



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

# Home Page Newsletter

Anniversary Celebration  
Sunday, September 10, 2023  
Worship at 10:30am

A few highlights of the worship service include the following:

- Our Chancel Choir and Youth Choir joyfully leading our singing and Chancel Bells ringing out for joy, along with Cathedral Brass and our amazing organist Linda Vollweiler rounding out the music.
- Five former pastors/friends of the church will be back to help lead worship including Rev. Duane Queen, Rev. John Curtiss, Rev. Cheryl Ann Elfond, Rev. Ron Holmes, and Rev. Stan Kessler.
- The President of Hastings College, Dr. Rich Lloyd, will be there to celebrate the partnership between the church and the college.
- The Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Rev. Lance Clay, will be there to celebrate the partnership between our two churches.
- Executive Presbyter Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams will be there to represent the Presbytery of Central Nebraska
- A representative of the City of Hastings will be there to read a proclamation that celebrates our 150th Anniversary and reflects on the impact that our church has had on the community of Hastings.

Following the service, there will be a luncheon in the PEACE Center (across the street from the church). The luncheon is free, and all are welcome to attend; however, we do need a headcount to order the food. So please RSVP by Thursday, August 31, by calling the church office at (402)462-5147.

We hope to see you there!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## "150TH CELEBRATION"

Luncheon  
September 10, 2023  
12pm- PEACE Center

### THE DETAILS

- A catered meal will be provided.
- Free will donation to be collected at luncheon.

Tickets are free and are available on Sunday mornings in the Memorial Room or in the Church Office during the week.



The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 12, 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](https://redcrossblood.org), select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

### *Please pray for*

Brad Davis	Pam Canady
Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Vicki Howard
Renee Miller	Reta & Lowell Johnson
Rich Portwood	Carl Utley
Shirley Gass	Barry Thomson
Don Rasmussen	Stephen Gass
Audre Zaroban	Curtis Reimer and family
Katharine Davis	Greg Howard
Carter Johnson	Ken Fisk
Scott Johnson	Mary Wolf
Tarah Davis & family	Marie Rasmussen
family of Lisa Moser	Pamela Lainson & family
family of Norma Vineyard	Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Matt Campbell	Jacob Shin
Heather Gosda	Jim Boeve
June Nielsen	family of Peter Duang
Vernon Groves	Rita Epperson

### *In memory of*

Norma Vineyard, who passed  
away on 7/14/2023  
Peter Duang, who passed  
away on 8/16/2023





# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## FALL FORUM

### A LEGACY OF LOVE HONORING OUR 150TH

Topics: Pastoral Memories, Music Ministry,  
Continued History, HC Connection

Dates: Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct. 1

Presenters: Past Staff, Dr. Brett Epperson,  
Dr. Laura Marvel-Wunderlich, Dr. Rich Lloyd

### THEODOCY JAZZ

Topic: Theology meets Jazz!

Dates: Oct. 8

Presenter: Anne Phelps

### HOW ISRAEL WAS BUILT

Topic: Exploring the ancient and  
modern history of Israel

Dates: Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12

Presenter: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

### BEARERS OF THE DIVINE

Topic: Learn all about the original  
cantata premiering at FPC Dec. 10

Dates: Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10

Presenter: Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

**SUNDAYS @ 9:15 A.M.**  
**LYDIA ROOM**



<b>Tuesday 8/29</b>	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 8/30</b>	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	basement
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 8/31</b>	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 9/1</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Lydia Room
<b>Sunday 9/3</b>	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
<b>Monday 9/4</b>		Labor Day- Church Office Closed	
<b>Tuesday 9/5</b>	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm-7pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 9/6</b>	11am-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15pm	WNL PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> grade	various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 9/7</b>	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 9/8</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Lydia Room
	5pm-8pm	Peter Duang viewing	Memorial Room
<b>Saturday 9/9</b>	10am-2pm	Peter Duang Funeral with Reception to follow	Funeral-Sanctuary Reception-Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday 9/10</b>	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12pm	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Luncheon</b>	PEACE Center Gym

