



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

Home Page Newsletter

Celebrating a busy and fruitful summer at First Presbyterian Church!

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

We continue this year of celebrating of our church's 150th Anniversary. We picked the motto "Living a Legacy of Love" for our 150th year, and we have certainly done that so far. Many churches slow down a bit during the summer, but not ours. This has been an incredibly fruitful summer of sharing God's love within our church walls, out into our community, and in the world!

We started with the combined Pentecost worship service in Chautauqua Park with two other churches and the special Blue Grass/Appalachian style choral music led by the newly formed *Spiro Spero Singers* choir that our choir director, Dr. Brett Epperson, put together. We followed that up with a Bach and Bluegrass Concert in our church that welcomed more than 100 community members, and then we presented a Bach Cantata on Trinity Sunday with a full chamber orchestra and the *Spiro Spero Singers*.

That same week, our Go and Serve youth mission trip went to Hazard, Kentucky to do flood relief work and construction on low-income homes. We also had a visit from our Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers for the US-Mexico border, Mark and Miriam Adams. We shared a dinner with them and were joined by the Mexican Folkloric Dance Troupe *Raices de mi Pueblo* that we host in the PEACE Center. That was just the first two weeks of summer!

After that we continued our monthly United Harvest Food distributions in the PEACE Center parking lot, as well as bi-weekly food distributions that we have been doing since COVID-19. The PEACE Center has also been busy this summer with teams coming in to pack food for Hearts and Hands Against Hunger, as well as volunteers working at the storage and sorting facility for the Hastings Community Food Pantry.

At the end of June, we hosted Vacation Bible School with more than 40 children from our church and community who came along with an army of volunteers. It was a delightful time to share the love of Christ through songs, stories, crafts, recreation activities, and service.

In July, we started the month by hosting a Car Show with the Melon Roasters car club. The proceeds from the Car Show and the root beer floats went to *Raices de mi Pueblo*. This was an opportunity for fellowship, fun, and service. We also did our annual Open Table sack lunch packing for three Sundays in July, packing more than 4,000 sack lunches that we donate to Catholic Social Service to distribute in our community. The migrant farm workers arrived in early July and our mission committee helped to host a welcome dinner for them. We also hosted a mission team of 10 people from Hudson, Wisconsin, led by their pastor Kendra Grams, who grew up in our church. The mission team helped with the welcome dinner for migrant workers, our United Harvest distribution, Open Table sack lunch packing and more!

We held wonderful fellowship events throughout the summer including First Presbyterian Night at the Hastings Sodbusters with more than 60 church members, movie nights for elementary aged children, coffee talk meet-ups for middle school kids, and more!

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As you can read, it has been a busy summer at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings as we celebrate our 150th Anniversary and continue “Living a Legacy of Love!” We hope you can join us for our upcoming events in the coming months that you can read about here in the pages of our newsletter. Please mark your calendars for September 10th. We will hold a special 150th Anniversary worship service on that day followed by a luncheon in the PEACE Center and we hope you can join us!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

Pastor Greg



Pentecost Worship Service in Chautauqua Park
(May, 2023)



Go & Serve youth mission trip-Hazard, Kentucky
(June, 2023)



Vacation Bible School
(June, 2023)



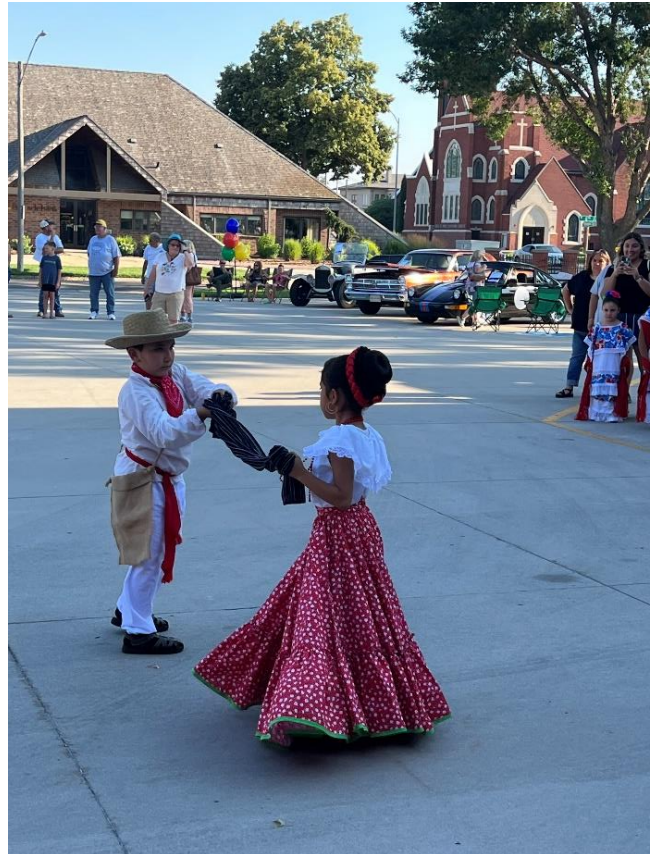
Open Table sack lunch packing
(July, 2023)





Visit from our Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers for the US-Mexico border,
Mark and Miriam Adams
(June, 2023)

Car Show
(July, 2023)



8/1/23-8/5/23

Tuesday 8/1	10am	No Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm	No Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm	Hastings Comm. Theatre Rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
Wednesday 8/2	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrook52@gmail.com
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarver's Meet	Basement
	7pm	Hastings Comm. Theatre Rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
Thursday 8/3	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Youth Christian Ed. Meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	7-10pm	Hastings Community Theatre Rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
Friday 8/4	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
	7pm	Hastings Comm. Theatre Rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
Saturday 8/5	Go & Serve Young Adult Mission Trip (8/5/23-8/12/23)		

August Ushers & Greeters

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

August Greeters

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

August Communion Offering



Our Place After School Care Inc.

The designated Communion Offering for August is Our Place After-School Care. "The Mission of Our Place After School Care is to create a caring community that will encourage teenagers with special needs, ages 13-20, to practice academic, social and life skills and enable them to be involved in community service and enriching experiences."

8/6/23-8/12/23

Sunday 8/6	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 8/7	1-3pm	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:45pm	150 th Anniversary Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 8/8	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
Wednesday 8/9	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 8/10	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 8/11	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Saturday 8/12	5pm-7pm	K-5th grade Summer Movie Club	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 8/13	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Scottish Heritage Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 5-7:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

**SUMMER
MOVIE CLUB**

FOR INCOMING K-5



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

THE LION KING

PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED
BRING A PILLOW AND BLANKET

CONTACT ROSE WITH QUESTIONS 402-462-5147



◆ ◆ ◆ YOU'RE INVITED TO ◆ ◆ ◆

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
KICK-OFF**

◆ ◆ ◆ @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ◆ ◆ ◆

AUGUST
27

TIME: 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

WHO: ALL STUDENTS AGE 3 - 12TH GRADE

LOCATION: THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHAT TO EXPECT: REVIEW PROCEDURES, EXPECTATIONS, AND SCHEDULES. MEET TEACHERS. ACOLYTE TRAINING. BIBLE PRESENTATION



Worship in the Park

AUGUST 6

LAST ONE!

9AM ALEXANDER PARK

Please bring your lawn chair!

All Are Welcome!





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**SAVE
THE
DATE**



Scottish Heritage
Worship
Sanctuary

**AUG
13**

**SEPT
10**

150th Anniversary
Worship & Lunch
Sanctuary & PEACE Center



Please pray for

Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Vicki Howard
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Rich Reimer & family
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Mary Wolf

Marie Rasmussen
Pamela Lainson & family
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
family of Shirley Maul

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Katharine Davis
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson

Tarah Davis & family
family of Lisa Moser
family of Norma Vineyard
Go & Serve participants

In memory of

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

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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