



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

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Where in the World is Pastor Greg? – General Assembly Edition

In late June and early July this summer, Dan Deffenbaugh and I will attend the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as the two elected commissioners from the Presbytery of Central Nebraska, a commitment we made back in Fall 2025.

The General Assembly is the national governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA), bringing together commissioners from across the country to worship, pray, debate, discern, and make decisions about the life and mission of the denomination. This year's Assembly will include several days of online committee meetings followed by six days gathered together in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I genuinely love General Assembly. It is one of the few places where you can experience the breadth and diversity of the Presbyterian Church all in one place – pastors and elders from large churches, small churches, rural communities, urban ministries, campus ministries, mission networks, and every region of the country gathered together seeking to discern where God is leading the church.

Over the years, I have frequently attended General Assembly not only as a participant but also as a writer for *The Presbyterian Outlook*, an independent publication covering news and reflections from across the PC(USA). If you'd like to read some of my writing for the Outlook, you can find it here: <https://pres-outlook.org/author/greg-allen-pickett/>

You can also learn more about the General Assembly and the structure of the PC(USA) here: <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/church-structure/general-assembly>

Dan and I are looking forward to representing the Presbytery of Central Nebraska, reconnecting with friends and colleagues from around the denomination, and bringing what we learn back into the life and ministry of our local churches.



Pastor Greg with another pastor at the General Assembly in 2024 held in Salt Lake City Utah

June Ushers and Greeters

June Ushers (Team #4) Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

June Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
28	Karen & Richard Doerr	Mary Kay LaMaster

July Ushers and Greeters

July Ushers (Team #5) Captain – Melissa Davis, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Justin Brader

July Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
5	Mary Fisk	Paula Crozier
12	Jill Kramer	Jean Stinnette
19	Kay Georgiana	Volunteers Needed
26	Amy & Joe Black	Margaret & Charles Hermes

United Harvest June Distribution Date

Volunteers for the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry! In June, the folks at Foodbank for the Heartland will be delivering our food on the fourth Saturday rather than our usual third Saturday. That will make it Saturday, June 27th. In July, we will resume our usual third Saturday schedule...July 18th.

Christian Ed

Summer Events:

JUNE 7
5 PM - 7 PM
Movie Club @ FPC

JUNE-JULY THURSDAYS
3 PM - 5 PM
Youth Group
Game time @ FPC

JUNE 21
POSTPONED
FPC WaterPark Night
Aqua Court

JUNE 22-25
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Vacation Bible School

JUNE 25
5:30 PM - 7 PM
END of VBS
Activity Night
FPC Parking Lot

JULY 5
5 PM - 7 PM
Movie Club @ FPC

JULY AUG 25 - 1
Sr High
Go & Serve

AUG 6
8 AM - 6 PM
Jr High Zoo Trip

AUG 9
5 PM - 7 PM
Movie Club @ FPC

AUG 30
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Sunday School Kickoff

SEPT 13
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Kids' Church Resumes!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

WATERPARK NIGHT

NEW DATE
SAT. JULY 25 7-9 PM

HASTINGS AQUACOURT

The church has reserved the waterpark from 7-9pm. Bring your family and friends to a fun evening at the pool!

This event is FREE to the Community!

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 7 **JULY 5**
AUG 9

PIZZA AND POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED
THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE YOUTH ROOM
FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (402) 462-5147



Worship in the Park

July 26 August 16
August 2 August 23
August 9 August 30

9:00 a.m.

Alexander Park

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

Hands Around the World Store has received new items.

Stop by the store and check out our new merchandise!

