



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

# Home Page Newsletter

### Clothe Yourself in Righteousness

My new shirt should arrive pretty soon and I'm actually quite excited about it. I would describe it to you if I could but I don't have any idea what it looks like. Even if I wanted and was willing, I couldn't tell you a single thing about its color, its graphic design aesthetic, or even its neckline. Someone else designed it. Someone else picked it out. Until the moment I lay eyes and hands upon it, my new shirt remains a complete mystery to me. The new shirt which I am eagerly anticipating is this year's Go & Serve T-Shirt! I have no need of a new t-shirt. In fact, I actively avoid adding any of them to my dresser. However, I will happily make an exception for this particular piece of cloth.

This will be the sixth Go & Serve T-Shirt to make it into my collection. Not the largest collection, by any means, but anyone who is fortunate enough to have one can tell you just how valuable these particular pieces of fabric are.

First of all, the shirt from any given year represents a unique occurrence in the annals of history. For that week, in that year, a group of faithful disciples gathered themselves together in way and for a purpose that can never be duplicated. All of their living. All of their working. All of their pondering and eating, and laughing, and maybe crying represent a singular instance that had never existed before and will never exist again. The shirt is a sign of an irrevocable bond that cannot be broken.

The value of these garments derives not from the material or the craft that went into them. Their value stems from the reason for their existence. Go & Serve T-Shirts throughout the years have only existed because a group of teenagers have chosen to take a week of their lives to live beyond themselves. If they hadn't dedicated themselves to acts of love and service on behalf of strangers my dresser drawers wouldn't be so full. Each shirt is a reminder to me, personally, that I owe a debt not only to decades of teenagers that I never met but especially to those I've been lucky enough to accompany on a Go & Serve Trip. Their faithful service has quite literally clothed me. Their dedication has brought me closer to the kingdom of God.

And finally, these t-shirts are so fundamentally valuable because the truth is that they represent not only the actions of a select group of individuals but also the collective faith and support of an entire congregation. Anyone who adorns themselves with one of these shirts knows, intrinsically, that they carry an entire congregation with them wherever they go. They represent a collective good will and encouragement which bubbles up from an incredibly generous people. This year alone, through our stock sale fundraiser, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church have contributed \$8,000 to ensure that this year's trip is a rousing success!

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Go & Serve participants are not born, they are raised. They are nurtured and challenged by a community who has attempted to instill within them the desire for lives marked by peace. So, to the congregation of First Presbyterian church, I say this; thank you for the new t-shirt. Thank you for all you do for our younger disciples.

Peace and all good,



Damen Jensen-Heitmann

### **July Means Open Table at FPC**

#### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 which are distributed from the Catholic Social Services Office.

Beginning Sunday, July 14, we will be assembling 1,400 lunches a week during the last three Sundays of July in Fellowship Hall preceding or immediately following both Sunday worship services. In addition to Sunday morning assembly, we need drivers to transport sandwiches and sacks to Catholic Social Services when we finish on Sunday. 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 every July since its inception.

## July Ushers & Greeters

**JULY USHERS (Team #5)** Captain – Ken Stein, Matt Fong, Kim Creech

JULY GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
<b>21</b>	C.L. & Sandra Wimer	Lesa & Steve Cropley
<b>28</b>	Jan Ham	Jenna Jorgensen

## August Ushers & Greeters

**AUGUST USHERS (Team #6)** Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

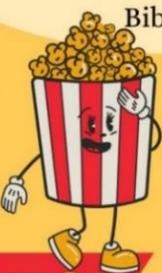
AUGUST GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
<b>4</b>	Jill Kramer	Linda & Richard Johnson
<b>11</b>	Mary Kay LaMaster, Julie Thomsen	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
<b>18</b>	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske
<b>25</b>	Jane Foote, Jean Barber	Lori & Ted Schroeder

