



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

Home Page Newsletter

(The following newsletter article was written by Pastor Greg and will appear in the newsletters of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings and the Portree Parish Church in Scotland that our group visited)

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Family and Portree Parish Church Family:

A warm and heartfelt greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! In Galatians Chapter 3, Paul writes, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." To Paul's list, I might add that there is no longer American or Scottish, for we are all one in Christ Jesus!

The group of 21 spiritual pilgrims from First Presbyterian Church of Hastings has returned safely to Nebraska, but I believe we left part of our hearts in Portree with our sisters and brothers in Christ at the Portree Parish Church. We are still basking in the joy that we shared with you on Wednesday, June 21. Thank you for the warm welcome that you offered to us at the concert and afterwards as we shared cookies, coffee, tea, and fellowship with you. Your gracious hospitality made us feel like we were part of your family of faith, and our spiritual pilgrims from Nebraska continue to reflect fondly on the time we spent together, with our only regret being that we couldn't spend more time together and share a Lord's Day service with you on Sunday.



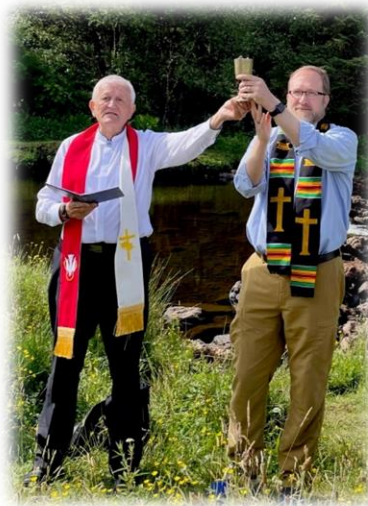
21 Spiritual Pilgrims from Hastings, Nebraska.
Members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

Continued

During our visit, we shared a symbol of our unity as members of Christ's church and the partnership between our two congregations. We gave the Portree Parish Church an ornament that was made from stained glass from our church building in Nebraska. Our church experienced a fire in 1911 and many of the stained glass windows were destroyed in the fire. The glass was salvaged and put into storage. In honor of our church's 150th anniversary, we have taken those pieces of salvaged stained glass and made them into ornaments for our church members and our ministry partners. We consider the Portree Parish Church one of our ministry partners and we were honored to be able to share this special token of our church history with you during our visit and hope that it symbolizes our unity in Christ and a partnership that will continue.

We also want to offer special words of gratitude to Rev. Sandor Fazakas. Thank you for your patience as we planned our trip, and your flexibility as the schedule changed, and thank you for the warm welcome that you and your wife offered to our group.

On Thursday, June 22, Rev. Fazakas took our group to St. Columba's Island on the Isle of Portree. There he explained the history of the ancient burial ground, the arrival of St. Columba to the Isle of Skye, and the site of the Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Isles from 1079-1498. While we were gathered on the island, we celebrated Holy Communion together and were reminded of the joy of the heavenly feast and the unity that draws us together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Many of the spiritual pilgrims from Nebraska counted our time with the Portree Parish Church, and this celebration of Holy Communion on St. Columba's Island as a highlight of our trip to Scotland.



I hope we will be able to stay in touch and that our churches can grow in partnership and mutual affection for each other in the years to come. Hymn number 624 in the Church of Scotland Hymnal and 317 in the Presbyterian Church (USA) hymnal reads:

*"In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth."*

Our visit with the Portree Parish Church and Rev Sandor Fazakas proved the truth of those lyrics. May we continue to embrace our unity and recognize that we are all indeed one in Christ Jesus.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

Rev Greg Allen-Pickett
Senior Pastor
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

JOIN US SUNDAY FOR

Worship in the Park

9:00AM @ ALEXANDER PARK



OR

JOIN US SUNDAY FOR

Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30AM @ FPC





July Ushers & Greeters

Ushers- (Team #5) Captain – Ken Stein, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen

Greeters

JULY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
23	Jan Ham	Karen & Roger Doerr
30	Jill Kramer	Melissa Davis

August Ushers & Greeters

August (Team #6) Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

AUGUST	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
6	Linda & Richard Johnson		Melissa Davis
13	Jane Foote	Julie Thomsen	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
20	Lori & Ted Schroeder		Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske
27	Mary Kay LaMaster		Jean Barber

★ CAR SHOW ★

to support



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH OR CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE CAR SHOW. WE HAD 33 ENTRIES, SERVED OVER 100 ROOT BEER FLOATS AND RAISED \$512 FOR RAICES DE MI PUEBLO DANCE GROUP. THE DANCE GROUP PERFORMED IN THE PARKING LOT FOR ABOUT 40 MINUTES AND THEY WERE AMAZING!



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Please watch the upcoming bulletins and newsletters for more information on these exciting events happening in the life of our Church as we continue to celebrate 150 years!

You won't want to miss them!