June 23, 2026 - July 6, 2026

Tues. 6/23	8:30am-11:30am	Vacation Bible School	
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	PEACE NW Classroom
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 6/24	8:30am-11:30am	Vacation Bible School	
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	sbbrooks@gmail.com for link
	5:30pm	Session Meeting	Anderson Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thur. 6/25	8:30am-11:30am	Vacation Bible School	
	12pm	HPS Summer Orchestra and Pep Band Concert	PEACE Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimers	HCMA Room 112
	3pm-5pm	Summer Youth Group	
	5pm-7pm	VBS Parking Lot Party	Parking Lot
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 6/26	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Lydia Room
Sat. 6/27	9:45am-11:30am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sun. 6/28	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Mon. 6/29	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tues. 6/30	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 7/1	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thur. 7/2	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	3-5pm	Summer Youth Group	Basement Youth Room
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 7/3	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 7/5	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Mon. 7/6	Church Offices Closed		
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room

**The Church Offices will be Closed on Monday, July 6
in observance of Independence Day.**

HAPPY Anniversary July

Deb & Byron Jensen 7/1/1979
Jamie & Tyler Lay 7/5/2014
Laura & Andy Little 7/9/2011
Tracy & Kenny Brooks 7/10/2010
Gary & Janet Brandt 7/14/1990
Susan & Neal Hoff 7/16/1972
Teresa & Tim Canady 7/18/1998

Rose & Tyler Koepp 7/18/2014
Milrae & Harold Korb 7/24/2010
Vicki & Jeff Howard 7/26/1980
Marnie & Doug Soderquist 7/27/2012
Deb & Dale Hamburger 7/27/1991
Marsha & John Nelson 7/30/1978
Leah & Tom Ratzlaff 7/31/2004



Cal Johnson 7/1
George White 7/1
Brad Davis 7/2
Jayden Propp 7/2
Brent Sovereign 7/2
Cale Henderson 7/2
Jamie Lay 7/2
Jacob Shin 7/3
Lincoln Welsch 7/4
Seth Schwarz 7/4
Mike Meyer 7/4
Stephanie Ourada 7/6
Owen Hermann 7/7
Tammie Nowka 7/8
Eleanor Oliver 7/8
Caroline Ourada 7/8
Martha Boyd 7/9
Connie Hultine 7/9
Sara McPherson 7/9
Benjamin Franco 7/11
Breck Moore 7/11
Rosie Overmiller 7/12
Kay Georgiana 7/13
Charles Hermes 7/13
Sofia Bridges 7/13

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

july

Marc Hultine 7/14
Lynne Friedewald 7/14
Jessica Allen-Pickett 7/14
Duane Huber 7/16
Michelle Kerr 7/16
Bruce Day 7/17
Annie Mitchell 7/18
Sharon Reicks 7/18
May Wierenga 7/18

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Charlie Stout 7/20
Cathy Davis 7/21
Chris Wray 7/21
Harrison Welsch 7/22
Meg Stewart-Magee 7/22
Chelby Schlichtman 7/22
Mark Hemje 7/22
Becky Matticks 7/23
John Meeske 7/23
Grace Redinger 7/24
Dave Fisher 7/25
Don Rasmussen 7/25
Kate Hemje 7/26
Linda Johnson 7/26
Mary Lewis 7/26
Jordan Norris 7/26
Steve Illingworth 7/27
Lyndie Eddleman 7/29
Sydni Johnson 7/27
Claire Lay 7/27
Mary Seiler 7/30
Lisa Unger 7/30
Stella Adam 7/31

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Carole Pedersen
Tony Glenn
Judd Carrier
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Sammy Nahorny

Lexi Longshore
Nytha & Dave Glass
Kathy Struss
Ken Fisk
Pat Kelley
Mary Lewis
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Pam Canady
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Carter Johnson
Alyssa Donley
Summer Postlewait and family



IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING IN YOUR CLOSET. THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

THESE SHIRTS ARE IMPORTANT TO PROTECT OUR WORKERS FROM THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS.

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU.



H.P.S. Summer Orchestra and Pep Band Thank You Concert

Thursday, June 25
12 p.m.
PEACE Center Gym

All are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
PEACE Center Gym

Please join us for a lunch in honor and in celebration of the Allen-Pickett family and their time at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings!

