



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Home Page Newsletter

Celebrating new members and reflecting on what it means to be a church member...

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

On Sunday, May 5, we celebrated Confirmation Sunday. It was an incredible day in the life of our church. If you missed the service or want to experience it again, you can watch it at this link: <https://fb.watch/rUEJojWqDo/>

We had 11 youth stand up and share their statements of faith that they wrote as a culmination of a year of study and reflection on what it means to be a Christian and what it means to be a member of the Church. The wisdom, insight, and faith that they shared was truly inspiring. After hearing the youth speak, I have a great deal of hope for the future of our beloved church!

On Sunday, May 12, we will receive 8 new members in the church. As adults, we don't require our new members to go through a full year of confirmation class like our youth. Instead, they attend 3 weeks of classes and then join the church. You can find their names and photographs in the pages of the newsletter this week. If you see them in Church or out and about around town, please greet them and welcome them.

As part of both the Confirmation class, and the new members class, we review what it means to be a faithful church member. I wanted to share that as a reminder of what we have all committed to as members of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. Here is the definition of church membership from the Presbyterian Book of Order:

A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- Proclaiming the good news in word and deed,*
- Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,*
- Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,*
- Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,*
- Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,*
- Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,*
- Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,*
- Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,*
- Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,*
- Caring for God's creation,*

Continued

*-Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
-Reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and
considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church
may be increased and made more meaningful.*

As we have 19 new members join our beloved church family this month through confirmation and the new members class, join with me in celebrating the growth of our church family! May we all reflect on what it means to be a member of this church and to be part of the Body of Christ. Take sometime this week to “consider ways in which your participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.” And thank you for being a faithful part of our church family!

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
12	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie	Melissa Davis
Chautauqua Park 19	Ginny & Will Locke	Volunteers Needed
26	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jane & Chuck Bauer

May Communion Offering

Open Table 2024

Sack Lunch Program

One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.

Join our congregation in fellowship and service as we celebrate our 21st year of support for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. For those of you that are new to our church or community, the Open Table Sack Lunch Program is a community wide program providing free daily sack lunches Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Beginning Sunday, July 7th, we will be assembling 1,000 lunches during the four Sundays of July in Fellowship Hall preceding or immediately following the Sunday worship services. This tradition in our church has been a blessing for the people receiving the lunches, and the people preparing them. We have continuously supported this community wide program since its inception. The Open Table Communion Offering this month will stay in our church to assist in paying for the sandwiches and other food items for the sacks we prepare.



THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING
LONG-SLEEVED WORK
SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

THESE SHIRTS PROTECT THE WORKERS FROM
THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL
CHEMICALS.

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED
BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU.



Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for
the generous donation! We are so
blessed and thankful for your
continued support of our
Mission. Thank you! Blessings,
Kerry, Julie &
Board

PW Mother's Day Offering

Every year for Mother's Day, the Presbyterian Women ask for donations for a special group in honor of, or in memory of all our mothers. This year we are donating to the Morrison Cancer Center from the Heart Fund. This will be for the Hastings office. It is only used for patients for things like gas, groceries, medication co-pays, utilities, and overnight stays.

We will be at a table in Memorial Room May 12 to take your donations. Or you may send a donation to the church addressed to the Presbyterian Women. Checks should be written to Presbyterian Women.

We thank you in advance for all of your donations.



Confirmation Class of 2024

Lyla Adam

Mentor: Laura Marvel-Wunderlich
Parents: Stephanie & Tyler Adam
Date of Birth: 05/26/2009
Date of Baptism: 10/18/2009

Lexi Longshore

Mentor: Heather Gosda
Parents: Megan Launchbaugh, Chris Longshore
Date of Birth: 06/09/2010
Date of Baptism: 08/15/2010

Esther Allen-Pickett

Mentor: Cathy Pershing
Parents: Jessica & Greg Allen-Pickett
Date of Birth: 12/14/2009
Date of Baptism: 05/01/2010

Peyton Mitchell

Mentor: Teresa Luther
Parents: Annie & Austin Mitchell
Date of Birth: 09/04/2009
Date of Baptism: 05/09/2010

Olivia Canady

Mentor: Mary Plock
Parents: Teresa & Tim Canady
Birthday: 05/18/2009
Date of Baptism: 05/01/2011

Charlie Ratzlaff

Mentor: Danny Graves
Parents: Leah & Tom Ratzlaff
Birthday: 11/04/2009
Date of Baptism: 12/24/2009

Collin Hermes

Mentor: Curtis Reimer
Parents: Amy & William Hermes
Date of Birth: 04/16/2009
Date of Baptism: 07/19/2009

Keaton Redline

Mentor: Chris Wray
Parents: Hilarie & Tim Redline
Date of Birth: 02/17/2010
Date of Baptism: 08/29/2010

Kade Jorgensen

Mentor: Byron Jensen
Parents: Jenna Jorgensen
Date of Birth: 03/01/2010
Date of Baptism: 05/05/2024

Caleb Schukei

Mentor: Robin Koozer
Parents: Colleen & Chris Schukei
Date of Birth: 01/15/2010
Date of Baptism: 05/30/2010

Harrison Welsch

Mentor: Chris Schukei
Parents: Jenni & Ben Welsch
Date of Birth: 06/22/2009
Date of Baptism: 05/06/2018

Welcome to Our New Members!



Jessica & Patrick Moore



Jody Stutzman



Damen & LaRaesha Kugel



Mike & Carol Kleppinger



Susan Cole

Free Gospel Music Clinic/Workshop

On Saturday 5/18, we are hosting a FREE Gospel Music Clinic/Workshop at First Presbyterian Church with guest clinician Dr. Marques Ruff. This event is open to the public, anyone who has an interest in gospel music is welcome to come, so please share this incredible music opportunity.

The schedule for that will be:

3-5:30PM Clinic/Workshop

5:30-6:30PM Dinner (in church Fellowship Hall provided by FPC Music Committee)

6:30-8:30PM Clinic/Workshop/Rehearsal

Those who attend the clinic/workshop will be invited to sing on Sunday 5/19 at our Pentecost in the Park worship service at the Chautauqua Pavilion at 10:30am.

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.

May 18, 2024

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

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!!

Tuesday 5/7	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
Wednesday 5/8	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7pm	WNL Family Picnic	Libs Park
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 5/9	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:30pm	Columbarium Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/10	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall

Sunday 5/12	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store open	Library
Monday 5/13	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 5/14	10:15am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30p	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
Wednesday 5/15	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 5/16	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/17	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
	6pm	Hastings College Baccalaureate	Sanctuary
Saturday 5/18		United Harvest	
Sunday 5/19	10:30am	Pentecost in the Park	Chautauqua Park



Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
John Northrop
Audre Zaroban & family
Carter Johnson
Sarah Snell and family
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler
Brent Brooks & family
Katharine Davis
Pam Canady

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

In memory of

Don Canady, who passed
away on 3/16/24

*Thank
you!*

Dear Church Family,

The Presbyterian Women want to thank you for the
generous donation for our "Undie Sunday!"
We had enough to give two bags full to seven schools.
Everyone was so appreciative of the donation.

God is Good!

-Presbyterian Women

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



Register for Vacation Bible School on our website:

www.fpchastings.org

First Presbyterian Church

621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE 68901

402-462-5147

fpc@fpchastings.org

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