



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

# Home Page Newsletter

A note of gratitude and a preview of what's coming up!

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I am **basking in the joy** of the last week in our beloved church and **full of gratitude** for our church family and our church staff.

On Wednesday evening, September 6, we restarted our **midweek Christian Education** programming that we call **Wednesday Night Live** with an amazing turnout of children, youth, and their families. The fellowship hall was full, and so were our hearts (and our bellies!) Thank you to the children and youth who came and their parents who got them there. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff that support our midweek ministries including our kitchen volunteers, our classroom volunteers, our check-in volunteers and table parents, and Rose and Damen! What a great night and a great start to the year!

At 6:45 on Wednesday our **Chancel Choir** held rehearsal. We had a FULL choir room with 40 singers. Thank you to all of those singers for coming to rehearsal to prepare for worship on Sunday, and for the way that you all support each other and the music ministries of our church. Thanks as well to our Chancel Choir director Dr. Brett Epperson, and our amazing organist/accompanist Linda Vollweiler for your great work with the choir! At 7:30 our **Chancel Bells** practiced under the leadership of Dr. Byron Jensen. Thank you to Byron and to our ringers for the work and care that went into the rehearsal and preparation for Sunday!

We held a funeral on Friday for Jim Hoffman and on Saturday for Peter Duang. I am grateful for our Deacons who provide a **ministry of hospitality at the funeral luncheons** so that the family can focus on celebrating the life of their loved one while embracing our hope as people of the resurrection. Thank you for all the set-up, serving, cleanup, and care you showed.

On Sunday, September 10, we **celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our beloved church with a special worship service and a luncheon for 300 people afterwards in the PEACE Center**. Thank you to everyone who helped assist and lead worship, what a GLORIOUS day it was! And a special word of thanks to our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee who worked diligently to take care of all of the logistics and details for our luncheon. The committee included Kathy Amyot, Mary Seiler, Colleen Adam, Cheryl Lockwood, Elaine Specht, Richard Johnson, Mary Olsen, Sue Medsker, and Rose Koepp. What an incredible day we shared and an incredible committee to work with! Thank you!

If you get the chance, please thank our Facilities Manager, Tony Calhoun, who worked a lot of extra hours to make sure the church and PEACE center were ready and set-up for all of these activities over the past week. Also thank our Office Manager, Melissa Davis, who diligently got all of our bulletins and other publications ready for this special week while answering the phones, greeting our visitors, and managing the church office.

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The fun and joy of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is far from over! Next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will **officially launch the capital campaign that our church is doing in conjunction with our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**. Keep an eye out in your mailboxes for a large envelope that will include a booklet describing the capital campaign and a letter from me.

Also, next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be doing a **prayer calling ministry**. We did this during Holy Week, and it was so well received that we want to do it again. The Deacons and Session of the church will be calling each household in the church to touch base and solicit prayer requests. So, if your phone rings on Sunday evening, September 17<sup>th</sup>, between 6:30-8pm, please answer it! On the other end of the line will be a leader of the church calling to check in with you and ask how our church family can be praying for you.

Wow! We have so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to! Thank you for all your efforts to **share the love of Christ** through the ministries and mission of our church, and through your daily lives. Let’s continue to celebrate and embrace the theme for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **“Living a legacy of love.”** I am grateful and honored to be the pastor of a church that is so full of life and love. *2 Peter 3:18: Let us grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!*

Your Servant in Christ,

  
Pastor Greg

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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                 |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 17        | Dixie & Gale McDonald |               | Rich & Carolyn McKenzie |
| 24        | Amy & Joe Black       |               | Jan Bolliger            |

## October Ushers and Greeters

### Ushers

**October (Team #2)** Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

### Greeters

| OCTOBER | MEMORIAL ROOM            | MEMORIAL ROOM | NARTHEX                 |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1       | Kili & Justin Wenberg    |               | Cathy & John Pershing   |
| 8       | Kathy Utter              | Kim Creech    | Laurie & Brian Johnson  |
| 15      | Kathy & Curtis Reimer    |               | Carolyn & Rich McKenzie |
| 22      | Jan Bolliger             |               | Scott & Willie Kummer   |
| 29      | Marnie & Doug Soderquist |               | Bev Rader               |





# 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>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<br/>Worship Service</b> | Sanctuary  |
|                       | 11:30am        | HAW Store Open  | Narthex  |
|                       | 12pm           | <b>150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Luncheon</b>            | PEACE Center Gym   |
| <b>Monday 9/11</b>    | 1-3pm          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball                         | PEACE-GYM  |
|                       | 1:30-3:30pm    | Quilters  | PEACE Quilting Room  |
|                       | 5:30pm         | Mission Committee meets                                 | PEACE NW Classroom   |
|                       | 6-8pm          | Mexican Folkloric Dance                                 | PEACE NE Classroom   |
|                       | 7-9pm          | Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal                          | Choir Room   |
| <b>Tuesday 9/12</b>   | 12pm-6pm       | Red Cross Bloodmobile                                   | Fellowship Hall  |
|                       | 12pm           | NO BIBLE STUDY  |  |
|                       | 12pm           | Staff Meeting   | In-person  |
|                       | 5:30pm         | Congregational Life Meet                                | Anderson Room  |
|                       | 5:30pm         | Trustees Meet   | Confirmation Room  |
|                       | 6:45pm         | Deacons Meet  | Anderson Room  |
|                       | 7pm-8pm        | CCC Dog Obedience                                       | PEACE NE Classroom   |
| <b>Wednesday 9/13</b> | 12pm           | Noonday Book Club                                       | <a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> |
|                       | 1:30pm         | Quilters  | PEACE Quilting Room  |
|                       | 5pm-7:15pm     | WNL PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> grade                         | Various  |
|                       | 6:30pm-9pm     | Woodcarvers Meet  | Basement   |
|                       | 6:45pm         | Chancel Choir   | Choir Room   |
|                       | 7:30pm         | Chancel Bells   | Bell Room  |
| <b>Thursday 9/14</b>  | 12:30pm        | Dulcimer  | Lydia Room   |
|                       | 5pm            | Personnel Committee                                     | As needed  |
|                       | 6-8pm          | Mexican Folkloric Dance                                 | PEACE NE Classroom   |
|                       | 7-8pm          | Cub Scouts  | Scout Room   |
| <b>Friday 9/15</b>    | 10am           | Mahjong   | Basement Youth Room  |
| <b>Saturday 9/16</b>  |                | United Harvest  |  |
|                       | 10am           | Lori Carroll Memorial Service with reception to follow  | Memorial Service- Chapel<br>Reception- Fellowship Hall         |

### USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the September 17<sup>th</sup> worship service. Please let Melissa know in the Church Office (402-462-5147 or [melissa@fpchastings.org](mailto:melissa@fpchastings.org) ) if you are able to help out. Thank you!

