years, p. 43) writes, “...the church took over the Boy Scout troop which had earlier been established by the Episcopal Church.” It was known as Troop 4.

On January 9, 1936, in the midst of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl, the session moved that the church change Troop 4 to a new charter - Boy Scout Troop 200. The new troop was very active and participated in weekend campouts, Camp Augustine programs, and even national Scout Jamborees. The troop established the enduring tradition of hiking, backpacking, and camping in Poudre Canyon, CO. Leaders expanded scouting to include Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Explorer Scouts.

The World War II Era (40's to 60's):

Equipment was often WWII surplus gear. Activities in Poudre Canyon included camping at Cameron Pass and backpacking up to Crown Point and over a high divide to Estes Park. Larry Nowka, a Cub Scout in 1950, states: “That is when scouts dug out the space under the Memorial Room with shovels and buckets and turned the new space into a scout room.

The Backpacking/Low Impact Era (60's to 80's):

Winter campouts were held at the Bohlke farm northeast of town and the Howard place south on the Little Blue. Scouts hiked, backpacked, and climbed extensively in Colorado. Mt. of the Holy Cross and La Plata Peak were favorite Fourteener climbs. Distance bicycling also became a popular activity for this group of scouts.

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This snapshot from August 1980, shows T200 Scouts backpacking high in the Mt. of the Holy Cross Wilderness southwest of Vail. l-r Rich Stockton, Kurt Finley, Brian Pitney, Ken Locke, and Bill Feis. Photo by Will Locke, courtesy of Adams Co. Historical Society archives Elizabeth Spilinek.

Every summer the troop drove north into the Sand Hills to canoe the Calamus, Dismal, Loup, and Niobrara rivers. The area ranchers came to know us and welcome us with cookies and cold drinks. 29 people canoed the Niobrara June 14, 1980, but we were challenged by high winds, rain, and hail which damaged vehicles and washed out access roads up and down the valley. Some suffered welts from the hail, but a rancher helped us and everyone worked together to get home safely.

The Modern Era (90's to Present):

Campouts took place at many nearby locations: Mormon Island, Fort Kearney, Prairie Lake, Halsey Forest, Hastings College Observatory, and Camp Augustine. High Adventure trips included Philmont Scout Ranch, Boundary Waters, and National Jamboree. Dr. Harvey Freetly was an active leader during this era and continues to work at the local and district levels. He is the person to contact if you have questions regarding present day scouting at the local and district levels.

Inclusion

From the beginning T200 has welcomed all boys and with the help of fundraising projects and private donations has made it possible for every scout to participate fully. January 1, 2014, after years of discussion, BSA National Council approved a resolution to remove a restriction denying membership to youth on the basis of sexual orientation. Troop 200, thankful for the encouragement and support of First Presbyterian Church, has always endeavored to include all interested boys.

God and Country Award

Sponsorship and encouragement by church and scout leaders and parents motivated many scouts to earn the God and Country Award.

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A Few Examples of Troop Service Projects:

- Planting NRD trees on area farms.
- Pick up trash around Heartwell Lake.
- Help install Oregon Trail markers in Adams County (e.g., 32 Mile Station).
- Arbor Day tree planting.
- Rake leaves for free will offering and donating proceeds to Healthy Beginnings.
- Sold popcorn and soda at the pro wrestling programs at the City Auditorium. Profits were used to help scouts pay for the Camp Augustine week.
- Working on a Habitat for Humanity house.

Eagle Service Projects (A few examples):

- Jeff Howard – Developed a training seminar on winter travel preparedness.
- Jon Jorgenson – Goodfellows food distribution.
- Ken Locke – Plant 50+ trees at Lake Hastings.
- Rob Shoemaker – Install storm drain markers that discourage dumping into storm drains.
- Thomas Freetly – Install tree identification posts and plaques on Hastings College campus.
- Mason Spilinek – Digitize photos of Juniata Cemetery grave stones.



Photo courtesy of Tom Sachtleben. Fellowship Hall r-l Tom, Marilyn S., Clyde S., Dr. Charles Evans, John Scholtz, Dr. Will Locke.

