



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

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Pentecost Reflections and Summer Schedule!

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I woke up on Monday morning with gospel tunes running through my head! Despite the rainy weather, our Pentecost in the Park service on May 19 with the gospel choir and special musical guest Dr. Marques Ruff was incredible (along with our own organist Linda and our Chancel Choir Director Dr. Brett Epperson on the piano!) If you missed it or want to experience it again, you can watch it at this link:

<https://fb.watch/sb35i1QrmC/>

In addition to the gospel choir, we led a spirit-filled Pentecost worship service with Pastor Paul Ozbun from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pastor Elba Iris Nazario from First Christian Church of Hastings, and our own Director of Christian Education Rose Koepp. Rose offered a beautiful children's moment when she retold the story of Pentecost using tangrams (colorful geometrically shaped pieces that make pictures.) Each child was given a set of the pieces and a sheet with a series of pictures they could make to help them tell and interpret the Pentecost story. We have extra sets of those left over if you would like some for yourself, your children, or your grandchildren, just stop by the church office to pick them up!



HEARTS IGNITED

We have a very exciting summer of worship and church activities planned. I have listed part of the schedule below and encourage you to print this off and put it on your refrigerator so that you can join us as the Holy Spirit continues to move in our church, in our community, and in our lives:

First Presbyterian Church Worship Schedule for May 26 – September 8, 2024

May 26 – June 30: One worship service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

July 7 – Aug. 18: 9am worship service in Alexander Park
10:30am worship service in the Sanctuary

August 25: 9:15am Sunday School Orientation in the Fellowship Hall
10:30am One worship service in the Sanctuary

Continued

September 1: One worship service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

September 8: *Resume School-Year Worship and Sunday School Schedule*
8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15 Sunday School for all ages
10:30 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

In addition to our worship schedule, take a look at some of the other summer activities in our newsletter including:

- **“Movie Club”** nights for elementary-aged kids June 2, July 7, and August 4
- **Vacation Bible School** June 24-27, and we still need volunteers, click here: <https://fpchastings.org/vbs/>
- **Waterpark Night** on June 28, **Car Show** on July 10, **Sodbusters Night** on July 28
(these events are for EVERYONE, not just children and youth)
- **Go and Serve** youth mission trip July 27-August 3
- **Junior High Zoo** trip August 9

The Holy Spirit is alive and well at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings and we celebrate that spirit this summer through worship, fellowship, and service. I hope to see you all this summer!

Your Servant in Christ,



Pastor Greg

May Ushers and Greeters

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

MAY GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
26	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jane & Chuck Bauer

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
John Northrop
Carter Johnson
Sarah Snell and family
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler
Jeni Howard
Katharine Davis
Pam Canady
family of Shirley Gass

Ashley Ibach
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Marcia Hogan & family
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jim Boeve
Howard Mathews
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Dana Odom
family of Don Canady
Bill Beck
Kathy Amyot
Monte Malouf

In memory of

Shirley Gass, who passed
away on 5/7/24

JOIN US THIS SUMMER: CAMP FIRELIGHT VBS!

Join us this June for a summer camp experience right in our back yard! Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School is based on Psalm 56:3: "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" which reminds us that we can trust God no matter what challenges we face! At Camp Firelight campers will learn and grow through a variety of traditional camp activities. We can't wait to meet you around the campfire!

Register Today!

June 24-27,
2024

8:30-11:30am

FPC PRESENTS

ELEMENTARY MOVIE CLUB

In-coming Kindergarteners - 5th graders are invited to join us for a monthly movie showing and related Bible lesson.

**FREE
EVENT**

JUNE 2

JULY 7

AUG 4

PIZZA AND POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (402) 462-5147



Presbyterian Women Father's Day Offering

Presbyterian Women will be collecting a Father's Day Offering. We will be set up in the Memorial Room on Sundays, May 26, June 2, June 9, and June 16 to take donations. You may donate in honor of a father or in memory of a father. Proceeds will go to Living Waters for the World.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) **trains volunteers** to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to **implement and operate** sustainable water purification systems and health education programs.

[LWW Networks](#) come alongside water teams and partners throughout every phase of a water project. They provide essential support for **sustainable** water systems that produce **clean water for a generation**.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Living Waters for the World. Unlike organizations that rely on paid staff to initiate and execute water projects, Living Waters for the World relies on volunteer teams trained by volunteer instructors working within volunteer-led networks. LWW's small staff of 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees exists to facilitate the activity and long-term impact of this volunteer force.

Over 2,000 individuals have trained at [Clean Water U](#), and they have engaged an estimated 10,000+ volunteers as members of LWW water teams. Volunteers have also guided the establishment of international networks, the development of Clean Water U's curriculum, and much more!

Volunteers have made LWW what it is today and will play an integral role in ensuring clean water for generation in the communities LWW serves.

The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

Go & Serve Parent and Student Meeting

There will be a Go & Serve parent and student meeting on Sunday, June 2nd at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Relay For Life

Relay for Life has been a way for our church family to remember loved ones we have lost to cancer and to honor those who have survived. At the same time we support the American Cancer Society.

