



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

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Home Page Newsletter

Dear FPC Family,

It has been two months since Pastor Greg's departure and we have accomplished much in a short amount of time. Thanks to the faithful work of our Nominating Committee, convened by Robin Koozer, we identified 22 members of our congregation who expressed an interest in serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Robin and his colleagues – Mike Karloff, Jessica Meeske, Sue Medsker, Paula Crozier, Susan Hoff, and Byron Jensen – worked prayerfully over the last several weeks to assemble a group diverse in age, gender, and professional background, to lead us into the next phase of our search process. Last Sunday, we held a congregational meeting and voted unanimously to approve Chuck Bauer, Constance Malloy, Mary Olsen, Chris Schukei, Ross Struss, Jenny Welsch, Kili Wenberg, Danny Graves (alternate), and Chris Junker (alternate) as our Pastor Nominating Committee. Our thanks go to these individuals for their willingness to serve in this way.

Over the next several months, the PNC will meet to discuss the future of First Presbyterian Church. Guided by our existing vision and mission, and a hope for what we may yet become, they will first complete a church profile informing potential candidates of our needs and aspirations. This will then be made available to pastors considering a new challenge and call to ministry.

The PNC will in all things seek out the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they move forward. But the work is not theirs alone: we, too, must appeal to God on their behalf. And because prayer can sometimes be difficult, I would like to offer here words for you to recite in moments of spiritual reflection. This prayer will also be made available on a small card so you can return to it in the months ahead.

Gracious and loving God, at this time of transition, we look to you for comfort

Continued

and direction. We ask that you bless and guide those serving on our Pastor Nominating Committee. Through your Holy Spirit, grant them discernment in their deliberations and harmony in their decisions, that your will be done for the future of First Presbyterian Church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Thank you for joining us on this journey.



Dan Deffenbaugh

Fall 2026 Adult Ed Forum – 9:15 a.m. Sundays – Lydia Room

Covenant: A Love Story (September 13 through October 11)

Presbyterians refer to themselves as a "covenant community." We will explore the beginnings of this idea in the books of Genesis and Exodus and consider why it is so important to our faith.

Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical World (October 25 through November 22)

Continuing our focus on covenant, we will reflect on a recently published book that considers "what it means to be truly evangelical in a time of theological and cultural distortion." Copies of the book will be made available to those who would like to read along. See <https://www.wjkbooks.com/bookproduct/0664269273-being-presbyterian-in-a-dysvangelical-america/>.

2026-2027 Langenberg Concert Series Brochure

The 2026-2027 Langenberg Concert Series brochure have been mailed out. You will receive two copies of the brochure. You are encouraged to keep one copy and share the other one with a friend, family member, etc.

Mon. 9/14	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	1:30-3pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 9/15	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 9/16	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Lynette Krieger's home
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	PEACE NW Classrooms
	5pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Practice	Bell Room
Thur. 9/17	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 9/18	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 9/19	9:45am	United Harvest	PEACE Center

September Communion Offering



Maryland Living Center

The mission of MLC is to provide an empowering life experience in a stable, safe, and secure living and learning environment, for homeless or transitioning youth. We are a permanent housing facility that aims to successfully transition homeless and aged out youth (ages 16 to 21 years) into independent living within 12 to 18 months.

Sun. 9/20	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, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	2-3pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room
Mon. 9/21	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6-8pm	PEO HT	PEACE West Classrooms
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 9/22	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 9/23	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Practice	Bell Room
Thur. 9/24	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	10am	Board of Health Meeting	Anderson Room
Fri. 9/25	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 9/27		Hastings College Sunday	
	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, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am	4 th Sunday Fellowship	Memorial Room



Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	family of Evelyn Viglicky
Tarah Davis & family	Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Matt Campbell	Jason Hafer
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Judd Carrier
Bob Wolf	Carl Utley
KyMani Riek	Barry Thomson
Carole Pedersen	Greg Howard
Tony Glenn	Sammy Nahorny
Summer Postlewait and family	Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Kathy Struss	Carter Johnson
Ken Fisk	Alyssa Donley
Pat Kelley	Dana Odom
The Stoddard Family	Don & Marie Rasmussen
family of Jim Duval	family of Lexi Longshore
Sally Smith	family of John Meeske
Andy Barrows	family of Duane Ochsner
Pam Canady	

In memory of

Jim Duval, who passed
away on 7/24/26

Lexi Longshore, who passed
away on 8/15/26

Evelyn Viglicky, who passed
away on 8/18/26

John Meeske, who passed
away on 8/20/26

Duane Ochsner, who passed
away on 8/24/26



9:45am-11:30am

Third Saturday of each month

at the PEACE Center

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 feel free to come. The distribution is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.



