



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

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FPC Hastings Named Proteus Partner of the Year

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

At the annual Farmworker Recognition Luncheon hosted by Proteus, Inc. last week at the YWCA in Hastings, First Presbyterian Church was honored as Partner of the Year. This award celebrates our long-standing ministry partnership with Proteus, an organization that provides critical support and services to farmworkers and their families across Nebraska, Iowa, and Indiana.

About Proteus

Proteus works to improve the lives of migrant and seasonal farmworkers by offering healthcare, job training, education, and case management services. They provide free mobile medical clinics for those who work in the fields, pesticide safety training, English classes, and assistance in navigating employment, housing, and educational opportunities. Farmworkers, who plant, tend, and harvest the food that fills our tables, often labor in difficult conditions for low wages, and Proteus helps ensure they have access to the resources, dignity, and respect they deserve.



A Partnership Rooted in Service

The nomination for Partner of the Year came from our own Jody Stutzman, a member of FPC Hastings and of our Mission Committee, who has served as a Proteus employee for over 13 years. In her remarks at the luncheon, Jody reflected on the unique and enduring nature of this partnership:

"It was my honor to nominate FPC Hastings for the Partner of the Year award. I can't remember exactly how or what year our partnership began, but it has been a long time. It started with our long sleeve shirt drive during Farmworker Awareness Week in March, but at some point, it morphed into a year-round collection."

For my role at Proteus, I travel a lot, so I come back to my office and frequently there is a bag of shirts sitting in the hallway next to my door. I don't even have to ask—I know that Denny Storer from the Mission Committee has been there. Denny is even on a first-name basis with the receptionist in the office building. There are a lot of people around the state that donate shirts, but what makes FPC Hastings unique is that members ask me for stories about the people who will eventually receive the shirts. They want to know about the people we serve."

In addition to the shirt drive, Jody shared the story of the annual Welcome Picnic for farmworkers, which has become a key ministry of our mission committee every summer:

"I don't remember when our annual welcome picnic started, but it has been going on for a while! I'll let you in on our yearly conversation: I say, 'Can the church help with food for 120

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workers?' The Mission Committee replies, 'Of course, when?' I say, 'Two days from now, possibly tomorrow, possibly Friday... it could be at 6 p.m. but also at 7 p.m. But when everyone gets there, it might be as late as 8 p.m. if they've spent all day in the fields. Don't forget it's in July and it's blazing hot.'"

And the partnership goes beyond picnics and shirts.

"We had some funding challenges with our heat and pesticide trainings, and the Mission Committee decided to have Proteus be the recipient of the July communion offering. That Sunday I was sitting in church with my crutches and I watched people getting up over and over again to put their offerings in the plate at the front of the church. It meant so much to see the people that cared about what we do and the people we serve."



Proteus Staff, Members of the mission committee: Constance Malloy, Jeni Howard, Jody Stutzman, Meg Stewart, Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen

Faith in Action

Jody closed her nomination with words that sum up the heart of this recognition:

"I nominated FPC Hastings because I have truly seen how a group of people and volunteers care about our mission and the people we serve."

This award is a testament to the way our congregation lives out Christ's call to love our neighbor; not only in words, but in tangible acts of generosity, hospitality, and compassion. Whether it's a shirt for sun protection, a meal after a long day in the fields, or an offering that makes critical trainings possible, these gestures add up to something far greater: a shared witness to God's love.

Thanks be to God for this partnership, and thanks be to God for the farmworkers who feed us all.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

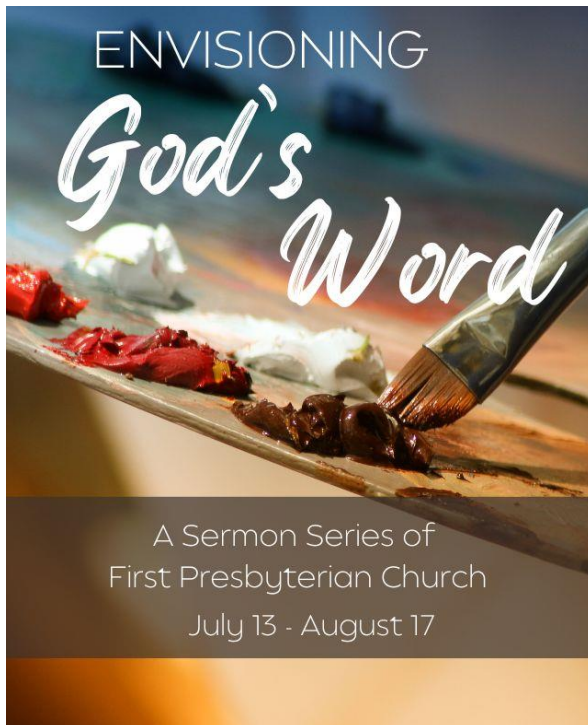


August Ushers and Greeters

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

August Greeters

Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
17	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie	Jean Barber
24	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Stephanie Bliss
31	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske	Sue Medsker





Worship in the Park

August 17

9:00 a.m.

Alexander Park

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

September



Stephanie & Doug Ourada 9/1/2001
 Laurie & Kraig Lofquist 9/1/2007
 Amy & Joe Black 9/3/2007
 Lois & John Meeske 9/4/1966
 Susan Meeske & Brady Rhodes 9/5/2005
 Hannah & Damen Jensen-Heitmann 9/6/2020
 Jessica & Justin Klaassen 9/9/17
 Jane & Chuck Bauer 9/14/1980
 Shannon & Todd Welton 9/16/1989
 Jodie & Bruce Phelps 9/21/1989
 Linda & Jim Donohue 9/21/2002
 Patti & Jim Deveny 9/22/1973
 Hilarie & Tim Redline 9/22/2001
 Pamela & Peter Lainson 9/22/1985
 Becky & Mike Meyer 9/28/1991
 Susan & William Oliver 9/28/2002

August Communion Offering



Threads of Grace is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving children aged birth to 19 years. We stand by those entering foster care and any child in Adams County going through a personal or family crisis. Making a Difference, One Child at a Time. Threads of Grace, we're dedicated to supporting children in need.

July Communion Offering Update

The July communion offering raised a total of **\$607.00**, which will benefit **Proteus**. Thank you for your generous support.

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Mary Lewis
Carter Johnson	Judd Carrier
Tarah Davis & family	Alyssa Donley
Matt Campbell	Nytha & Dave Glass
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Ken Fisk
Bob Wolf	Carl Utley
KyMani Riek	Barry Thomson
Janelle Baideme	Greg Howard
Jim Harrenstein	Monte Malouf
Carole Pedersen	Lexi Longshore
Willis Horton	Don & Marie Rasmussen
Pam Canady	Dave Henderson & family
Kathy (Adams) Carrier	Gayle Struss
Zsuzsanna Fazakas	Lynden Hall
The Unger family	

Geraldine Carlson 9/1
Jessica Moore 9/1
Dalton Adam 9/2
Mary Crum 9/2
Mike Ziemba 9/2
Neil Riley 9/3
Daveta Brader 9/4
Tethloach Duang 9/4
Willis Horton 9/4
Peyton Mitchell 9/4
Hilarie Redline 9/4
Septer Duang 9/5
Kinnick Pumroy 9/5
Dave Glass 9/5
Pat Ochsner 9/5
Truman Welsch 9/6
Nyanhial Duang 9/6
Weston Mullen 9/7

Sung Shin 9/7
Mike Hogan 9/7
Joe Black 9/7
Bill Talbert 9/8
Constance Malloy 9/8
Cheryl Schukei 9/9
Mary Olsen 9/9
Matthew Brooks 9/9
Caroline Echternach 9/9
Gary Anderson 9/10
James Ellerbee 9/11
Jane Foote 9/12
Cade Hemje 9/13
Cora Hemje 9/13
Neal Hoff 9/14
Kim Kern 9/14
Dixie McDonald 9/14
Cheryl Wray 9/14

Ronald Maul 9/15
Roger Schukei 9/16
Teresa Canady 9/16
Nadine Hunnicutt 9/16
Byron Jensen 9/16
Lennon Launchbaugh 9/16
Calvin Miller 9/16
Tim Canady 9/17
Karen Doerr 9/17
Sharon Talbert 9/18
Jeff Howard 9/19
Lori Schroeder 9/21
Jane Marsh 9/22
Ted Schroeder 9/25
Porter Ourada 9/25
Shelby Rhodes 9/25
Tyler Lay 9/28
Addyson Hermes 9/30
Patrick Hickok 9/30
Phil Odom 9/30
Carole Pedersen 9/30

September



Go & Serve LUNCH

Sunday, August 24

All Are Welcome

Free Will Donation





Join Pack 200

Cub Scouts Open House

Thursday, August 21
7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Scout Room
(located in the basement)



Cub Master
Jasen Martin
(402) 519-8518



K-5th grade

Fun & lasting friendships.
All are welcome to come learn
about the Cub Scout troop!

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.

August 16, 2025

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

Tuesday 8/12	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Noon Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees	Middle School Youth Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
Wednesday 8/13	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 8/14	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 8/15	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 8/16	9:45am	United Harvest	PEACE Center

Sunday 8/17	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Room
	9:15am	Sunday School and WNL training	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 8/18	12pm	Memorial Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	1-3pm	First 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
Tuesday 8/19	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	PEO Chapter 7H	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 8/20	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Practice	Bell Room
Thursday 8/21	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts Open House	Scout Room
Friday 8/22	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 8/24	9:15am	Sunday School Kick-off	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Go & Serve Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
WNL VOLUNTEERS:

Save the Date!

Sun. 8/17; 9:15-10:15 am

OR

Wed. 8/27; 6:00-7 pm

**Mandatory Safety & General
Training**

Child Protection Policy

Volunteer Roles

Emergency Procedures

Curriculum

*A meal will be provided at both events.

*Child Care available for 0-5th grade.

*This will be our primary training event of the year; please make plans to attend one of the dates. If you are unable to make either date work, just let me know! We can schedule something together.

*More details will be sent out in a few weeks!



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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
Interim Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
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 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