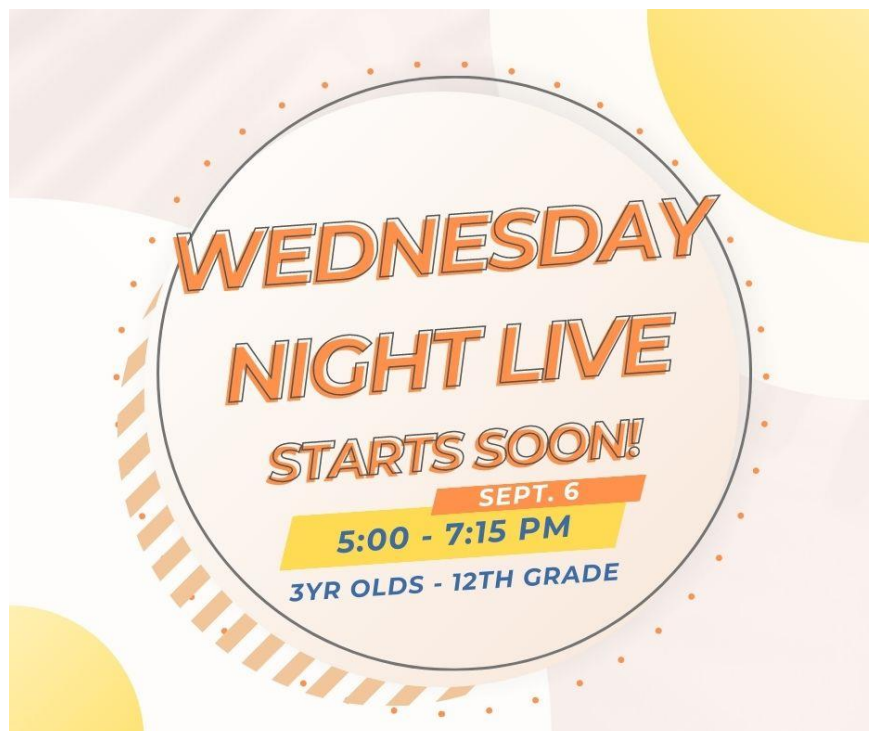
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September

Communion Offering

*Hastings Literacy Council*

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**The Church Office  
will be CLOSED  
on Monday, September 4  
in observance of Labor Day**





**Chancel Handbell  
Choir**

Practice begins  
Wednesday, August 30  
7:30pm  
Bell Room

All are welcome to join us!  
We are always looking for new members!

HASTINGS COMMUNITY MUSIC ACADEMY



# COMMUNITY HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26,  
October 3, 10

6:30-7:30 pm

\$30 - financial assistance  
available

*For adults who love to play handbells  
and/or want to join an ensemble!*

Register online  
here!

[www.hastingsmusicacademy.com](http://www.hastingsmusicacademy.com)



Hastings Community Music Academy

## SUPPLEMENTARY ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5

10:00-10:30 am- Kindergarten

10:30-11:00 am- 1st & 2nd Grade

11:00-11:30 am- 3rd & 4th Grade

11:30 am-12:00 pm- 5th & 6th Grade

For homeschooled students who would like to participate in  
a general music class.

Fee: \$45 per 5 week session - financial assistance available



Register online here!

[www.hastingsmusicacademy.com](http://www.hastingsmusicacademy.com)  
[musicacademydirector@gmail.com](mailto:musicacademydirector@gmail.com)



Hastings Community  
Music Academy

## PRESCHOOL MUSIC

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9  
Tuesdays, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10

10:30-10:50 am- 2 & 3 year olds

11:00-11:20 am- 3 & 4 year olds

11:30-11:50 am- 4 & 5 year olds

**We hope offering two days will accommodate  
students in both MWF and TTH preschool classes.**

**Fee: \$40 per 5 week session -  
financial assistance available**

Register online here!

[www.hastingsmusicacademy.com](http://www.hastingsmusicacademy.com)



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

**2023/2024 SCHEDULE**

Runs 9/6/23-5/8/24

Days off will be announced.

**5:00 - 5:30 Family Meal Time**

Come when you can; meal is cafeteria style.  
Table Parents will be at each table to help  
facilitate meal time. ALL family members are  
welcome!