September Ushers and Greeters

September Ushers (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Kim Creech, Steve Illingworth, John Pershing on 9/13 & 9/20, Melissa Davis on 9/27

September Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
20	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Paula Crozier
27	Deb Rasby	Melissa Davis

October Ushers and Greeters

October Ushers (Team #2) Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta & Dick Brader, Lois Hafer

October Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
4	Amy & Joe Black	Melissa Davis
11	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Kathy Utter
18	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Marnie & Doug Soderquist
25	Damen & LaRaesha Kugal	Melissa Davis

Noonday Book Club

The Noonday Book Group is beginning a new book study, Elaine Pagels' book *Miracles and Wonders: The Historical Mystery of Jesus*. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh leads the weekly conversations online. All are welcome to log in at 11:55 a.m. every Wednesday.

Please contact Sharon Brooks at sbbrooks52@gmail.com or Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh at ddeffenbaugh425@gmail.com for more information about connecting online.



Happy October Anniversaries

Karen & Kirk Dielman 10/12/1985
Kaleena & Matt Fong 10/27/2007
Amy & William Hermes 10/11/2003
Linda & Richard Johnson 10/01/2005
Dana & Brett Miller 10/19/2013
Javae & Bill Redinger 10/11/1997
Cheryl & Roger Schukei 10/15/1966
Carole & Denny Storer 10/06/1962



Fiona Eckhardt 10/2
Dwight Marsh 10/2
Laura Kate Oliver 10/2
Luke Brooks 10/3
Karen Dielman 10/3
Molly Gosda 10/3
Jason Hafer 10/3
Paxton Rhodes 10/3
Jim Donohue 10/5
LeRoy Echternach 10/5
Elizabeth Klaassen 10/5
Vonda Essex 10/6
Emma Redinger 10/6
Steve Cropley 10/7
Virginia Davis 10/7
Heather Gosda 10/7
Rose Koepp 10/7
Scott Snell 10/7

Neylan Ellerbee 10/8
Kris Horton 10/8
Sue Horton 10/8
Junko Jurgena 10/8
Katharine Davis 10/9
Vicki Howard 10/9
Patty Kingsley 10/9
Ava Klug 10/9
Brooks Borrell 10/10
Jade Guiai-Lou 10/10
Scott Kummer 10/10
Roger Doerr 10/11
Jeff Hermann 10/11
Tanner Lay 10/12
Jan Ham 10/13
Mia Ahlers 10/14
Ryan Barker 10/14
Nathan Jensen 10/14

Lucy Nielsen 10/15
Madalynn Redline 10/15
Kim Bogan 10/16
Benson Chase 10/16
Nyabong Duang 10/16
Sally Hatcher 10/16
Carter Wenburg 10/16
Eli Struss 10/16
Nan Huey 10/17
Grant Hunter 10/17
Jim LaMaster 10/17
Tyler Adam 10/18
Cindy Fricke 10/18
Susan Hoff 10/18
Chris Schukei 10/18
Linda Hall 10/19
Bev Rader 10/19
Margaret Hermes 10/20

Richard Johnson 10/21
Stan Knudson 10/21
Justin Wenburg 10/22
Nancy Ziemba 10/22
Liesel Hogan 10/24
Paige Redline 10/24
Jeanne Reynolds 10/24
Mark Funkey 10/26
Selah Wenburg 10/26
Ruei Duang 10/27
Amy Hermes 10/27
Matt Fong 10/28
Kristen Eckhardt 10/29
Maddie Gosda 10/29
Tim Redline 10/29
Milrae Korb 10/30
Stephanie Brader 10/31




WALKERS AND COFFEE GROUP

*Lace up your sneakers
and join us for a little
exercise, coffee, and
fellowship.*



*Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m.
PEACE Center Gym*

All are Welcome!

FREE ADMISSION

Evening of WORSHIP

AN EVENING TO GATHER THE COMMUNITY OF HASTINGS
AND SURROUNDING AREAS TO LIFT UP THE NAME OF JESUS
CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP AND THE WORD OF GOD!

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 5:30-7:30 PM
CITY AUDITORIUM, HASTINGS NE

Gather  Hastings




WORSHIP LED BY:
CRUCIFORM COLLECTIVE

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES FROM:
COMRON YAZDGERDI, FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
SR. M. XAVIER, SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE MARTYR ST. GEORGE,
FORMER OHIO STATE BASKETBALL STARTER, SWEET 16 CO-CAPTAIN

FOOD AVAILABLE AT 5:00 PM:
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA
SPECIAL SCOOPS
MICHELLE'S SCRUMPTIOUS BAKERY

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Free-will donations will be accepted, with a portion of the
proceeds supporting Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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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

Executive Administrator & Head of Staff:

Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

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

Director of the Langenberg Legacy

Program: Dr. Robin Koozer

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Director of Christian Education: Rose Koepp

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis

Children's Choir Director: Teresa Canady

Children's Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock