



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## Third Sunday of Lent Senior Recognition Sunday March 30, 2025

PRELUDE

“Concertino for Organ”  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*Craig Penfield*

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“Jesus Remember Me”  
Calvin/Westminster Choir, Director Tyler Koepp  
Mary Plock, Accompanist

*Berthier*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

Look about and see the faces of those you know and love:

***Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers.***

Look about and see the faces of those you hardly know:

***Strangers, sojourners, those seeking an outstretched hand.***

Look about and see all the images of God assembled here:

***In me, in you, in each of us, God’s spirit shines for all to see.***

People of God, gather.

***Let us worship together.***

\*HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”  
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that it is easy for us to ignore the world around us. We insulate ourselves with algorithms and busyness and prestige and wealth and often fail to see the pain on our doorsteps.***

***Our ears are working, but we listen mostly to the things that soothe us and assure us of our correctness. We skip over the words that challenge us, that call us to acts of equality. We have the words of the prophets and of your child Jesus, but we often ignore them or believe that they must be for someone else. Forgive us, O God. Open our ears and hearts once more.***

#### SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

*What are you listening to these days?*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We return to God with all of our hearts.

***God is the source of grace and mercy.***

With tender love and gentle correction,

***God forgives and restores.***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE      “Glory Be to the Father”

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#### \*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

***And also, with you!***

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those  
around you)



#### SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### RECOGNITION OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

(While the graduates and children come forward, we'll sing “God Is Here Today,” which is number 411 in the hymnal.)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***May your words, O God, not go to waste. May they fall upon the fertile soil of our hearts. May they catch and grow and take root in our lives. May we be shaped and changed by them. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 16:19-24

## ANTHEM

## “Were You There”

arr. Melva Wilson Costen

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 (Were you there?)  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
 tremble.  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
 (Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the  
 tree? (Were you there?)  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the  
 tree?  
 O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
 tremble.  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the  
 tree? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they pierced him in the  
 side? (Were you there?)  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the  
 side?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
 tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the  
 side? (Were you there?)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
 (Were you there?)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
 O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
 tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
 (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the  
 tomb? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the  
 tomb?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
 tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the  
 tomb? (Were you there?)

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 16:25-31

## MESSAGE

## Listening and Hearing

## \*HYMN

## “O for a World”

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## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by the 2019 First Presbyterian Confirmands)

***We believe God is the creator of heaven and earth. God listens to our prayers and comforts us. We believe God is merciful and forgiving toward all humans. God helps us to love all living beings and to serve God faithfully. We believe that God has a plan for each of us, even if we don't fully understand what it is.***

***We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and is fully human and fully God. He is our savior, who died on the cross to forgive our sins. We believe that Jesus is the human form of God, who taught people about God while he was on earth. He wants us to be his disciples.***

***We believe the Holy Spirit is part of God within us. The Holy Spirit helps us communicate with God and connects us all. We believe the***

***Holy Spirit is the part of us that will live forever, if we have faith in God and Jesus.***

***We believe the Church is a community of hope. The Church is a safe gathering place. We believe the Church helps people in need, teaches people about God, and cares for people in the community.***

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

You can give this morning by putting your offering in the offering plates that will be passed through the pews during the offertory, or you can scan the QR code or give online:

<https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY "Simple Gifts" arr. Andrew Clark

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We give these things to you and to our neighbors as we long for a world made right. Grant, O God, that we may have the courage to keep giving, to keep longing, to keep working with all our being to bring aid to the suffering, peace to the lost, and hope to all. Amen.***



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

\*HYMN "I Will Come to You" 177

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE

***The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.  
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!***

POSTLUDE "Joyous Day" John Leavitt

(\*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan, Rachel Guiai

**ACOLYTES** Student Volunteers

**USHERS (Team 1)** Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech

**GREETERS**

March	Memorial Room	Narthex
30	Clyde Sachtleben & Carolyn Nowka	Melissa Davis

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**April Ushers (Team 2) Captain** – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

April Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
6	Kay Georgiana	Melissa Davis
13	Jan Ham	Volunteers Needed
Easter 8:30 a.m. 20	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Easter 10:30 a.m. 20	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
27	Jill Kramer	Melissa Davis

**Greeters needed:** We are in need of Greeters for the following services in April: April 13 (10:30 a.m.) and April 20 (8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.) Please let Melissa ([melissa@fpchastings.org](mailto:melissa@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147) know if you are able to help out. Thank you!