|                       |                |                                 |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday 9/17</b>    | 8:30am         | Contemplative Worship Service   | Chapel   |
|                       | 9:15am         | Sunday School for all ages      | Various  |
|                       | 10am           | HAW Store open                  | Narthex  |
|                       | 10:30am        | Traditional Worship Service     | Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio                                       |
|                       | 11:30am        | HAW Store open                  | Narthex  |
| <b>Monday 9/18</b>    | 1pm-3pm        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball | PEACE gym  |
|                       | 1:30pm-3:30pm  | Quilters                        | PEACE Center quilting room                                     |
|                       | 5:30pm         | Go & Serve meeting              | Parlor   |
|                       | 6pm-8pm        | Mexican Folkloric Dance         | PEACE NE Classroom   |
|                       | 7-9pm          | Chorus of the Plains            | Choir Room   |
| <b>Tuesday 9/19</b>   | 10am           | Staff Meeting                   | In-person  |
|                       | 12pm           | Bible Study                     | Anderson Room  |
|                       | 7-8pm          | CCC Dog Obedience               | PEACE NE Classroom   |
| <b>Wednesday 9/20</b> | 9:30am         | PW Circles 1 & 2                | Parlor   |
|                       | 12pm           | Noonday Book Club               | <a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> |
|                       | 1:15pm         | PW Circles 3                    | Library  |
|                       | 1:30pm         | Quilters                        | PEACE Quilting Room  |
|                       | 5pm-7:15pm     | WNL PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | various  |
|                       | 6:30pm         | Woodcarvers                     | Basement   |
|                       | 6:45pm         | Chancel Choir                   | Choir Room   |
|                       | 7:30pm         | Chancel Bells                   | Bell Room  |
| <b>Thursday 9/21</b>  | 12:30pm        | Dulcimer                        | Lydia Room   |
|                       | 5:30pm         | Session Meets                   | Anderson Room  |
|                       | 6pm            | Mexican Folkloric Dance         | PEACE NE Classroom   |
|                       | 7-8pm          | Cub Scouts                      | Scout Room   |
| <b>Friday 9/22</b>    | 10am           | Mahjong                         | Basement Youth Room  |
| <b>Sunday 9/23</b>    | 8:30am         | Contemplative Worship Service   | Chapel   |
|                       | 9:15am-10:15am | Sunday School for all ages      | various  |
|                       | 10am           | HAW Store open                  | Narthex  |
|                       | 10:30am        | Traditional Worship Service     | Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook                                       |
|                       | 11:30am        | HAW Store open                  | Narthex  |



## Prayer Calls



On Sunday, September 17 from 6:30-8pm, your church leaders and staff will be calling every family in the church. We will be collecting prayer requests, joys, and concerns, so that we can pray for you. So, if your phone rings on Sunday night, please answer it. You will have a chance to talk with a church leader and they will pray for you.

Thank you!



## **CROP Hunger Walk**

Church Women United of the Hastings area is announcing this years CROP Hunger Walk scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 2pm, at Lake Hastings (new location.) The walk will raise funds to help stop hunger both locally and globally.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds collected from the walk will come back to us and serve the Hastings High School and Hastings Middle School food pantries.

To register, start a team, join a team, and/or donate online go to [crophungerwalk.org](https://crophungerwalk.org) or donate in our church office.

We hope you can join in on the fun!

## **Langenberg Lesson Applications**

Langenberg Lesson Applications for Fall 2023 are now available. Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Although grants are renewable, parents **MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER**. Applications are available in the church office or by visiting the church website <https://fpchastings.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/08/Langenberg-form-Fall-2023.pdf> and are DUE November 1, 2023



### **Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School Class**

meets at 9:15am on Sunday mornings  
in the Anderson room.

Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

*Get a free "blessed"  
dog tag for each pet!*

I was blessed  
at First  
Presbyterian  
Church,  
Hastings, NE

# Blessing of the Pets & BBQ



Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings for our Blessing of the Pets Service and a BBQ

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the church parking lot**

(please bring your own chair)

**ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!**

Bring your pet or a photo of your pet for a prayer of blessing with Pastor Greg

CONTEMPLATIVE  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE

RETURNS  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**8:30am Sundays  
in the Chapel**





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.

#### September 16, 2023

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

### Please pray for

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  
Matt Campbell  
June Nielsen  
Vernon Groves  
family of Jim Hoffman  
Rick Gosda and family  
Brian Johnson

Pam Canady  
Ashley Ibach  
Reta & Lowell Johnson  
Carl Utley  
Barry Thomson  
Stephen Gass  
Greg Howard  
Ken Fisk  
Mary Wolf  
Marie Rasmussen  
Pamela Lainson & family  
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)  
Jacob Shin  
Jim Boeve  
family of Peter Duang  
Rita Epperson  
Neil Kerr and family

### In memory of

Peter Duang, who passed away on 8/16/2023  
Jim Hoffman, who passed away on 8/29/2023

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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