



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

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Reflecting on a special year and looking forward with hope!

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

As we bid farewell to the year 2023, we find ourselves on the threshold of a new chapter in our lives. It's a time to reflect on the challenges and triumphs we've experienced as a community and to seek God's guidance for the journey ahead.

The past year has been both the busiest and the most gratifying year of ministry I have experienced. We celebrated God's faithfulness, steadfast presence, and love over the last 150 years with some incredible experiences, worship services, fellowship events, and more. In addition, our church completed a successful capital campaign thanks to the generosity of our members and God's abundant blessings. This capital campaign will set our church up for many more years of joyful and meaningful ministry and service.

For our members, I know that this year has been filled with both joys and sorrows. We've faced uncertainties, navigated through loss and grief, and celebrated moments of grace. Through it all, our faith has been our anchor, and God's unwavering presence has been our source of strength. In our collective prayers, we found solace, and in our acts of kindness, we witnessed the power of God's love at work within our church family.

As we stand at the threshold of 2024, let us carry forward the lessons learned and the wisdom gained from the experiences of the past year. Let us approach the new year with hopeful hearts, knowing that God's plans for us are filled with promise and purpose.

Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." As we embark on the new year and the 151st year of our beloved church, let us trust in God's plans for us, individually and as a family of faith.

In the coming year, may we continue to be a beacon of light and love for those around us. Let our actions be a testament to the faith that sustains us and the hope that guides us. Through our collective efforts, may we be instruments of God's peace, spreading love, kindness, and compassion to all.

As we gather for worship, fellowship, and service in 2024, let us remain open to the whispers of the Holy Spirit, guiding us in ways both known and unknown. May this year be marked by a deepening of our faith, a strengthening of our bonds, and a steadfast commitment to living out the teachings of Jesus Christ.

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Thank you for all you did to make 2023 an incredible year for our church, and I pray for a joyous and hope-filled New Year for us all!

Your Servant in Christ,



Pastor Greg

Adult Forum
Sunday, January 7
Lydia Room

Panel Discussion on Faith and Gender

Featuring:

Rev. John Curtiss

Dr. Brie Myre-Associate Professor of Biology at Hastings College
Dawn Darling, LISCW-Sunrise Therapy Services

January Ushers and Greeters

January Ushers (Team #5) Captain – Ken Stein, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen

January Greeters

JANUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
7	Erica & Brent Brooks	Daveta & Dick Brader
14	Lesa & Steve Cropley	Melissa Davis
21	Karen & Roger Doerr	Andrew Barrows
28	Linda & Richard Johnson	Jan Bolliger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 11:30AM, FPC SANCTUARY

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



Removal of the Greens

Sunday
January 7
11:30am

The joy of Christmas continues on Sunday, January 7 with removal of the greens. Please join in the fellowship and important time and effort with your church family.

We will begin immediately after the 10:30am service.



Please pray for

*Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher*

Dave Schawang

Renee Miller

John Northrop

Shirley Gass

Audre Zaroban

Carter Johnson

Scott Johnson

Tarah Davis & family

Matt Campbell

June Nielsen

Neil Kerr and family

Vernon Groves

Carol Medsker

Frances Kamler

John Carlsson

Pam Canady

Ashley Ibach

Reta & Lowell Johnson

Carl Utley

Barry Thomson

Stephen Gass

Greg Howard

Ken Fisk

Mary Wolf

Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)

Jim Boeve

family of Joyce Mefford

Paul Nuss

Vicki (Fisk) Nieves

Dana Odom

family of Roberta Lloyd

Melissa Davis & family

In Memory Of

*Roberta Lloyd, who passed away on
12/8/23*

January Communion Offering



We are a nonprofit organization providing new clothing and necessities to youth in crisis.

Threads of Grace provides brand new outfits and other necessities such as socks, shoes, underwear, outerwear, and other items that children may need when moving to a new foster home or going into a shelter.

Calendar of Events

December 31, 2023-January 5, 2024

Sunday 12/31	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 1/1/24		Church Office Closed	
Tuesday 1/2	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
Wednesday 1/3	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
		NO WNL	
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 1/4	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/5	9:30am	Church Women United Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 1/7	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
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January 7, 2024-January 14, 2024

Sunday 1/7	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
	11:30am	Removal of the Greens	
Monday 1/8	10:30am-2:30pm	PEO-GK	Fellowship Hall
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/9	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-Person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
Wednesday 1/10	12pm	Noonday Book Clubs	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15pm	WNL PreK-12 th Grade	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 1/11	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/12	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 1/14	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
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**Thank you so much to the
gracious members
of our congregation
who purchased
gifts for the recipients
of the FPC Giving Tree.**



FLOWER & RADIO MEMORIALS

There are openings throughout
the year for both flower and
radio memorials. Please contact
Melissa in the office or Mary Olsen
(402-462-2811 molsen@charter.net)
Donations are greatly appreciated.

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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