



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

Home Page Newsletter

Glorious worship services and an update on the Capital Campaign

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I hope you have been able to join us for worship the last two weeks.

On Sunday, 10/1, we celebrated **Hastings College Sunday**. We were joined by The Hastings College Choir led by Dr. Brett Epperson and were blessed with incredible choral music. We also had a dialogue sermon between Dr. Jessica Meeske and I about her journey from growing up in a small Presbyterian Church, to Hastings College, to Dental School, to her job as a pediatric dentist and the work she does to ensure all children have access to medical and dental services, particularly the poor and marginalized. If you missed the service or want to experience it again, you can stop by the office to pick up a DVD copy, or you can watch it at this link: <https://fb.watch/nzPtSB6XQM/>

On Sunday, 10/8, we had **Presbyterian Jazz Sunday** featuring The Theodicy Jazz Collective and our own Chancel Choir. The music was remarkable and included traditional hymns led by the jazz band as well as parts of the Canterbury Jazz Mass. This professional jazz band includes a child of our church, Ann Phelps, who sang and preached a very compelling sermon about how our church, Hastings College, and the Holy Spirit, led her be part of this group and make connections between jazz music, theology, and God. If you missed the service or want to experience it again, you can stop by the office to pick up a DVD copy, or you can watch it at this link: <https://youtu.be/ZVFXQzc7wiY>

In addition to these two very special worship services, we have continued to work on our Capital Campaign. We received notice of two more pledges in the last week, so I am excited to report that we now have **\$1.45million pledged towards a total goal of \$2million!**

On Sunday 10/8, the **Meyers family shared a compelling testimony** about what it would mean to make our choir loft handicapped accessible. You can watch that here: <https://youtu.be/qu8Sd2Q4bwc>

This week we will hold two “**Advanced Gift Gatherings**” for the **Capital Campaign**. These events are open to anyone who would like to learn more about the campaign. Below are the details for the events; if you would like to attend, please call the church office to RSVP: 402-462-5147

- Wednesday, October 11, 7pm: At the home of Chuck Shoemaker and Lynne Friedewald
- Thursday, October 12, 7pm: At the Barrett Alumni Center hosted by Robin and Ann Koozer

The week of October 16 we will send pledge cards out to the whole congregation for our capital campaign, along with pledge cards for our annual stewardship campaign. We will invite you to prayerfully consider how much you will give to our annual church budget as well as an additional pledge of support for the capital campaign that can be given over the next three years.

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It has been an exciting time as we celebrate our 150th anniversary as a church. We are “**Living a Legacy of Love**” this year as we reflect back on 150 years of faithfulness and look forward to a future full of hope! Thank you for being a part of our legacy of love and thank you for your steadfast support.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

Pastor Greg

Ushers & Greeters

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

October Greeters

OCTOBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
15	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
22	Jan Bolliger	Scott & Willie Kummer
29	Marnie & Doug Soderquist	Bev Rader

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.



October 21, 2023

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

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.**

A festive pink poster for a Christmas craft event. It features various holiday-themed illustrations including a Santa hat, holly leaves, a red star, a gold ornament, candy canes, a red gift box, and a red stocking. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with green boxes for key details.

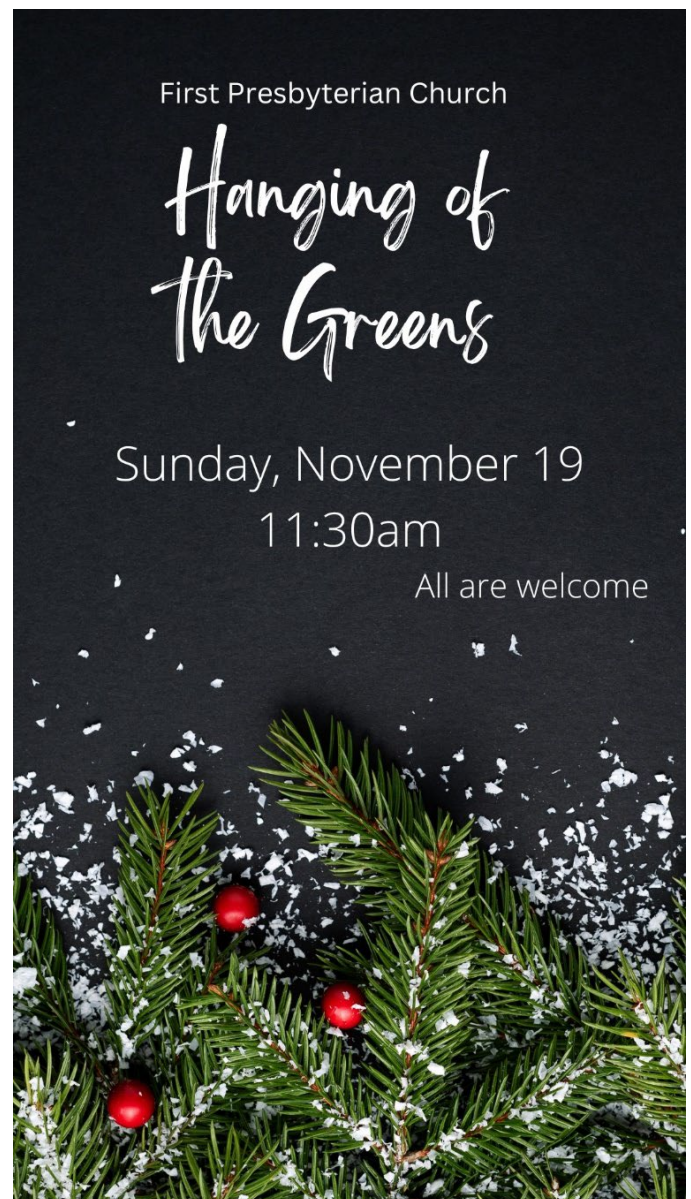
FREE WILL DONATION
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT
MAKE & TAKE EVENT**

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

A dark-themed poster for the 'Hanging of the Greens' event. It features a close-up photograph of a green pine branch with red berries and white snowflakes at the bottom. The text is white and elegant, set against the dark background.

First Presbyterian Church
*Hanging of
The Greens*

Sunday, November 19
11:30am
All are welcome

Tuesday 10/10	11am	Julie McDougal Memorial Service	Sanctuary
	12pm	Julie McDougal Reception	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/11	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th grade WNL	various
	5:30pm	New Member Class	Confirmation Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 10/12	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	2pm	Joyce Mefford Memorial Service with reception to follow	Sanctuary (Memorial Service) Fellowship Hall (Reception)
	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/13	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	2pm	Rich Portwood Memorial Service with reception to follow	Sanctuary (Memorial Service) Fellowship Hall (Reception)



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.

Sunday 10/15	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		NO Sunday School	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 10/16	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30-6:30pm	Go & Serve Meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 10/17	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/18	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Bible Study	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15p	PreK-12 th grade WNL	various
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	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/20	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 10/21		United Harvest	PEACE Center
	9am	Coat Drive	
Sunday 10/22	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
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Please pray for

Brad Davis	Pam Canady
Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Reta & Lowell Johnson
Renee Miller	Carl Utley
family of Rich Portwood	Barry Thomson
Shirley Gass	Stephen Gass
Marie & Don Rasmussen	Greg Howard
Audre Zaroban	Ken Fisk
Katharine Davis	Mary Wolf
Carter Johnson	family of Julie McDougal
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
Carol Medsker	Frances Kamler
Dana Odom	Mary Giesler

In memory of

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



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





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!

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,
Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!

*Pastor
Appreciation
Month*

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

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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