By 2018, 245 Troop 200 Scouts had earned the rank of Eagle. All Eagle Scout photos are hanging on the walls of the Scout Room which is open to visitors via check-in at the church office. Papers and photos regarding Troop 200 are being placed in the FPC archives room. Contact Harvey Freetly or Will Locke if you have questions.

Dear friends,

What a gift it was to share a bit of life and ministry with so many of you in Hastings! We are grateful for the warm welcome, the smiles, and the interest with which you received us. It is an honor to serve as your [PC\(USA\) Mission Co-workers](#) on the US/Mexico border.

The links in this e-letter share a bit more about other aspects of our ministry. Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you have any follow-up questions or comments—we would love to hear from you.

As you know, we are on our way back to the border after having been away from home for almost a year, visiting with friends and relatives in churches all over the country. We've made and renewed some wonderful relationships in every church we've visited, and we look forward to continued communication and friendship with you.

Thank you again for taking the time to come and hear a little of how God is at work in and through your sisters and brothers on the US/Mexico border.

Peace,
Miriam and Mark

June Ushers & Greeters

June (Team #4) Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Lori 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 Carllson
25	Melissa Davis	Vonda Essex	Carol & Jim Harrenstein

July Ushers & Greeters

July (Team #5) Captain – Ken Stein, Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen

July Greeters

JULY	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
2	Teresa Luther	Erin Gastmann	Kay Georgiana
9	Daveta & Dick Brader		Paula Crozier
16	Jill Kramer	C.L. Wimer	Lesa & Steve Cropley
23	Jan Ham		Karen & Roger Doerr
30	Help Needed		Melissa Davis



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/

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!!

Please pray for

Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Vicki Howard
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Denny Storer and family
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Rich Reimer & family
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Mary Wolf
Marie Rasmussen
Pamela Lainson & family
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
family of Rhonda Sanford

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Katharine Davis
Cheryl Schukei
Scotland trip participants
Carter Johnson
family of Shirley Maul
family of Jim Hahne
Tarah Davis & family

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





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.



THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED
TUESDAY, JULY 4
IN RECOGNITION OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY.
WE WILL BE BACK OPEN ON
WEDNESDAY AT 8:30AM.



5K/1 MILE RUN/WALK FOR HARVARD YOUTH GROUPS

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023 – 8 AM

(Registration-7:00-7:50 AM in Conway's garage by start)

Starts at Walnut & N. Harlan Ave. near the park, Harvard, Nebraska
Potential \$700 in cash awards - Drawings for prizes at 9:20 AM Awards Ceremony

NEW TEAM OPTIONS (see entry)!

Entry forms: First United Methodist Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church,
Harvard United Church of Christ, All sponsors listed below

Guest Speaker, 9:00 – 9:20 AM: Steve Wolford, recently finished his 50th marathon in 50 different
states! Talk about motivation!

At Park: Concession/carb reload after race – United Church of Christ

THANK YOU to our sponsors: **Harvard Lion's Club, Legacy Bar & Grill,
Cornerstone Bank, Chris's Creations, Aurora Co-op, Dutchman's
Woodshop, Hastings Family YMCA, Harvard Food Mart, Kim Perez, LMT
Sutton - Brown's Grocery Store, South Central Chiropractic,
Clay County Physical Therapy**

Harvard celebrates 150 years: lots of great activities all
weekend!





Coming Soon in July



Coming Soon

Worship in the Park

Stay tuned for further details!



