



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

# Home Page Newsletter

### A Summer of Service and Fellowship

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,  
I am deeply grateful for the wonderful work our church staff and volunteers accomplished this summer while I was away.

I began my summer travels by attending the biannual gathering of the Presbyterian Church, the 226th General Assembly in Salt Lake City. I served the national church by attending the meetings and wrote articles for the *Presbyterian Outlook* magazine while I was there. Here are few of the articles I wrote:

**Spirit of Service Endures: Engaging with Local Ministries at #GA226:**

<https://bit.ly/GA226Service>

**The Story Behind the Stoles: Custom Symbolic Stoles:** <https://bit.ly/GA226Stoles>

**The Little Presbytery that Could: Presbytery of Utah Hosts #GA226:**

<https://bit.ly/3Y09Ws4>

**General Assembly is Going to the Dogs and the Commissioners are Here for it:**

<https://bit.ly/GA226Dogs>

**Navigating Virtual Challenges in the General Assembly, a Creative Way Forward:**

<https://bit.ly/GA226VC>

**Moose, Beavers, Hiking, and the Connectional Church:** <https://bit.ly/GA226Hiking>

Following my time at the General Assembly, I enjoyed some time away on vacation with my family for a family wedding in Ireland and some travels in Scotland. Thank you to the church for providing me and my family with this time.

While I was gone, I got reports about what was happening back here in Hastings and I am just blown away by the dedication and commitment of our church to serving our community. It is truly a testament to our shared faith and mission. Below are some of the highlights of what we have accomplished in the last four weeks:

### Mission and Ministry Highlights

1. **Long Sleeve Shirts Collection and Distribution:** We successfully collected and distributed long sleeve shirts to seasonal farm workers, providing them with essential protection and comfort as they labor in the fields.
2. **Welcome Meal for Seasonal Farm Workers:** We helped to host a warm and welcoming meal for 150 seasonal farm workers upon their arrival in Hastings. This event not only nourished them physically but also showed our community's hospitality and care.
3. **United Harvest Food Distribution:** Through the United Harvest food distribution event, we were able to support over 350 families in our community. This initiative was a crucial effort in addressing food insecurity and demonstrating our commitment to serving those in need.

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4. **Sack Lunch Assembly for Catholic Social Services:** On three Sundays in July, we came together to assemble over 4,000 sack lunches, which were donated to Catholic Social Services. This effort provided much-needed meals to those experiencing hunger in our area.
5. **Go and Serve Mission Trip:** Our youth, along with four dedicated adults, are currently in North Carolina on a mission trip, representing our church in a meaningful and impactful way. We are proud of their service and the difference they are making.
6. **Car Show Fundraiser:** The car show held in our parking lot was a great success, raising funds for the food pantry at the middle school. This event not only supported a critical community resource but also brought people together for a fun and engaging day.
7. **Fellowship Event at the Water Park:** Our fellowship event at the water park was a wonderful opportunity for our church family to come together with the "Raices de mi Pueblo" Mexican folkloric dancers and their families. It was a beautiful celebration of community and culture, strengthening the bonds between us.

It has been an incredible summer of ministry and mission, and I am so proud to be your pastor. I am excited to be back from my travels and look forward to serving alongside all of you as we continue our journey of faith together.

Your Servant in Christ,



Pastor Greg

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## 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	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
<b>18</b>	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske
<b>25</b>	Jane Foote, Jean Barber	Lori & Ted Schroeder

Sr High Go & Serve Trip (7/27-8/3)			
<b>Tuesday 7/30</b>	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 7/31</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	Woodcarvers meet	Basement
<b>Thursday 8/1</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Friday 8/2</b>	10am	Mahjong Ladies	10am-12pm



## August Communion Offering

Food4Thought is a local, non-profit food assistance program that sends meals home over the weekend with elementary school students within the Hastings Public Schools. These children's families qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and may have limited access to food. Though these children receive meals through the school during the week, they may not have sufficient access to meals over the weekend. Food4Thought helps make sure that these students have something to eat before returning to school on Monday morning. Food4Thought is one of three Hastings-based food assistance organizations that compose The Open Table in Hastings.



### *Worship in the Park*

**August 4**

**August 11**

**August 18**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Alexander Park**

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

<b>Sunday 8/4</b>	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	4:30pm	South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale Concert	Sanctuary
	5pm	Elementary Movie Club	Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday 8/5</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 Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 8/6</b>	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 8/7</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	Basement
<b>Thursday 8/8</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Columbarium Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Friday 8/9</b>	8am	Jr. High Zoo Trip	
	10am	Mahjong	Lydia Room
<b>Sunday 8/11</b>	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
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## 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
KyMani Riek	Howard Mathews
Frances Kamler	Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Jeni Howard	family of Dr. Bill Beck
Katharine Davis	Kathy Amyot
Pam Canady	Monte Malouf
Candice Unger	family of Frank & Carol Medsker
David Hauch	Go & Serve Participants & Sponsors

## 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

Carol Medsker, who passed away on 7/15/24



# 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.**





# Save THE Date

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
KICK-OFF  
AUGUST  
25**

**9:15am-10:15am**

**WHO: ALL STUDENTS AGE 3 - 12TH GRADE**

**LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WHAT TO EXPECT: REVIEW PROCEDURES, EXPECTATIONS, AND SCHEDULES, MEET TEACHERS, ACOLYTE TRAINING, BIBLE PRESENTATION**

# 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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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



## THANK YOU

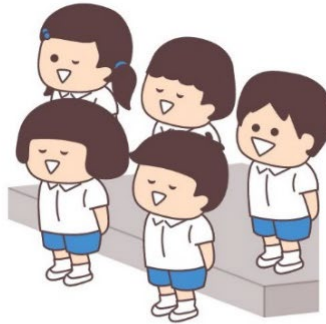


THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED LONG-SLEEVED WORK SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS. WE COLLECTED 56 SHIRTS. THESE SHIRTS PROTECT THE WORKERS FROM THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS.

*-The Mission Committee*



**On Sunday, August 18th  
Alice Throckmorton will be in Hastings to  
visit with friends and celebrate her 90th  
birthday. Everyone is invited to a casual  
get-together with refreshments in  
Fellowship Hall following the  
10:30 a.m. worship service.**



**South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale Concert**

Sunday, August 4

4:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Sanctuary

All are welcome!

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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