*Journey to the cross...  
A Lenten Sermon Series*

## Journey to the cross

- March 9: **Love and Mercy**
  - Luke 10:25-42 The parable of the Good Samaritan
- March 16: **Invite and Welcome**
  - Luke 14 The parable of the wedding feast
- March 23: **Lost and Found**
  - Luke 15:1-32 Parables of lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son
- March 30: **Reflect and weep**
  - Luke 16:19-31 Parable of the rich man and Lazarus
- April 6: **Seek and Save**
  - Luke 18:31-19:10 Healing a blind man, meeting Zacchaeus
- April 13: **Enter and Prepare**
  - Luke 19:29-44 Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem

*Please pray for*

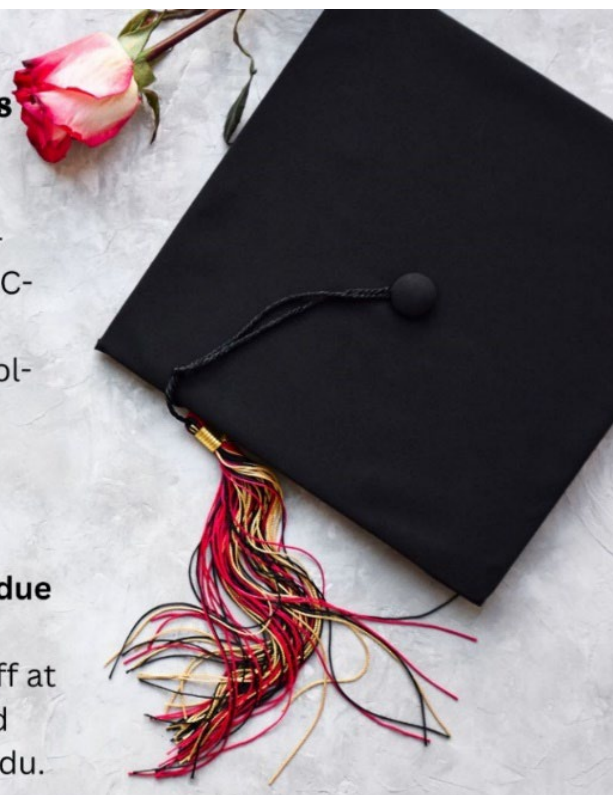
Elaine Schumacher  
Carter Johnson  
Tarah Davis & family  
Matt Campbell  
Janey Nottage-Tacey  
Bob Wolf  
KyMani Riek  
Ken Fisk  
Howard Mathews  
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves  
Janelle Baideme  
Willis Horton  
Jim Boeve  
Candice Unger  
Nytha & Dave Glass  
Bev Stein

Carl Utley  
Barry Thomson  
Greg Howard  
Pam Canady  
Kathy (Adams) Carrier  
Darcie (McDonald) Brink  
David Hauch  
Monte Malouf  
Eli Struss  
Louie Eckhardt and family  
family of Wayne Ganow  
Carole Pedersen  
Lexi Longshore  
Ashley Ibach  
family of Jane Johnson  
Mary Lewis

John Pershing  
Doug Rasmussen  
Judd Carrier  
Jane Tushaus  
Charlene Cebell  
Linda Carllson and family  
Kim Hermann and family  
Karla Malouf and family  
Alyssa Donley  
Nathan Lunstrum

*In memory of*

Jane Johnson,  
who passed away  
on 2/11/25



**College  
Scholarship Applications**  
are available on  
the church website at  
<https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/FPC-Scholarship-Application-2025-2026-school-year.pdf>  
or  
in the Church Office

The application and essay are **due April 1, 2025**. Completed applications can be dropped off at the church office or emailed directly to [rstruss@hastings.edu](mailto:rstruss@hastings.edu).

<b>Sunday 3/30</b>	<b>Senior Recognition Sunday</b>		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
<b>Monday 3/31</b>	11:30am	Potluck	Fellowship Hall
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres. Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm	WAM Meeting (please note date and time change)	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room	
<b>Tuesday 4/1</b>	<b>Langenberg Lesson Scholarship Applications Due College Scholarship Applications Due</b>		
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 4/2</b>	11-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1-3pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	5-7pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall (5pm-5:30pm meal in Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm-7pm games in Fellowship Hall)
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 4/3</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 4/4</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
<b>Saturday 4/5</b>	1-3pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Nebraska Festival Singers Concert</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sunday 4/6</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, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



# NEBRASKA FESTIVAL SINGERS CONCERT

THE NEBRASKA FESTIVAL SINGERS IS A CHOIR COMPRISED OF PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS AND MUSIC TEACHERS. THEY HAVE PERFORMED AT STATE ACDA (AMERICAN CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION) AND NAFME (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION) CONFERENCES, AS WELL AS THE REGIONAL ACDA MIDWESTERN CONFERENCE.

APRIL 5, 2025  
6:30 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF HASTINGS SANCTUARY  
621 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Hastings, NE



The concert is free!  
All are welcome!



First Presbyterian Church  
of Hastings



## Church

## Work Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 12  
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

PLEASE WEAR WORK  
CLOTHES, AND BRING  
GLOVES, RAKES,  
SHOVELS, AND  
GARDEN TOOLS



## Holy Week at First Presbyterian

Palm Sunday 4/13 at 8:30 and 10:30am

Maundy Thursday 4/17 at 7pm

Good Friday 4/18 at 7pm

Prayer Vigil 4/18-4/20 in the Chapel

Easter Sunday 4/20 at 8:30 & 10:30am



All services held at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, 621 N. Lincoln Street – [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)  
Good Friday & Easter 10:30am service will be livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)



# 2025 First Presbyterian Church High School Graduates



**Kiera  
Erickson**

Parents: Brett Erickson & Irina Belikova-Erickson

Graduating from: Hastings High

Extracurricular Activities: Girls Varsity Tennis, National Honor Society President, Chamber Orchestra, Piano, Longfellow Elementary Future Problem Solvers Club Co-Leader, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, Youth Group, Mentoring Works

Future plans: Attend Davidson College to major in chemistry on the pre-med track to become a pediatric surgeon.

