



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

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Living Stewardship

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

As you probably know, we are in the midst of our annual stewardship campaign. During this time, we ask our members and friends to prayerfully consider how they will support the work of hope that God is doing through this community of faith in the year ahead. You should have received a letter, pledge card, and time and talent sheet in the mail. Please return those items to the church by Sunday, Oct. 25th so that we may make use of them as we plan for 2027. If you did not receive them but would like to, please contact the church office as we would be happy to provide them to you. As you consider how you might give to the church next year, I would remind you of just a few of the ways that your giving makes a difference not only in the life of First Presbyterian Church but also in the community and world at large.

To begin, our worship services are vibrant, living, and filled with quality. We are blessed to have capable preachers, talented musicians, and dedicated directors who work together to craft worship services that connect scriptural concepts to our daily living. We are routinely joined in worship by our children's and youth bell and choir ensembles. The chancel bells and choir frequently help to connect our spirits to the divine. And being able to welcome special groups such as Cathedral Brass and unique guests such as organist Jens Korndorfer gives us multiple ways to draw closer to God through music.

Additionally, our programming for children and youth continues to grow with each passing year. Thanks to our tireless Director of Christian Education and a cadre of dedicated volunteers, our tables and classrooms are filled and buzzing with excitement on Wednesday evenings. On those evenings, we serve dinner to approximately 50 people as families eat together before children head off to Bible study and music. Our Senior High youth lead worship twice a year. Our Junior High youth are going to retreats. In our hallways, children are bringing friends and making friends and learning what it means to share the love of Christ with the world.

This coming Saturday, Oct 17th, we'll host United Harvest, a food distribution through which some 400 households will receive fresh produce and other groceries. We'll also host a coat drive during which we'll give away nearly 100 coats, helping to make sure that people are safe during the winter. Both activities will run through the PEACE Center, which continues to house multiple feeding ministries, provides meeting and recreation space for community groups, and serves as a beginning point for fellowship among our own members.

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From funerals, to Bible studies, to home visits, and prayer calls, this community of faith lives out the gospel mission to care for others. From housing non-profits, to hosting community concerts, to packing meals, and welcoming the vulnerable, this community of faith is a living example of what it means to love your neighbor. In ways too numerous to list, this community of faith embodies the love of Christ and shares it with the world around us. It is a mission and a calling that would not be possible without your support. May we always remember that we are blessed *so that* we may be a blessing to others.

In Christ,



Pastor Damen

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 Fall 2026 GRANT PROGRAM IS November 1, 2026.*
 - 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/2026/09/Langenberg-form-Fall-2026.pdf>

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

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/> .

Tues. 10/13	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meeting	PEACE West Classroom
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd floor Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 10/14	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
		No WNL Activities	
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room
Thur. 10/15	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	5:30pm	Session Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd floor Middle School and Choir Rooms
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 10/16	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 10/17	9:45am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
	9am-12pm	Coat Drive	Memorial Room

USHER ORIENTATION

Sunday, October 18
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Lydia Room

Current ushers and those interested in being an usher, please come to an orientation on updated policies and procedures.



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!

Sun. 10/18	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Usher Orientation	Lydia Room
		NO Faith Enrichment Hour	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	2pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room
Mon. 10/19	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 10/20	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd floor Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 10/21	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	PEACE Center
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	PEACE Center
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thur. 10/22	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd Floor
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 10/23	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 10/25	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Faith Enrichment Hour	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	2pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room
	3pm	Cabaret Theatre Vocal Jazz Quartet Concert	Sanctuary

October Ushers and Greeters

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

October Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
18	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Marnie & Doug Soderquist
25	Melissa Davis	Volunteers Needed

November Ushers and Greeters

November (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist, John Pershing

November Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
1	Linda & John Carllson	Linda & Richard Johnson
8	Erica & Brent Brooks	Melissa Davis
15	Jenna Jorgensen	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie
22	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Melissa Davis
29	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Volunteers Needed

September Communion Offering Update

The September Communion Offering raised a total of \$1,384, which will benefit the Maryland Living Center. Thank you for your generous support.

We are needing donations of baby wipes for the Happy Nappies program. Baby wipes can be dropped off in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



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.



Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Carole Pedersen
Tony Glenn
Summer Postlewait and family
Kathy Struss
Ken Fisk
Pat Kelley
family of Jim Duval
Sally Smith
Andy Barrows
Pam Canady

family of Evelyn Viglicky
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Judd Carrier
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Sammy Nahorny
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Carter Johnson
Alyssa Donley
Dana Odom
family of Lexi Longshore
family of John Meeske
family of Duane Ochsner
Nancy Grams and family
Pastor Nominating Committee

In memory of

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



CABARET THEATRE

Vocal Jazz Quartet

Sunday, October 25, 2026

3:00 p.m. | Free Concert

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Omaha's Cabaret Theatre has been delighting audiences since 1991. With stunning vocal jazz harmonies and sublime solo voices, members of the group have garnered an array of individual and ensemble awards for their artistry at area theaters and local events.



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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

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