FPC PRESENTS

# ELEMENTARY MOVIE CLUB

**5-7PM**

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

<b>Tuesday 7/16</b>	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 7/17</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers Meet	basement
<b>Thursday 7/18</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Room 112
	3-5pm	Youth Group Game Time	Youth Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 7/19</b>	10am	Mahjong	Lydia Room
<b>Saturday 7/20</b>		United Harvest	

The Noonday Book Group will begin a new study on Wednesday, July 10 at, indeed, noon! The new book is *Unbelievable* by John Shelby Spong. Please contact Sharon Brooks at [sbbrooks52@gmail.com](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com) for the link to our online gathering. All sessions are recorded and offered online for later viewing.

## Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Carl Utley
John Northrop	Barry Thomson
Carter Johnson	Greg Howard
Tarah Davis & family	Ken Fisk
Matt Campbell	Marcia Hogan & family
June Nielsen	Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Bob Wolf	Jim Boeve
Carol Medsker	Howard Mathews
Frances Kamler	Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Jeni Howard	Dana Odom
Katharine Davis	family of Dr. Bill Beck
Pam Canady	Kathy Amyot
family of Frank Medsker	Monte Malouf
family of Shirley Gass	David Hauch
Candice Unger	KyMani Riek

## In memory of

Dr. Bill Beck, who passed away on 6/10/24

Frank Medsker, who passed away on 6/12/24

Vernon Groves, who passed away on 7/10/24



<b>Sunday 7/21</b>	8:30am	Open Table Early Bird Set Up	Fellowship Hall
	9am	Church in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:45am-10:15am	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am-?	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
<b>Monday 7/22</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 7/23</b>	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity	PEACE NW Classroom
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
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	3-5pm	Youth Group Game Time	Youth Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 7/26</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Lydia Room
<b>Saturday 7/27- Saturday 8/3</b>		High School Go & Serve Mission Trip	
<b>Sunday 7/28</b>	8:30am	Open Table Early Bird Set Up	Fellowship Hall
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Have you moved?  
 Got a new phone number?  
 Had an email address change?

Please notify the church office (402-462-5147 or [melissa@fpchastings.org](mailto:melissa@fpchastings.org)) so we can update your information. Thank you!

# US-Mexico Border Music and Mission Trip



**October 16-21, 2024**

Please join us as we help Frontera de Cristo celebrate their 40th Anniversary as a Presbyterian Border Ministry.

The cost of the trip is \$200 per person and includes transportation via a charter bus, lodging and food for the trip.



**Frontera  
de  
Cristo**



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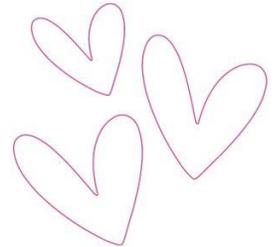
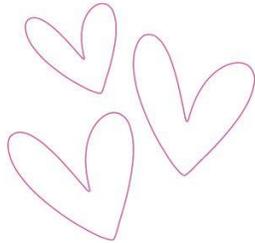
If you are interested please call the church office at 402-462-5147 or scan the QR code and fill out the form to let us know of your interest.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**TAILGATE**

**HASTINGS SODBUSTERS**

**Sunday, July 28**  
**5:30pm cookout at Harms Park**  
**6:35pm first pitch @ Duncan Field**  
**\$5.00/ticket (includes meal)**  
Tickets available at church starting July 7 and in the office

# Happy Anniversary August



**Sarah & Scott Snell- 8/2/2003**  
**George & Jeni Howard- 8/4/1979**  
**Jenni & Ben Welsch- 8/5/2006**  
**Jake & Kelsey Stokely- 8/6/2016**  
**Becky & Rick Matticks- 8/7/1987**  
**Ruth & Erik Nielsen- 8/7/1997**  
**Kim & Bruce Day 8/11/1990**