**5:30 - 7:00 PreK-K Frolic**

**5:30 - 6:00 1st-5th Bells; 6th-12th Choir**

**6:00 - 6:30 1st-5th Choir; 6th-12th Bells**

**6:30 - 7:15 6th-12th Youth Group**

**6:30 - 7:00 1st-5th Bible Time**

**7:00 - 7:15 \*optional\* PreK-5th**

**Recreation Time**

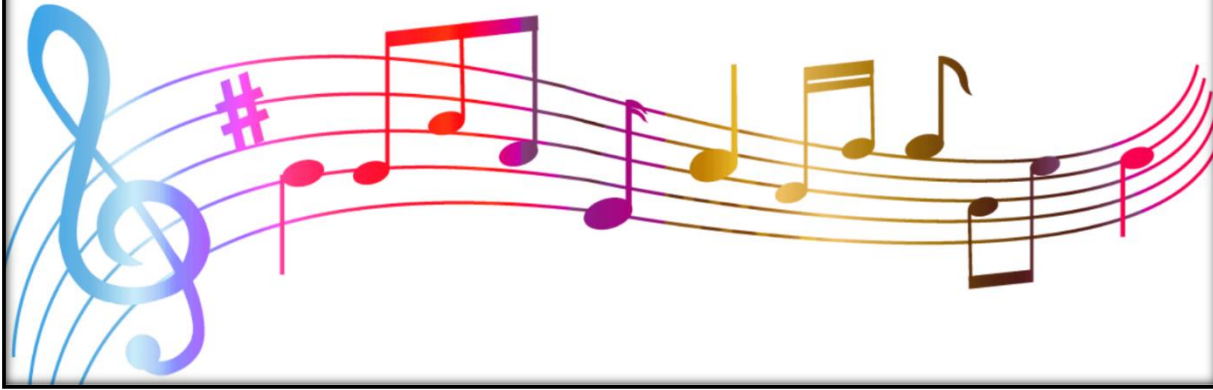
(Rec. time is intended for students who need to  
wait for a ride.)

**WE ASK THAT A GROWNUP COMES INTO  
THE BUILDING TO PICK UP STUDENTS AT  
THE END OF THE NIGHT.**

# Chancel Choir

Begins Wednesday, August 30  
6:45pm-7:30pm  
Choir Room

All who are interested in singing are welcome!



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## September Ushers and Greeters

### Ushers

**September (Team #1)** Captain – Chuck Hastings, LaVern Franzen, Elaine Specht, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

### Greeters

SEPTEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
3	Sally Smith	Sue Medsker	Bonnie & Kenton Grams
10	Jeni & George Howard		Clyde Sachtleben
17	Dixie & Gale McDonald		Lois & John Meeske
24	Amy & Joe Black		Jan Bolliger





## First Presbyterian Church Online Church Directory: let's get started!

As you are aware, First Presbyterian Church has a software Program called *Realm*. While there are many great features to Realm, one of the biggest, and the one you will probably use most often, is the online church directory.

We feel that this online church directory is a great way to provide a secure listing of our members' names, addresses, contact information and birthday (excluding the year born). This online directory is meant for members and staff of our church and is not open to the public. You must have a user account, password and an invitation from Realm in order to get this set up. In order to have secure access to this directory, you will be receiving an invitation to set up your online account and your privacy settings.

*\*NOTE you will only receive an invite to join if you have an active email account.* If you have not received an invitation, check your junk mail folder first, and then please contact Melissa at the office to make sure we have an email address for you that is accurate.

You can have an account on your own computer and/or on your phone. The invitation going out will be for you to set up your username and password. Whatever you chose for your username and password on your computer will be the same thing you will use on your phone with the app.

### Other ways to set up your account without an invitation:

<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteria4075/Account/Start> to create an account in Realm

<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteria4075/SignIn> for the online login/website (after account is created)



Realm Connect - F...  
Connecting Our Commu...  
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OPEN



Found on App Store

You will most likely see that a great deal of basic account information already exists for you, but you will have the option to add, delete and modify. You can also add (and change) your photo, but most importantly, **you are the one who sets the degree of privacy you wish to have on your account.**

In order to change your privacy settings:

**On your computer:** underneath your photo, click the padlock symbol is for adjusting your privacy.

**On the APP:** click on the 3 dots at bottom that say MORE: choose profile> click on the pencil icon next to each option. This lets you set privacy.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me or stop by the church office and I would be happy to help 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