



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF HASTINGS
LIVING A LEGACY OF LOVE

Home Page Newsletter

Gratitude, and updates on the Capital Campaign and Annual Stewardship Campaign

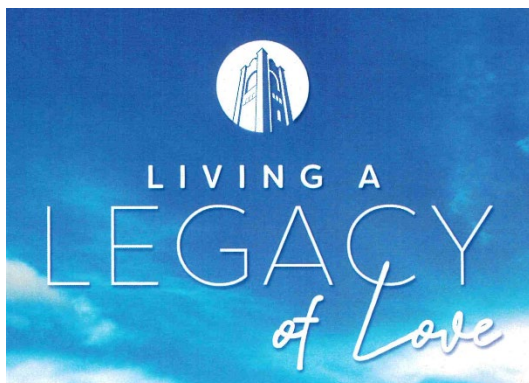
Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

We have a lot to be grateful for. On Sunday, October 22, we had **eight new members** join our church! Their names and photos are in the newsletter this week, so if you see them around, please welcome them. In the last 6 ½ years that I have been your pastor, we have added **145 new members!** This is really remarkable and is another indicator of the health and vitality of our church. Thank you for all that you do to make our church a warm and welcoming place.

Another mark of a healthy and vital church, as well as a mark of faithful discipleship, is financial support of the church. As author Randy Alcorn writes, “Stewardship isn’t a subcategory of the Christian life. **Stewardship is the Christian life.** After all, what is stewardship except that God has entrusted to us life, time, talents, money, possessions, family, and grace?”

Last week we mailed out a letter and pledge cards for both our Annual Stewardship Campaign and the Capital Campaign. We hope that you and your family will prayerfully consider your financial support of the church. **Please return the pledge cards on or before Sunday, November 5.**

The Annual Stewardship Campaign funds our church budget. Your ongoing financial gift to the church supports our **people and our programs.** The theme for the annual stewardship campaign this year is “Growing our Legacy.” We have spent 2023 celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our church and our legacy of love. In 2024 we hope to continue to grow that legacy, just as we are growing in church membership and active participation in the life of the church. **Our annual budget will increase 5%** this year primarily due to an increase in the cost of medical insurance, as well as my desire to give a modest cost of living increase to our amazing staff who are doing an outstanding job. **We ask that you consider increasing your pledge to the church’s annual budget so that we can cover these increasing costs.**



Our Capital Campaign theme is “Living a Legacy of Love.” We are hoping to raise \$2million to remodel and renovate our church building and the PEACE Center so that we can continue to provide hospitality and hope for our church members and our community long into the future. **This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to support our church’s legacy of love.** Gifts to the capital campaign are over and above your pledge to the annual stewardship campaign. They can be given as one-time gifts or spread out over the next two or three years.

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I am so excited for what God is doing in and through First Presbyterian Church of Hastings as we grow in membership and in our legacy of love. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our beloved church.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Greg

Upcoming Greeters

OCTOBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
29	Marnie & Doug Soderquist	Bev Rader

November Ushers and Greeters

November Ushers- (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist

November Greeters

NOVEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
5	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Linda & John Carllson
12	Connie & LaVern Franzen	Melissa Davis
19	May & Ira Wierenga	Sue Medsker
26	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Erica & Brent Brooks



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 and are **DUE November 1, 2023.**

First Presbyterian Church

Hangings of The Greens

Sunday, November 19

11:30am

All are welcome



JOIN US!

Christmas Craft Make-and-Take Event!

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS CRAFT THAT THEY CAN GIVE AS A GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
ENJOY A HOT CHOCOLATE BAR WHILE OUR VOLUNTEERS HELP YOUR CHILDREN CRAFT!

2 DEC. / 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!

FREE WILL DONATION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL FORUM

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

Thank
You!

CROP Walk



The weather for this year's CROP Walk was perfect, and the walkers were all energetic and enthusiastic. A big Thank You to all of you, who shared by giving, or walking.

Because of your gifts kids in Junior and Senior High will have food to take home for the weekend. For many kids the cupboards at home are bare, and your donations will keep them from going hungry over the weekend.

We still have a challenge! We have not yet met our goals, but it's not too late. If you haven't given, or want to increase your gift, please send your donation to First Presbyterian Church, noting that it is for the CROP Walk.

Hastings Community Music Academy



HCMA HASTINGS COMMUNITY MUSIC ACADEMY

COMMUNITY
Holiday Band

**TUESDAYS, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 28,
DECEMBER 5, 12**
TIME: 5:00-6:00 PM

Performance at the Celebration of Lights - Nov. 16th
End of session concert - Dec. 12 - 6:00pm

For all ages who play a band instrument (need to have played at least a year) come learn and perform some holiday classics!

FREE - suggested \$20 donation
Some instruments provided, or bring your own!

Register online at
www.hastingsmusicacademy.com



HCMA HASTINGS COMMUNITY MUSIC ACADEMY

**HOLIDAY
SIGN LANGUAGE CHOIR**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 14, 16**
6:00-7:30PM
\$30 - FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
AGES 6 AND OLDER

Learn your favorite
holiday songs in Sign
Language!

**PERFORMANCE AT THE
CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Register online at
www.hastingsmusicacademy.com



*Pastor
Appreciation
Month*

THANK YOU
PASTOR GREG AND
PASTOR DAMEN
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR
CONGREGATION



Youth Stay and Serve

- 1. The Great Food Collection Challenge is On!** Costumed FPC high schoolers will be collecting non-perishable food items from you at your doorstep on October 29 between 2-6 pm. Sign up to donate food between church services or call or email the church office. This challenge has two parts: (1) Their goal is to collect at least 473 pounds of food and (2) North, South, East or West - which section of town will donate the MOST pounds and be the pride of FPC?
- 2. ELF HELP**
Need some Elf Help? High school youth will bring your holiday decorations from the basement or the attic for you on November 19th in the afternoon. These same elves will cart your boxes back where they came from on the afternoon of January 7th. Sign up to have a visit from these handy elves with the church office. You can have them visit November 19, January 7, or both!
- 3. BLANKET WITH LOVE**
The youth plan to make fleece tie blankets with at least one memory care unit in January or February.



SOUPER DELICIOUS POTLUCK

Sunday, October 29
Following the 10:30am service

Soup and crackers will be provided!

**Congregation is asked to bring something that
goes with soup
(breads, relishes, desserts, etc.)**

All are welcome!



Happy November BIRTHDAYS

Bill Nottage-1
Grace Brader-2
Linda Cooke-2
Evan Turner-2
Megan Launchbaugh-3
Flossie Sanderson-3
Raegan Welsch-4
Charlie Ratzlaff-4
Kraig Lofquist-4
Moses Rhodes-5
Lanae Hall-5
Scott Hobson-5
Neil Jurgena-5
Mary Kay LaMaster-5
Monte Malouf-5
Lauren Overmiller-6
Malcolm Eckhardt-6
Susie Graham-6
Betty Kooy-6
Vernon Groves-7
Stacy Kerr-7
Pat Kern-8
Teresa Luther-8
Eldon Mitzelfelt-8
Ken Stein-9
Matthew Welton-9
Taralyn Davis-10

Dennis Asmus-12
Gary Bauer-12
Marcia Hogan-12
Laurie Johnson-12
Erikka Rhodes-12
Sydney Kerr-13
Lexi Lofquist-13
Julie Thomsen-14
Sarah Snell-14
Jean Barber-14
Lily Black-14
Greg Allen-Pickett-15
Sue Medsker-15
Sherry Behrens-17
Nora Hogan-17
Tammy Lay-17
Jane Tushaus-17
Mary Northrop-18
Peter Ratzlaff-19
Joy White-19
Ethan Stout-20
Ross Struss-20
Chuck Bauer-20
Roger Sunderman-21
Kim Graviette-21

Melissa Karloff-21
Wilson Welsch-22
Colleen Adam-22
McKain Ratzlaff-22
Bonnie Grams-22
Marcia Sovereign-22
Lois Hafer-23
Gwen Weber-24
Duang Tang-24
Jan Bolliger-25
Lennon Ellerbee-25
Thomas Freetly-25
Willy Kummer-25
Deborah Miles-28
Ron Wissing-30



Please pray for

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
family of Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Marie & Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler

Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Mary Wolf
family of Julie McDougal
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jacob Shin
Jim Boeve
family of Peter Duang
Brett Epperson and family
family of Joyce Mefford
Neil Kerr and family

Paul Nuss
Dana Odom
Mary Giesler

In memory of

Julie McDougal, who passed
away on 9/27/2023
Rich Portwood, who passed
away on 10/5/2023
Joyce Mefford, who passed
away on 10/8/2023



HAPPY NOVEMBER

Anniversaries

Dave & Barbara Fisher 11/4/1972
Stephanie & Justin Brader 11/10/2001
Brad & Dawna Whitcomb 11/12/2011
Jim & Deb Freeburger 11/15/1974
Bill & Sharon Talbert 11/16/1996
Tim & Deb Johnson 11/22/1974
Roger & Karen Doerr 11/23/1979
Don & Marie Rasmussen 11/25/1951
Kristen & Chris Schwarz 11/27/2004
John & Cathy Pershing 11/29/1968



Sunday 10/22	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, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 10/23	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30-6:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 10/24	10:15am-11:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/25	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com For the link
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 10/26	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/27	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room

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Hearts & Hands for Maui

Volunteer to pack
70,000 life-saving meals

The deadly wildfires in Maui have left a path of destruction and devastation. Join forces with Hearts & Hands Against Hunger and Thrivent to help those in need. We will take 80 volunteers each shift, 240 volunteers are needed.

Reserve your spot

Help us reach our goal of packing all 70,000 meals donated by the Thrivent Member Network. To register, scan the QR code or visit <https://HeartsHandsForMaui.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Call 402-249-1104 or email NebraskaTMN@thrivent.com.



Support disaster response

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023
12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

PEACE Center,
Hearts & Hands Against
Hunger of Hastings
622 N. Lincoln Ave.,
Hastings, NE 68901



Sign up for a two-hour shift.

No products will be sold. Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings and the Orphan Grain Train are not affiliated with or endorsed by Thrivent.

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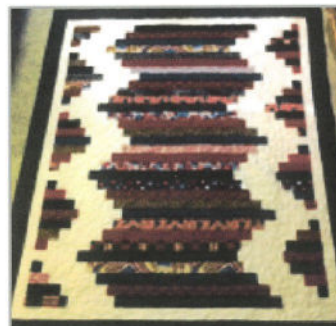
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Agreed to Differ Resolved to Love United to Serve



WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 2023

LIVING A LEGACY OF LOVE: DOING GOD'S WORK



QUILT OF VALOR

**Speaker: Sharon
Selley**

Friday, November 3 10 AM

First Congregational UCC

2810 W. 7th Street

Soup Luncheon to Follow

Free Will Offering

**Sponsored by Hastings / Juniata
Church Women United**

Sunday 10/29	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, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Potluck	Fellowship Hall
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	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 10/31	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 11/1	Langenberg Lesson Applications Due		
	11-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Fellowship and Program	Fellowship Hall
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
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Thursday 11/2	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 11/3	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 11/5		Commitment Sunday	
		Daylight Savings Time Ends	
	8:30am-9:15am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
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Welcome to Our New Members



Chelsea LeMar



Jenna Jorgensen



Catherine Biba



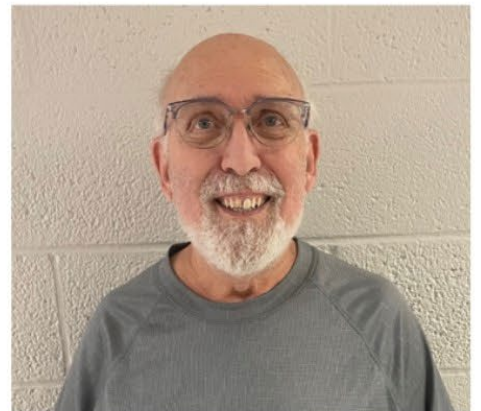
Dale & Deb Hamburger



Barbara Morgan



Angela Pettigrew



Ron Bourke

First Presbyterian Church

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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