



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Home Page Newsletter

Our Call to Welcome

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." – Romans 15:7

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

At First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, we believe that welcome is at the heart of our faith. Our mission statement affirms this:

**"Welcoming all;
Living the love of God and neighbor;
Seeking to transform ourselves, our community, and our world to be more
Christ-like through service, worship, prayer, education, and fellowship."**

Welcoming all is not just a statement—it's something we live out in intentional ways, both big and small.

One simple but meaningful way we extend welcome is through our **friendship pads** in the pews. These were set aside during COVID-19, but a few months ago, we brought them back. As your pastor, I realize I've been remiss in reminding us to use them! Signing in and passing the pad back down the pew is more than just a formality—it's an opportunity to learn names, recognize visitors, and build community. In a congregation of over 500 members, there may be someone in your pew you've never met. A name learned today may become a familiar face tomorrow.



Another way we stay connected is through our **church directory**. Before COVID-19, we transitioned to a digital directory, which many of us access conveniently from an app on our phones. However, we also know that a printed version can be helpful. If you'd like to install the digital directory app on your phone, or you'd like a paper copy of the church directory, our office manager, Melissa, is happy to help! Just stop by the church office and we will make sure you can stay connected with your church family.

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Let us strive to be a church that truly **welcomes all**—not just in words, but in action. Whether through a simple signature in a friendship pad or a directory that helps us stay connected, we have daily opportunities to love our neighbors.

May we always be a community that reflects Christ’s love, offering a warm welcome to all who enter our doors.

Your servant in Christ,



Pastor Greg

February Ushers and Greeters

February Ushers (Team #6) Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

February Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
16	Kim Creech	Mary Kay LaMaster
23	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Mary Fisk

March Ushers and Greeters

March Ushers (Team 1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech

March Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
2	May & Ira Wierenga	Katharine Davis
9	Gifts of Women Sunday	Gifts of Women Sunday
16	Margaret & Charles Hermes	Sue Medsker
23	Kathy Utter	Melissa Davis
30	Clyde Sachtleben & Carolyn Nowka	Volunteers Needed



February Communion Offering

Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska

The Mission of Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska is: "To provide essential programs that help individuals, families, and communities reach their fullest potential through advocacy and partnerships. Our dedicated staff provides access to opportunities in education, health, housing, nutrition, and transportation. These services empower people to make a positive difference in their lives and communities."



Elaine Schumacher

Carter Johnson

Tarah Davis & family

Matt Campbell

Janey Nottage-Tacey

Bob Wolf

KyMani Riek

Ken Fisk

Howard Mathews

Vicki (Fisk) Nieves

Janelle Baideme

Bill Anderson

Willis Horton

Please pray for

Carl Utley

Barry Thomson

Greg Howard

Pam Canady

Kathy (Adams) Carrier

family of Eleanor Jorgenson

Darcie (McDonald) Brink

David Hauch

Monte Malouf

Eli Struss

Louie Eckhardt and family

family of Wayne Ganow

Carole Pedersen



Jim Boeve

Candice Unger

Nytha & Dave Glass

Lexi Longshore

Ashley Ibach

family of Ken Stein

John Pershing

family of Pat Kleiber

Judd Carrier

Jane Tushaus

Linda Carllson and family

Bev Stein

Jane Johnson

In memory of

Pat Kleiber, who passed away on 12/27/24

Wayne Ganow, who passed away on 1/17/25





Two Months of Sacred Music at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings



March 2025

- Sunday, March 2, 10:30am:
Cathedral Brass
- Ash Wednesday, March 5, 7pm:
Chancel Choir & Bells
- Sunday, March 9, 10:30am:
Women's Choir and String Quartet
- Sunday, March 16, 10:30am:
Men's Choir singing "De Profundis"
- Sunday, March 23, 10:30am:
Children's Choir and Bells
- Sunday, March 30, 10:30am:
Youth Choir

April 2025

- Sunday, April 6, 10:30am:
Nebraska Festival Singers
- Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:30am:
Children and Youth Choirs
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7pm:
Chancel Choir
- Good Friday, April 18, 7pm:
Contemplative Worship
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:30am:
Chancel Choir and Cathedral Brass
- Sunday, April 27, 10:30am:
Bach Cantata & Chamber Orchestra

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.

February 15, 2025

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

Lois Meeske - 1
Kade Jorgensen - 1
Tony Eddleman - 2
Cheryl Lockwood - 2
Carol Kleppinger - 2
Joan Shaw - 3
Kim Hermann - 4
Peggy Thomson - 5
Audrey Miller - 5
Lesa Cropley - 9
Evelyn Viglicky - 9
Beth Funkey - 10
Henry Black - 10
Stan Essink - 10
Les Seiler - 10
Justin Stein - 10
Amy Black - 11



March

Phyllis O'Dey - 11
Carter Lay - 12
Danny Graves - 12
Maggie Nielsen - 12
Joshua Brooks - 13
Kirk Dielman - 13
Linda Donohue - 15
Jennifer Boeve - 15

Darlene Payne - 15
Kathleen Nelson - 18
Bill Boyd - 19
Kaela Pumroy - 20
Stephanie Adam - 22
Dayna Grimmett - 25
Hank Little - 26
Jenni Welsch - 26
Matthew Klug - 26
Grace Canady - 27
Erik Nielsen - 27
Stacey Eddleman - 28
Allison Kern - 28
Arich Fruehling - 28
Maryann Shorey - 31
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann - 31
Deb Freeburger - 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March

Ashley & Jeff Hermann 3/8/2014
Cathy & Eldon Mitzelfelt 3/13/1971
Janna & Chris Johnson 3/19/1983
Joy & George White 3/19/1972
Laurie & Brian Johnson 3/20/1982
Carol & Jim Harrenstein 3/22/1980
Linda & Terry Hall 3/30/1996

Tuesday 2/11	10:30am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustee's Meet	Middle School Youth Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 2/12	12pm	Noonday Book Club	sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	5pm-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells practice	Bell Room
Thursday 2/13	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Columbarium Committee	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/14	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	4pm	Jr. High Retreat	
Saturday 2/15		United Harvest	
Sunday 2/16	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

UPCOMING FORUMS

9:15 a.m.
Lydia Room

FEB 16 - MARCH 2 - ADVENT
IMPACT: HOW WHAT WE
COLLECTED MAKES A
DIFFERENCE

Sunday 2/16	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15a	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 2/17	Church Office Closed-President's Day		
	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE quilting room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/18	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 2/19	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 2/20	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/21	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	11am	PEO-G	Fellowship Hall
	4pm	SCDHD Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 2/22	1pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
Sunday 2/23	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, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

**The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, 2/17/2025
in observance of President's Day**


LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Grants are limited to one per child.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

- *DEADLINE FOR THE Spring 2025 GRANT PROGRAM IS April 1, 2025.*
 - **GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**
- Applications are available on the shelf outside the Church Offices or on the Church website at:

<https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Langenberg-form-Spring-2025.pdf>



Winter Sermon Series: Jesus is making waves!

- **January 5:** Luke 2
Boy in the temple
- **January 12:**
Matthew 2 & Luke 3
The Magi and Baptism
- **January 19:** Luke 4
Prophecy of Isaiah
- **January 26:** Luke 5
A great catch &
fishing for people
- **February 2:** Luke 6
Sabbath healing
& preaching
- **February 9:** Luke 7:1-17
Healing & raising from
the dead
- **February 16:** Luke 7:18-35
Jesus affirms John the
baptizer
- **February 23:** Luke 7:36-50
Forgiven at Jesus' feet

Jesus is making waves!

A sermon series on the gospel of Luke

Join us this winter for a sermon series on the gospel of Luke that shows how Jesus was shaking things up. He makes waves with the visit of the Wise Men, his baptism, preaching and teaching, performing miracles, working on the sabbath, healing and raising people from the dead, quoting prophecies, affirming John the Baptist, offering forgiveness to sinners and inviting others to join him.

What can we learn from his example?

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



3/5/2025

7 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SANCTUARY



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 11 from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

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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 Koeppe

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