Memorable FPC event: 2024 Go & Serve trip to Charlotte, NC

Most memorable high school event: 2024 AP Biology field trip to the Omaha Zoo

Favorite scripture: John 16:33

Why? It comforts me that even when I have challenges, God will always be there to help me conquer them.



**Addyson  
Hermes**

Parents: Amy & William Hermes

Graduating from: Hastings High

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Golf, Track, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Blood Drive Volunteer, Tiger Ambush

Future plans: Attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Memorable FPC event: The Wednesday Night Live sleepover at church when we were in middle school. So much fun!

Most memorable high school event: Qualifying for State Track my junior year of High School

Favorite scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

Why? It assures me that God will always be with me to protect over me and guide me through life. That he has a plan, which seems fitting for this phase of my life.



**Laura Kate  
Oliver**

Parents: Susan & William Oliver

Graduating from: Hastings High

Extracurricular Activities: Golf, Swim, Dance Team, Show Choir, UNLIMITED, Madrigals, Nebraska All-State Choir, YWCA Dance, Piano, Mentoring Works, National Honors Society

Future plans: Attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to study biochemistry and music.

Memorable FPC event: 2024 Go & Serve trip to Charlotte, NC

Most memorable high school event: In my junior year, UNCAGED won HHS's first show choir Grand Champion title. It was pure joy—exciting and unforgettable with my best friends.

Favorite scripture: Colossians 4:2-6

Why? It reminds me to trust God through life's challenges, knowing He is always by my side, helping me reflect His light and love in all I do. Above all, it teaches me to stay humble and gracious, remembering that my true strength comes from Him.

# 2025 First Presbyterian Church High School Graduates



**Kinnick  
Pumroy**

Parents: BJ & Kaela Pumroy

Graduating from: Adams Central

Extracurricular Activities: Football, FBLA, National Honors Society, Quiz Bowl, Academic Decathlon, Baseball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, CCC Actions Day, Science Fair

Future plans: Double major in History and Political Science

Memorable FPC event: My confirmation was truly a special process. I loved being able to share my testimony with the fellow members of my church.

Most memorable high school event: We were losing late in a football game against Cozad and our offensive coach called for a designed hook and ladder play. We all thought he was crazy, but it worked perfectly and we won the game because of it.

Favorite scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7

Why? It has helped me with anxiety and has helped me put my faith in God.



**Madalynn  
Redline**

Parents: Tim & Hilarie Redline

Graduating from: Adams Central

Extracurricular Activities: National Honors Society, FFA, FBLA, Nebraska Quarter Horse Youth Association, Basketball, Track, American Quarter Horse Association

Future plans: Attend the University of Nebraska-Kearney and major in Radiology Technology.

Memorable FPC event: Making tie blankets with the residents of College View Nursing Home.

Most memorable high school event: Being awarded my State FFA degree for equine studies and care.

Favorite scripture: Jeremiah 29:11

Why? I know that the Lord will continue to guide me as I start my next chapter of life.



**Moses Meeske  
Rhodes**

Parents: Brady Rhodes & Susan Meeske

Graduating from: Hastings High

Extracurricular Activities: Tennis, Swim, Track, DECA, Quiz Bowl, Mission trips

Future plans: Attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha and major in Political Science or Criminal Justice

Memorable FPC event: Go & Serve Mission trips to Hazard, KY and Charlotte, NC.

Most memorable high school event: Competing at State DECA for the last 3 years

Favorite scripture: Romans 12:2

Why? It reminds me to stay true to my faith and not be influenced by the world around me. It encourages me to seek personal growth and transformation through God, trusting that His will is always good, pleasing, and perfect.



# 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



**FPC**  
POTLUCK

**March 30, 2025**  
following the 10:30 a.m.  
worship service

Congregation asked to bring food items based on  
the first letter of their last name:

**A-G** Main Dish

**H-M** Dessert

**N-Z** Salad or Vegetable

**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>

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## EASTER LILIES 2025



Easter Lilies are \$12 each. Monies raised above the cost will be donated to Leapfrog Village, a free early childhood family engagement program that provides meals, fun activities, and access to resources so that families can focus their time, hearts, and attention on engaging with each other and strengthening their relationships.

Lily in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Lily in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services:  Yes  No

I will leave my Lily at the church:  Yes  No

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## Noonday Book Group

The Noonday Book Group will begin discussion of Paula Fredriksen's book ***Ancient Christianities: The First Five Hundred Years*** beginning April 2nd. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will lead the weekly conversations online. All are welcome to login at 11:55 a.m. every Wednesday.

Please contact Sharon Brooks at [sbbrooks52@gmail.com](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com) for more information about connecting online.

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***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