RSVPs ensure we have enough food. Please call or email by July 5th to let us know you'll be there!
(402) 462-5147 • melissa@fpchastings.org

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 12
Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

A meeting to dissolve Pastor Greg's call



July Communion Offering



Habitat for Humanity is a movement of people in your local area and around the world, working together to build more prosperous and vibrant communities by making sure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.

Since our founding in 1976 as a Christian organization, **together we have helped more than 65 million people in countries around the world build their futures on their own terms** through access to decent housing. We've done that by working alongside people of all walks of life to:

- Build, repair and finance their homes.
- Innovate new ways of building and financing.
- Advocate for policies that make constructing and accessing housing easier for everyone.

Together, we build homes, communities and hope.

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone for your very generous donations to the Father's Day offering. We were able to collect \$2375 for the Nebraska Sandhill Rancher Fire Relief. Victims of natural fires in the counties of Garden, Morrill, Arthur, Keith, and Grant will be able to apply for grant assistance. I know some of you have family or friends in those areas and it was a very personal cause. Thank you so very much.

P.W. Father's Day Offering

DONATION IN HONOR OF:

Bob Amyot
Rob Amyot
Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Robin Koozer
Rob Kyle
Jim Lewis
Chris Nedderman
Drew Nedderman
John Nelson
Jim Wenburg
Wildfire victims

DONATION IN MEMORY OF:

Don Adams
Branden Brader
Our parents
Robert J. Butz
Hal Carrier
Bill Coyle
Robert Doerr
George Putnam Dorr
Leo Dwyer
Frank Georgiana
Philip Gilmore
Joseph & Earl, our fathers
Alex Grams
Our fathers and grandfathers
Merle Hafer
George Howard
Art Johnson
Reuben Kleiber
Earl Knigge, my father
Our dads
W. E. Korb
"Ace" Kramer
Asa Kramer
Hal Lainson
Boyd Leymaster
Julian Lind
Gary Lindstrom
Darrel Lloyd
Ivan Martson
Don McHargue
Frank Medsker
Byford Metzger
Our fathers
Findrew Nelson
James Perrie
John Pershing, Sr.
Phil Petersen
O. P. Porter
Our fathers
John D. Stewart
Elton Trehern
James Unger
Jake Vollweiler
Phil Vrana
Harold Wenburg

GIVEN BY:

the Amyot family
the Amyot family
Byron & Deb Jensen
Maggie & Mac, C.J. & Dan
Bee, Meghan, & Morgan Kyle
Mary Lewis
Calvin Nedderman
Max & Beatrix Nedderman
Zach, Whitney & Miles
Justin Wenburg
Mary Fisk

GIVEN BY:

Kathy Carrier
Justin Brader
Richard Brader
Cathy & John Pershing
Kathy Carrier & family
Bob & Kathy Amyot
Karen & Roger Doerr
Sally D. Hatcher
the Dwyer family
Kay Georgiana & family
Karen & Roger Doerr
Susie & Kenny Graham
Bob & Nancy Grams
Kenton & Bonnie Grams
Charlie & Lois Hafer
Jeni Howard
Richard & Linda Johnson
Richard Kleiber
Katharine Davis
Robin & Ann Koozer
Harold & Milrae Korb
Jill Kramer
Jill Kramer
Mary, Jorn, Erica & Chris Olsen
Charlie & Lois Hafer
John & Marsha Nelson
Sandra & C.L. Wimer
Jeni Howard
Kay Georgiana & family
Jan Bolliger
Nan Huey & Sue Medsker
Richard & Linda Johnson
Rich & Carolyn McKenzie
John & Marsha Nelson
Bob & Nancy Grams
Cathy & John Pershing
Harold & Milrae Korb
Phyllis O'Dey
Roger & Cheryl Schukei
Mary Fisk
Lisa Unger
Lisa Unger
Linda Vollweiler
the Dwyer family
Jim Wenburg

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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. Miggi Angangco

Chancel Bells & Youth Bells

Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Youth Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Children's Choir Director: Teresa Canady

Children's 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

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh