



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

# Home Page Newsletter

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

Last week we mailed an envelope and sent an email to every household in the church that included a letter and a booklet introducing our church's capital campaign. I hope you received the mail or email.

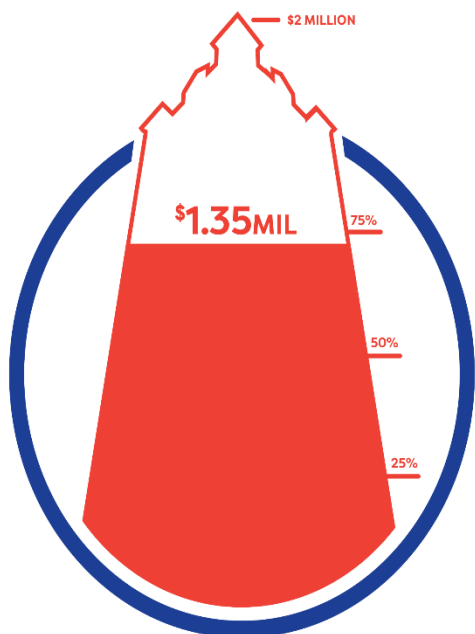
We are raising money to update/remodel parts of our church building and the PEACE Center. The projects your church leaders have selected are around the themes of **being family friendly, facilitating hospitality, providing accessibility, ensuring preservation and sustainability**. You can read more details about these projects in the capital campaign booklet or at this website:

<https://fpchastings.org/capitalcampaign/>

On September 17, I introduced the capital campaign during our worship service, and we heard a moving testimonial from John and Cathy Pershing, who are co-chairs of the capital campaign. If you missed that, you can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/aDhlZVBW--c>

Our goal for this capital campaign is to raise \$2million. That sounds like a lot for a church of our size, and it is. But we are a church that consistently rises to a challenge, and I know we can do this!

I have some exciting news that I shared on Sunday, September 17. It is typical during a major campaign like this to gather with some of our financial leaders before the start of the public portion of the campaign. For the last year, the church leadership and I have been listening to, dreaming with, and praying about where God is leading us. And your fellow church members have responded with incredible hope and generosity.



To date, we have already received \$1.35million in pledges! This is 68% of our goal and represents gifts from 32 families. This is an incredible start to the campaign, and I know that we will be able to finish strong.

Here are a few details about the campaign and what you can expect over the next seven weeks.

- You will hear details and testimonials about the capital campaign in church each week for the next seven weeks
- There will be **gatherings on October 11 and October 12** in the evenings for church members to come and learn more about the campaign and to ask questions.
- **Pledge cards** for the capital campaign and our church's annual stewardship campaign will be **mailed and emailed** to every household in the church the **week of October 16**.
- You will be invited to **return your pledge cards on Sunday, November 5**.

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There are a few important points I want to emphasize as we begin this important and exciting work:

1. Gifts to the capital campaign are over and above gifts to our annual giving. It will be critical for us to continue to fund the annual budget to do what God wants us to do in the future.
2. Donations to the capital campaign can be given anytime during the next three years. Some people give a lump sum in the beginning. Others give yearly. And others will give monthly for the next 36 months.
3. My hope is that we have 150 pledges. One for each year. Every gift matters.

If you have any questions about any aspect of this capital campaign, please feel free to reach out to me or our capital campaign chairs, you can find our contact information below.

This is a very exciting time for our beloved church as we celebrate 150 years of faithfulness, and we prepare for a future that is full of hope! Please be in prayer as you think about how you and your family can contribute to our capital campaign to continue to the work of "Living a Legacy of Love." We hope you can join us!

Your Servants in Christ,

Pastor Greg – 402-462-5147 or [greg@fpchastings.org](mailto:greg@fpchastings.org)

Capital Campaign Co-Chairs John & Cathy Pershing – 402-984-6442 or [johnpershing1@me.com](mailto:johnpershing1@me.com)

Capital Campaign Co-Chairs Susan & William Oliver – 402-705-2238 or [williamtoliver@gmail.com](mailto:williamtoliver@gmail.com)

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Brad Davis	Pam Canady
Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Reta & Lowell Johnson
Renee Miller	Carl Utley
Rich Portwood	Barry Thomson
Shirley Gass	Stephen Gass
Don Rasmussen	Greg Howard
Audre Zaroban	Ken Fisk
Katharine Davis	Mary Wolf
Carter Johnson	Marie Rasmussen
Scott Johnson	Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Tarah Davis & family	Jacob Shin
Matt Campbell	Jim Boeve
June Nielsen	family of Peter Duang
Vernon Groves	Brett Epperson and family
family of Jim Hoffman	Neil Kerr and family
Rick Gosda and family	Frances Kamler

## IN MEMORY OF

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





# 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**







*Kim and Jeremy Borrell 10/19/2013*  
*Karen & Kirk Dielman 10/12/1985*  
*Kaleena & Matt Fong 10/27/2007*  
*Amy & William Hermes 10/11/2003*  
*Linda & Richard Johnson 10/01/2005*  
*Dana & Brett Miller 10/19/2013*  
*Javae & Bill Redinger 10/11/1997*  
*Cheryl & Roger Schukei 10/15/1966*  
*Carole & Denny Storer 10/06/1962*

*Happy Anniversary*

## **Artist Needed!**

*Are you talented with  
paint and large-scale art?*

We are looking to bring some color and whimsy to  
our Youth Group space!

We would like to add a mural to the wall on the  
landing going down to the basement youth room.

Please reach out to Rose Koepp for more  
information.

[rose@fpchastings.org](mailto:rose@fpchastings.org)



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## **October Ushers (Team #2)**

Captain- Duane Huber

Steve Illingworth

Daveta Brader

Lois Hafer

Dick Brader

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# New Member Class



If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or just want to find out more about us, a new members/inquirers class will be held on October 4, 11, and 18 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. It will include dinner. Call the church office at 402-462-5147 to register for the class.



## 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!





<b>Tuesday 9/26</b>	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Board	Parlor
	12pm	Noon Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 9/27</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	<b>5pm-6:30pm</b>	<b>BBQ (5pm) Blessing of the Pets (6pm)</b>	<b>Parking Lot</b>
	6:30pm-7pm	WNL Bible Time	various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 9/28</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 9/29</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room

### **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

**Presbyterian Jazz Weekend**  
FEATURING  
**THE THEODICY JAZZ  
COLLECTIVE**

**Friday, Oct 6 - 7pm, The Lark in Downtown Hastings**

**Saturday, Oct 7 - 7pm, First Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, Oct 8 - 10:30am, First Presbyterian Church**

Free & open to the public | All are welcome!



<b>Sunday 10/1</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	<b>Hastings College Sunday/ World Communion Service</b>	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
<b>Monday 10/2</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Tuesday 10/3</b>	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm-7pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 10/4</b>	11am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am	PW Program & Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	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 10/5</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 10/6</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	7pm	Theodicy Jazz Concert	The Lark
<b>Saturday 10/7</b>	7pm	Theodicy Jazz Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 10/8</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	<b>Jazz Sunday Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

## October Greeters

OCTOBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
<b>1</b>	Kili & Justin Wenberg		Melissa Davis
<b>8</b>	Kathy Utter	Kim Creech	Laurie & Brian Johnson
<b>15</b>	Kathy & Curtis Reimer		Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
<b>22</b>	Jan Bolliger		Scott & Willie Kummer
<b>29</b>	Marnie & Doug Soderquist		Bev Rader

# Happy Birthday

Frank Medsker 10/1  
Fiona Eckhardt 10/2  
Dwight Marsh 10/2  
Laura Kate Oliver 10/2  
Luke Brooks 10/3  
Karen Dielman 10/3  
Molly Gosda 10/3  
Jason Hafer 10/3  
Paxton Rhodes 10/3  
Jim Donohue 10/5  
LeRoy Echternach 10/5  
Elizabeth Klaassen 10/5  
Vonda Essex 10/6  
Emma Redinger 10/6  
Steve Cropley 10/7  
Virginia Davis 10/7  
Heather Gosda 10/7  
Rose Koepp 10/7  
Scott Snell 10/7  
Elmer Heeren 10/8  
Kris Horton 10/8  
Sue Horton 10/8  
Junko Jurgena 10/8  
Katharine Davis 10/9  
Vicki Howard 10/9  
Patty Kingsley 10/9  
Ava Klug 10/9  
Brooks Borrell 10/10  
Jade Guiai-Lou 10/10  
Scott Kummer 10/10  
Roger Doerr 10/11  
Jeff Hermann 10/11  
Tanner Lay 10/12  
Jan Ham 10/13  
Mia Ahlers 10/14  
Ryan Barker 10/14

Nathan Jensen 10/14  
Lucy Nielsen 10/15  
Madalynn Redline 10/15  
Kim Bogan 10/16  
Nyabong Duang 10/16  
Sally Hatcher 10/16  
Carter Wenburg 10/16  
Nan Huey 10/17  
Grant Hunter 10/17  
Jim LaMaster 10/17  
Tyler Adam 10/18  
Cindy Fricke 10/18  
Susan Hoff 10/18  
Chris Schukei 10/18  
Linda Hall 10/19  
Bev Rader 10/19  
Margaret Hermes 10/20  
Richard Johnson 10/21  
Justin Wenburg 10/22  
Nancy Ziemba 10/22  
Liesel Hogan 10/24  
Paige Redline 10/24  
Jeanne Reynolds 10/24  
Mark Funkey 10/26  
Selah Wenburg 10/26  
Ruei Duang 10/27  
Amy Hermes 10/27  
Matt Fong 10/28  
Mary Creigh 10/28  
Kristen Eckhardt 10/29  
LaVern Franzen 10/29  
Maddie Gosda 10/29  
Tim Redline 10/29  
Milrae Korb 10/30  
Stephanie Brader 10/31





# October Communion Offering

## Rite Care Clinic of Hastings

## BLESSING OF THE PETS!

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Each year at First Presbyterian Church, we hold a service in which we talk about how animals are a wonderful part of God's creation. During this service, Pastor Greg offers a blessing for any pets present.

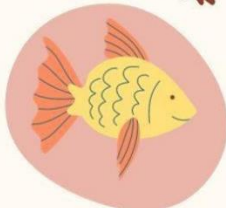


**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27**

We will be holding this special service in place of our typical Wednesday Night Live programming.  
5:00–6:00 pm Dinner/Fellowship for everyone  
6:00–6:30 pm Service/Pet Blessing  
6:30–7:00/15 pm Regular WNL Bible Time

### WHAT TO BRING

If you'd like to bring your pet, please do! But please keep it on a leash or in a carrier. You could also bring a picture of your pet.



enCourage Advocacy Center is in need of the following items:

- Shampoo
  - Conditioner
  - Lotion
  - Toothpaste
  - Women's Razors
  - Chapstick
- (both travel and full-size of the above items are needed.)
- Children's Tylenol (chewable & liquid)
  - Children's Motrin (chewable & liquid)

Donations can be dropped off in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!

## FREE WILL DONATION CHRISTMAS CRAFT MAKE & TAKE EVENT

Bring your family to make a Christmas craft to give as a gift this holiday season!

Enjoy a hot chocolate bar while our volunteers help your children craft!

**Saturday, November 18**

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church  
621 N Lincoln Ave,  
Hastings, NE**

Crafts are tailored towards elementary students, but fun for all ages!

For questions, email [rose@fpchastings.org](mailto:rose@fpchastings.org)

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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