



## 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,*

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*-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
<b>12</b>	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie	Melissa Davis
<b>Chautauqua Park 19</b>	Ginny & Will Locke	Volunteers Needed
<b>26</b>	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.



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### **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.

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# Congratulations!

## 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!!

<b>Tuesday 5/7</b>	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
<b>Wednesday 5/8</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> 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
<b>Thursday 5/9</b>	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
<b>Friday 5/10</b>	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall

<b>Sunday 5/12</b>	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
<b>Monday 5/13</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Tuesday 5/14</b>	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
<b>Wednesday 5/15</b>	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> 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
<b>Thursday 5/16</b>	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
<b>Friday 5/17</b>	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
	6pm	Hastings College Baccalaureate	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday 5/18</b>		United Harvest	
<b>Sunday 5/19</b>	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

<b>JUNE-JULY</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> 3 PM - 5 PM Youth Group Game time @ FPC	<b>JUNE 2</b> 5 PM - 7 PM Movie Club @ FPC	<b>JUNE 24-27</b> 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Camp Firelight VBS
<b>JUNE 28</b> 7 PM - 9 PM FPC Waterpark Night	<b>JULY 7</b> 5 PM - 7 PM Movie Club @ FPC	<b>JULY AUG 27 - 3</b> Sr High Go & Serve
<b>AUG 4</b> 5 PM - 7 PM Movie Club @ FPC	<b>AUG 9</b> 8 AM - 6 PM Jr High Zoo Trip	<b>AUG 25</b> 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School Kickoff

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Register for Vacation Bible School on our website:

[www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)

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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 Koepf

**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