Open Table

Lunch Packing



July 9 July 16

July 23 July 30



CAR SHOW
to support


RAICES DE MI PUEBLO
Ballet Folklorico

 **Root Beer Floats**



Wednesday
July 12, 2023

All Makes & Models Welcome
Show 6:00p-9:00p

Freewill Donations for car entries and floats


Hosted by

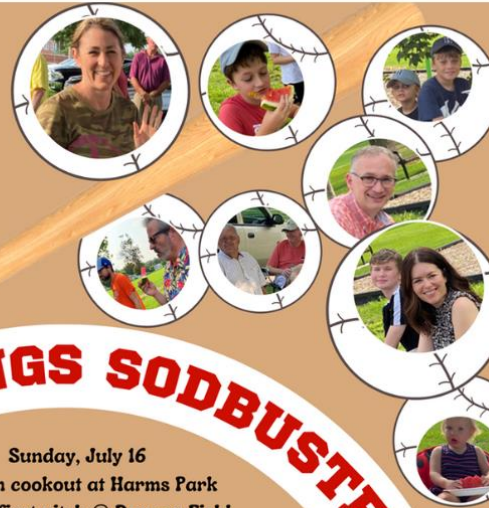
First Presbyterian Church Hastings

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tailgate





HASTINGS SODBUSTERS

Sunday, July 16
5:30pm cookout at Harms Park
6:35pm first pitch @ Duncan Field
\$5.00/ticket (includes meal)
Ages 12 and under are free
Tickets available at church starting June 25 and in the office





Happy Birthday

JULY

Cal Johnson 7/1
George White 7/1
Brad Davis 7/2
Jayden Propp 7/2
Brent Sovereign 7/2
Cale Henderson 7/2
Jamie Lay 7/2
Jacob Shin 7/3
Lincoln Welsch 7/4
Seth Schwarz 7/4
Mike Meyer 7/4
Dave Schawang 7/5
Julia McDougal 7/5
Stephanie Ourada 7/6
Owen Hermann 7/7
Tammie Nowka 7/8
Eleanor Oliver 7/8

Caroline Ourada 7/8
Martha Boyd 7/9
Connie Hultine 7/9
Sara McPherson 7/9
Benjamin Franco 7/11
Rosie Overmiller 7/12
Kay Georgiana 7/13
Charles Hermes 7/13
Marc Hultine 7/14
Lynne Friedewald 7/14
Jessica Allen-Pickett 7/14
Becky Foote 7/15
Duane Huber 7/16
Michelle Kerr 7/16
Bruce Day 7/17
Annie Mitchell 7/18
Sharon Reicks 7/18
May Wierenga 7/18
Charlie Sue Stout 7/20
Cathy Davis 7/21

Harrison Welsch 7/22
Meg Stewart-Magee 7/22
Chelby Schlichtman 7/22
Mark Hemje 7/22
Becky Matticks 7/23
John Meeske 7/23
Grace Redinger 7/24
Dave Fisher 7/25
Don Rasmussen 7/25
Kate Hemje 7/26
Linda Johnson 7/26
Mary Lewis 7/26
Jordan Norris 7/26
Steve Illingworth 7/27
Lyndie Eddleman 7/29
Sydni Johnson 7/27
Claire Lay 7/27
Mary Seiler 7/30
Lisa Unger 7/30
Stella Adam 7/31



HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARY

Vicki & Jeff Howard 7/26/1980

Teresa & Tim Canady 7/18/1998

Leah & Tom Ratzlaff 7/31/2004

Marnie & Doug Soderquist 7/27/2012

Gary & Janet Brandt 7/14/1990

Susan & Neal Hoff 7/16/1972

Deb & Byron Jensen 7/1/1979

Jamie & Tyler Lay 7/5/2014

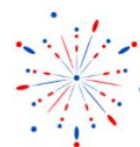
Laura & Andy Little 7/9/2011

Tracy & Kenny Brooks 7/10/2010

Milrae & Harold Korb 7/24/2010

Rose & Tyler Koepp 7/18/2014

Pat & Dick Kleiber 7/25/1958



Tuesday 6/20	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 6/21	11:55am-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement of Church
Thursday 6/22	12:30-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 6/23	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Sunday 6/25	Barbershop Chorus Sunday		
	10-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
Monday 6/26	8:30am-11:30am	Vacation Bible School	Various
	1-3pm	1 st Pres. Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 6/27	8:30am-11:30am	Vacation Bible School	Various
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Board	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 6/28	8:30am-11:30am	Vacation Bible School	Various
	11:55am-1pm	Noonday Bible Study	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement of Church
Thursday 6/29	8:30am-11:30am	Vacation Bible School	Various
	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 6/30	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Sunday 7/2	10am-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
Monday 7/3	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In person
	1-3pm	1 st Pres. Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 7/4	Church Offices Closed-Independence Day		

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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