



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF HASTINGS
LIVING A LEGACY OF LOVE

Home Page Newsletter

Glorious Music and Gratitude!

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

The last two weeks have brought some glorious music to our church and the larger community!

On Sunday, May 28, we celebrated Pentecost in the Park. The choir sang some beautiful Bluegrass/Appalachian style songs and we worshiped with our sisters and brothers from two other churches! If you missed the worship or want to experience it again, you can watch it here: <https://fb.watch/kVGb95zULk/>

On Sunday, June 4, in honor of the 300th anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach writing cantatas for worship, we shared *Gelobet sei der Herr, mein Gott, BWV 129*, a Bach Cantata with a 20 voice choir and soloists, a chamber orchestra, and our organ. If you missed the worship or want to experience it again, you can watch it here: <https://fb.watch/kZWnwJD5dU/>

With all of the effort that went in to preparing these two special worship services, we decided to share this glorious music with the whole community. So on Saturday, June 3, we held a “Bach and Bluegrass Concert” in the sanctuary. The concert started with 30 minutes of Bach music followed by an encore performance of the Bluegrass/Appalachian music that the choir sang on Pentecost Sunday. We had a great turnout to that event with more than 150 church and community members present!

We are so excited to offer these musical opportunities to our church family and the larger community as part of our 150th Anniversary. We will continue *Living a Legacy of Love* through these special events. Speaking of legacies, these musical events were made possible through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg. In 2001, through her bequest, Mrs. Langenberg established a fund to support the special music ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. We are grateful for Luella Langenberg’s enduring legacy.

I also want to share gratitude for some of the great folks who made this happen. I am grateful to our new Chancel Choir Director Brett Epperson for dreaming up these ideas and getting them started. I am also grateful to our Organist and Music Director Linda Vollweiler for her great work leading, rehearsing, accompanying, and supporting these musical endeavors. Thanks to church member Louie Eckhardt for getting the chamber orchestra together. Thank you to the musicians, to our staff for getting things set up, and to all of you for supporting this!

The choir that sang for both of these events was pulled together by Brett Epperson. It is a semi-professional musical group called the *Spiro Spero Singers*, based on the Latin phrase *Dum spiro spero* which means: While I breathe, I hope. It is made up of a cross-section of our community including local music teachers, stay-at-home moms, computer programmers, and others. Our hope is to continue to support the development of this group for special musical events like these.

We are blessed with so much musical talent in our community, as well as strong support for the arts. Thank you for being a part of this church and for your faithful support of our worship, arts, and music ministries! Through these ministries, we are *Living a Legacy of Love* as we celebrate our 150th anniversary and prepare for the next 150 years and beyond!

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg

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 Carllson
25	Melissa Davis	Vonda Essex	Carol & Jim Harrenstein



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.

June 17, 2023

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

Happening at Hastings Community Music Academy





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: fpc Hastings.org/vbs/

SUNDAY JUNE 11, 5-7:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



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

FROZEN

PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED

BRING A PILLOW AND BLANKET

CONTACT ROSE WITH QUESTIONS 402-462-5147



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 7th, 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.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

(ONE worship service)

6/11-10:30am-Sanctuary

6/18-10:30am-Sanctuary

6/25-10:30am-Barbershop Chorus Sunday- Sanctuary



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, 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.

Please pray for

Don Canady	Tarah Davis & family
Pam Canady	Brad Davis
Ashley Ibach	Elaine Schumacher
Vicki Howard	Dave Schawang
Reta & Lowell Johnson	Renee Miller
Carl Utley	Irina Belikova-Erickson
Denny Storer and family	Rich Portwood
Barry Thomson	Shirley Gass
Stephen Gass	Don Rasmussen
Greg Howard	Audre Zaroban
Ken Fisk	Merry Williams
Mary Wolf	Katharine Davis
Marie Rasmussen	Cheryl Schukei
Pamela Lainson & family	Go & Serve
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)	Carter Johnson

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



Tuesday 6/6	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 6/7	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5:30pm-8:30pm	Mission Partners visit	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 6/8	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5-6pm	Personnel Committee Meets	As needed
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 6/9	10-12am	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111

June Communion Offering: Raices de mi Pueblo

Raíces de mi Pueblo (Stories of our town) is a folkloric dance group that meets for practices twice a week in our Peace Center. It is also our monthly communion offering for the month of June. Maria started this dance class five years ago in response to her concerns about her own children and other children in her neighborhood becoming disconnected from their roots and not participating in safe, fun, physical activities after school hours. She decided she could do something about this by offering free dance classes that would be open to anyone. Currently her class has grown to approximately 20 dancers ranging in age from three to seventeen. In addition to practices these dancers have performed at many events, festivals and venues in Hastings and throughout the state. Due to Maria's goals, they have grown in cultural knowledge, communication skills, confidence, pride and dance skills. There is a connection to the larger community that has evolved from these performances. Maria makes a point of teaching dances from different regions of Mexico and Central America. The costumes are a part of the culture and story of the dances.

Since Maria does not charge students for the dance classes, she depends on donations to buy costumes, or to buy the material to make the elaborate and beautiful costumes for a constantly growing and changing group of dancers.



Sunday 6/11	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7:30pm	K-5 th Grade Summer Movie Club	Fellowship Hall
Monday 6/12	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 6/13	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meets	Anderson Room
	5:45pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
Wednesday 6/14	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 6/15	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 6/16	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 6/17		United Harvest	
Sunday 6/18	Father's Day		
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	12pm	Go & Serve Lunch	Fellowship Hall



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!!



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May 25, 2023

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Dear Friends of CCC:

Thank you for your donation of \$305 with check #997528 dated May 17, 2023. This donation was designated to CCC Food and Hygiene Pantry on the Hastings Campus.

Everyone at Central Community College, the Foundation and most importantly, the students are very appreciative of your support. With your donation, CCC Foundation can continue to help make dreams come true with scholarships, program support, equipment, and special projects. Your donation will help give students the opportunity to receive an outstanding education and the tools necessary to become successful as they move into their future careers.

Thank you, your support is making a lasting impression.

Sincerely,

Central Community College Foundation

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NOTE:

In accordance with the requirements outlined in section 170(f)(8) of the IRS Code, no goods or services were given in consideration of this gift. Therefore, the full amount of your gift stated above is tax deductible. If you itemize deductions on your tax return, retain this acknowledgement in your files to substantiate your charitable gift to the IRS.

*Thank you so much
for your gift to care
for students!*

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First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

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Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Brett Epperson

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Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

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