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



Scottish Heritage
Worship
Sanctuary

**AUG
13**

**SEPT
10**

150th Anniversary
Worship & Lunch
Sanctuary & PEACE Center





HAPPY AUGUST

Birthday

Gregg Lay 8/1	Doug Soderquist 8/6	Kim Creech 8/13
Alphonse Tako 8/1	JoAnn Seiler 8/6	Jerry Seiler 8/14
Linda Vollweiler 8/1	Audre Zaroban 8/7	Denny Storer 8/14
Madelyn Koepp 8/2	Bert Lloyd 8/7	Shiloh Hall 8/15
Allie Bauer 8/3	Chuck Shoemaker 8/9	Richard Brader 8/16
Kathy Duval 8/3	Vera Zabloudil 8/9	Beth Wissing 8/16
Jim Harrenstein 8/3	Sharon Chapel 8/11	Kathy Utter 8/16
Ira Wierenga 8/4	Erica Olsen 8/12	Theodore Klaassen 8/16
Terry Hall 8/5	Carolyn McKenzie 8/12	Ashley Fitzgerald 8/16
Julia Klaassen 8/6	Elise Koepp 8/12	Chris Johnson 8/17
Rick Matticks 8/6	Tristan Propp 8/12	Jonah Snell 8/17
Susan Meeske 8/6	Ashley Mullen 8/13	Pastor Damen 8/18

Chudier Duang 8/19	Sharon Brooks 8/26
Gary Grummert 8/19	Holly Urrutia 8/26
Don O'Dey 8/19	Brian Johnson 8/27
Alice Throckmorton 8/20	Abigail Kerr 8/27
Connie McClenahan 8/21	Karen Portwood 8/27
Stephanie Bliss 8/22	Faith Brader 8/28
Vivian Fong 8/23	Dana Miller 8/28
Lauren Canady 8/23	Todd Lay 8/29
Camden Smith 8/24	Margaret Marsh 8/30
Melissa Struss 8/24	Jane Bauer 8/30
Kim Day 8/25	Chris Junker 8/30
Jessica Klaassen 8/25	Matt Malouf 8/31
Dave Stewart 8/25	Joyce Mefford 8/31
Ed Lockwood 8/26	



Happy Anniversary

Sarah & Scott Snell- 8/2/2003
George & Jeni Howard- 8/4/1979
Jenni & Ben Welsch- 8/5/2006
Jake & Kelsey Stokely- 8/6/2016
Becky & Rick Matticks- 8/7/1987
Ruth & Erik Nielsen- 8/7/1997
Kim & Bruce Day 8/11/1990
Peggy & Barry Thomson- 8/11/1968
Kathy & Bob Amyot- 8/11/1990
Chris & Colleen Schukei- 8/12/2000
Traci & Jim Boeve- 8/12/1994
Katharine & LaVern Davis- 8/12/1972
Robin & Ann Koozer- 8/14/1976
Kili & Justin Wenburg- 8/14/1998
Pam & Don Canady- 8/18/1963
Virginia & Brad Davis- 8/20/2016
Carol & Frank Medsker- 8/22/1950
Beth & Ron Wissing- 8/22/1986
Janey & Bill Nottage-Tacey- 8/24/1975
Martha & Bill Boyd- 8/28/1976
Tom Kreager & Sandra Spurgeon- 8/30/2014
Jane & Cal Johnson- 8/30/1957



JULY 18-JULY 30

Tuesday 7/18	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:45pm-6:45pm	150 th Anniversary Committee	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/19	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Center Quilting Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarver's Meet	Basement
Thursday 7/20	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 7/21	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Sunday 7/23	9am-10am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:45am-10:30am	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am-12:30pm	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12:15-12:45pm	Transport Meals	Catholic Social Services
Monday 7/24	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 Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 7/25	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/26	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarver's Meet	Basement
Thursday 7/27	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 7/28	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Sunday 7/30	9-10am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

Please pray for

Pam Canady	Brad Davis
Ashley Ibach	Elaine Schumacher
Vicki Howard	Dave Schawang
Reta & Lowell Johnson	Renee Miller
Carl Utley	Rich Portwood
Barry Thomson	Shirley Gass
Stephen Gass	Don Rasmussen
Rich Reimer & family	Audre Zaroban
Greg Howard	Katharine Davis
Ken Fisk	Cheryl Schukei
Mary Wolf	Carter Johnson
Marie Rasmussen	Scott Johnson
Pamela Lainson & family	Tarah Davis & family
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)	family of Lisa Moser
family of Shirley Maul	family of Norma Vineyard



In memory of

Norma Vineyard, who passed
away on 7/14/2023



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!



LOOK WHO'S
TURNING 70
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JIM HARRENSTEIN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY JULY 29, 2023 1-4PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
621 N LINCOLN AVE HASTINGS NE 68901



Have you moved?
Got a new phone number?
Had an email address change?

Please notify the church office (402-462-5147 or
melissa@fpchastings.org) so we can update your
information. Thank you!

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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: Dr. 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