Luminaries can be purchased by filling out a form and submitting it with your donation (\$10 each) to our First Presbyterian Church team through our church office or to our team captain, Susie Graham. (402) 469-2638. Please make checks payable to American Cancer Society.

Luminaries will be displayed in our Sanctuary in early June and at the Relay for Life in Kearney at Harmon Park on June 7. Thank you.

American Cancer Society
Relay for Life of Central Nebraska

Your name _____

Your Phone # _____

Yes, I would like _____ luminaries at \$10 each.

Name of Individual being honored or remembered	In Honor	In Memory	Donation
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Happy Anniversary June

Sharon & John Brooks- 1
Chanda & Stan Essink- 1
Lindsey & Ethan Stout- 2
Lynette & Paul Krieger- 2
Ginny & Will Locke- 3
Cheryl & Ed Lockwood- 6
Connie & LaVern Franzen- 7
Jamie & Patrick Hickok- 8
Kathy & Curtis Reimer- 10
Bonnie & Kenton Grams- 11
Michelle & Rob Kerr- 12

Erica & Brent Brooks- 14
Kristen & Louie Eckhardt- 19
Bev & Ken Stein- 22
Linda & Dave Cooke- 23
Sandra & C.L. Wimer- 24
Diane & Doug Phelps- 24
Mary & Jerry Seiler- 26
Mary & Jim Lewis- 27
Gary & Carol Grummert- 27
Joyce & Thomas Moore- 30
Katie & Sung Shin- 30

June Ushers and Greeters

June (Team #4) Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

JUNE GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
2	Connie & Richard McClenahan	Melissa Davis
9	May & Ira Wierenga	Kim Hermann
16	Brent & Erica Brooks	John & Linda Carllson
23	Andrew Barrows	Karen & Roger Doerr
30	Carol & Jim Harrenstein	Vonda Essex, Melissa Davis



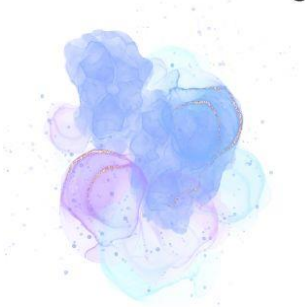
Happy *June* Birthdays



Peter Lainson- 1
Jenna Jorgensen-1
Cathy Mitzelfelt- 2
Dick Christensen- 3
Ashley Hermann- 4
Wanda Williams- 4
Bev Stein- 6
Pam Lainson- 6
Jeni Howard- 8
Andrew Barrows- 8
Dave Cooke- 8
Alexis Longshore- 9
Joyce Orr- 10
Genna Little- 10
Shawn Norris- 10
Deb Johnson- 10
John Carllson- 12
Rikki Nielsen- 12
Kaleena Fong- 12

Charles Hafer- 13
Laurie Lofquist- 13
Bruce Phelps- 14
Tenley Hermann- 14
Janna Johnson- 14
Kris Norris- 15
Sam Boyd- 15
Julia Boyd- 15
Nathan Kerr- 16
Courtney Junker- 16
Everly Hogan- 16
Lorri Oakeson- 16
LaJeanne Boehler- 16
Sally Smith- 18
Amanda Turner- 18
Leah Ratzlaff- 18
Ian Erickson- 18
Eric Brader- 18
Judy Hoch- 19

Rebecca McPherson-21
Keira Erickson- 21
Neil Kerr- 22
Bob Amyot- 22
Doug Oakeson- 23
Claire Schwarz- 23
Jan Schawang- 24
Connie Hansen Golter- 25
Tom Kreager- 25
Jill Kramer- 26
Colleen Schukei- 26
Rory Stout- 26
Jim Boeve- 26
Carol Harrenstein- 26
Jim Lewis- 27
Jodie Phelps- 28
Kelsey Kamarad- 28
Dianne Christensen- 29
Gabriel Snell- 30
Ruth Nielsen- 30



May 21, 2024 – June 2, 2024

Tuesday 5/21	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 5/22	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 5/23	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/24	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 5/26	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 5/27		Church Offices Closed Memorial Day	
Tuesday 5/28	10:15am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	PEACE NW Classroom
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 5/29	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 5/30	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/31	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 6/1	11am	Sharon Chapel Memorial Service	Sanctuary
Sunday 6/2	9am	Go and Serve Parent & Student Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5pm-7pm	Elementary Movie Club	Fellowship Hall

Christian Ed Summer Events

JUNE-
JULY
THURSDAYS

3 PM - 5 PM
Youth Group
Game time @ FPC

JUNE
2

5 PM - 7 PM
Movie Club
@ FPC

JUNE
24-27

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Camp Firelight
VBS

JUNE
28

7 PM - 9 PM
FPC Waterpark
Night

JULY
7

5 PM - 7 PM
Movie Club
@ FPC

JULY AUG
27 - 3

Sr High
Go & Serve

AUG
4

5 PM - 7 PM
Movie Club
@ FPC

AUG
9

8 AM - 6 PM
Jr High Zoo Trip

AUG
25

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Sunday School
Kickoff

@reallygreatsite

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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