**Peggy & Barry Thomson- 8/11/1968**

**Kathy & Bob Amyot- 8/11/1990**

**Chris & Colleen Schukei- 8/12/2000**

**Traci & Jim Boeve- 8/12/1994**

**Katharine & LaVern Davis- 8/12/1972**

**Robin & Ann Koozer- 8/14/1976**

**Kili & Justin Wenburg- 8/14/1998**

**Virginia & Brad Davis- 8/20/2016**

**Lauren & Matt Overmiller- 8/22/2020**

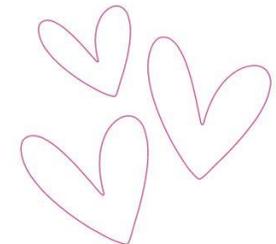
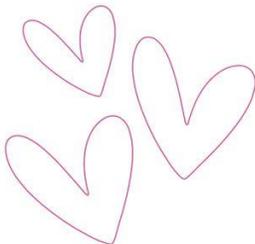
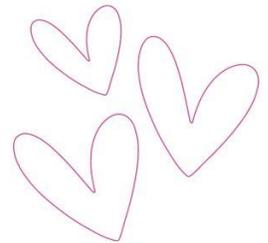
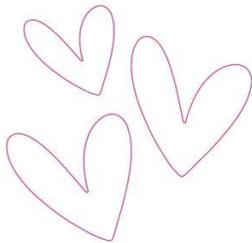
**Beth & Ron Wissing- 8/22/1986**

**Janey & Bill Nottage-Tacey- 8/24/1975**

**Martha & Bill Boyd- 8/28/1976**

**Tom Kreager & Sandra Spurgeon- 8/30/2014**

**Jane & Cal Johnson- 8/30/1957**



# August

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gregg Lay- 8/1

Linda Vollweiler- 8/1

Alphonse Tako- 8/1

Madelyn Koepp- 8/2

Kathy Duval- 8/3

Allie Bauer- 8/3

Jim Harrenstein- 8/3

Ira Wierenga- 8/4

Terry Hall- 8/5

Rick Matticks- 8/6

JoAnn Seiler- 8/6

Doug Soderquist- 8/6

Susan Meeske- 8/6

Julia Klaassen- 8/6

Audre Zaroban- 8/7

Chuck Shoemaker- 8/9

Vera Zabloudil- 8/9

Erica Olsen- 8/12

Tristan Propp- 8/12

Carolyn McKenzie- 8/12

Elise Koepp- 8/12

Ashley Mullen- 8/13

Kim Creech- 8/13

Jerry Seiler- 8/14

Denny Storer- 8/14

Shiloh Hall- 8/15

Beth Wissing- 8/16

Kathy Utter- 8/16

Ashley Fitzgerald- 8/16

Richard Brader- 8/16

Theodore Klaassen- 8/16

Jonah Snell- 8/17

Chris Johnson- 8/17

Pastor Damen- 8/18

Chaudier Duang- 8/19

Don O'Dey- 8/19

Gary Grummert- 8/19

Alice Throckmorton- 8/20

Connie McClenahan- 8/21

Stephanie Bliss- 8/22

Lauren Canady- 8/23

Vivian Fong- 8/23

Melissa Struss- 8/24

Camden Smith- 8/24

Jessica Klaassen- 8/25

Kim Day- 8/25

Holly Urrutia- 8/26

Ed Lockwood- 8/26

Sharon Brooks- 8/26

Abigail Kerr- 8/27

Brian Johnson- 8/27

Karen Portwood- 8/27

Dana Miller- 8/28

Faith Brader- 8/28

Todd Lay- 8/29

Chris Junker- 8/30

Jane Bauer- 8/30

Margaret Marsh- 8/30

Matt Malouf- 8/31



### Worship in the Park

July 7      July 28

July 14     August 4

July 21     August 11

August 18

9:00 a.m.

Alexander Park

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

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.

July 20, 2024		
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

# Christian Ed Summer Events

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

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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