FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

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"The bones of Joseph, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem, in the portion of ground that Jacob had bought from the children of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for one hundred pieces of money; it became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph."
Joshua 24:32-33

This past Sunday, as we concluded our stewardship campaign, we learned about the ancient Israelites laying to rest the bones of their ancestor Joseph. Within the narrative of the Older Testament, Joseph would have died at least three, or maybe even five, generations before his bones were buried at Shechem. And part of the reason that the Israelites carried his bones around for so long is that they wanted to honor his memory. They couldn't leave him to be buried in Egypt. He needed to return home.

I also believe they carried Joseph's bones because they were still grieving someone they loved. This passage calls us to honor both the past and our grief. Grief travels with us; we cannot simply set it down and forget it, nor would it be wise or healthy to try. Instead, we may need to carry it for a time—perhaps a long time—until we reach a place where it feels right to lay the bones down and let them rest. This does not mean forgetting those we love. It means trusting that they remain with us, even when we no longer feel compelled to carry their bones.

I bring this up because this coming Sunday, Nov. 1, we will be honoring All Saints' Day. During the service, we will name the members of the congregation that have died in the last year. We will also give time for congregants to light a candle to honor and remember the losses they have experienced in their own lives. It is a Sunday when we acknowledge the bones of grief that we are still carrying with us.

In truth, everyone who comes to worship brings with them some grief that they lament. For some, that grief is new and raw and at times overwhelmingly sensitive. For others, that grief is distant, having long-since transformed into the faintest of scars. On Sunday, we will take time to acknowledge all of our pain as we hold fast to the promise that in all times and in all circumstances, we are held in God's loving arms. Amen.



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/ .




HAPPY
NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES
Dave & Barbara Fisher 11/4/1972
Stephanie & Justin Brader 11/10/2001
Brad & Dawna Whitcomb 11/12/2011
Jim & Deb Freeburger 11/15/1974
Bill & Sharon Talbert 11/16/1996
Tim & Deb Johnson 11/22/1974
Roger & Karen Doerr 11/23/1979
Don & Marie Rasmussen 11/25/1951
Kristen & Chris Schwarz 11/27/2004
John & Cathy Pershing 11/29/1968


Happy Birthday
November
Bill Nottage-Tacey-1
Grace Brader-2
Linda Cooke-2
Evan Turner-2
Megan Launchbaugh-3
Flossie Sanderson-3
Raegan Welsch-4
Dale Hamburger-4
Charlie Ratzlaff-4
Kraig Lofquist-4
Moses Rhodes-5
Charlie Franco-5
Lynden Hall-5
Scott Hobson-5
Neil Jurgena-5
Mary Kay LaMaster-5
Monte Malouf-5
Lauren Overmiller-6
Malcolm Eckhardt-6
Susie Graham-6
Betty Kooy-6
Stacy Kerr-7
William Freetly-8
Pat Kern-8
Teresa Luther-8
Eldon Mitzelfelt-8
Taralyn Davis-10
John Nelson-11
Dennis Asmus-12
Gary Bauer-12
Marcia Hogan-12
Laurie Johnson-12
Erikka Rhodes-12
Sydney Kerr-13
Lexi Lofquist-13
Julie Thomsen-14
Sarah Snell-14
Jean Barber-14
Lily Black-14
Sue Medsker-15
Sherry Welton-17
Nora Hogan-17
Tammy Lay-17
Mary Northrop-18
Peter Ratzlaff-19
Joy White-19
Ethan Stout-20
Ross Struss-20
Chuck Bauer-20
Roger Sunderman-21
Kim Graviette-21
Melissa Karloff-21
Wilson Welsch-22
Colleen Adam-22
McKain Ratzlaff-22
Bonnie Grams-22
Marcia Sovereign-22
Lois Hafer-23
Gwen Weber-24
Duang Tang-24
Jan Bolliger-25
Lennon Ellerbee-25
Thomas Freetly-25
Willy Kummer-25
Dale Lemburg-25
Val Hunt-28
Deborah Miles-28
Ron Wissing-30

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

The Mission Committee delivered 1,800 baby wipes to Catholic Social Services.
Thank you for your donations!





CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

November 6, 2026 • 10:00 am

First Presbyterian Church – Chapel

621 North Lincoln Ave, Hastings, NE

Theme: Peace Begins With Me

ANCHOR VERSE: JOHN 14:27 (NIV): *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

Please join us for Soup & Pie following the service.

This *World Community Day* celebration is brought to you by Church Women United–Hastings/Juniata area. Hastings/Juniata Area contributing churches include: First Congregational United Church of Christ; First United Methodist Church; First Presbyterian Church; Juniata United Methodist Church; Grace United Methodist Church; Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd; The Salvation Army; and St. Mark's Episcopal Pro Cathedral.



The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who donated coats for our coat give away. You can still donate throughout the year for the 2027 Give away. We served approximately 170 in our community Saturday. Everyone was very grateful and proud to leave with a nice, warm coat for the Winter. Our hearts are full. Thank you!



Thank you for your donation towards the Hastings CROP Walk held October 11, 2026, a beautiful day. So far, First Presbyterian Church of Hastings has raised a total of $900 for a combined total from the walk being close to $5,000.

Money is still being collected. With your donation, we are able to make a better contribution to CHURCH WORLD SERVICES, providing food, clean water, and education to those in need throughout the world. The many devastating tragedies have made us aware of the needs and help the Church World Services to provide worldwide with our donations.

25% of our Hastings walk will go to the United Food Harvest Program.

Thank you,

Sponsored by Church Women United of Hastings and Juniata area.

Tues. 10/27	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Habitat for Humanity	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School Youth & Choir Rooms
Wed. 10/28	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells rehearsal	Bell Room
Thur. 10/29	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	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	2nd floor Middle School Youth & Choir Rooms
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 10/30	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	11 am	Janet Schawang Memorial Service	Sanctuary

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
Marilyn Nielsen
family of Gary Whitcomb
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
Kathy (Adams) Carrier
family of Janet Schawang

In memory of

Gary Whitcomb, who passed away on 10/16/2026
Janet Schawang, who passed away on 10/22/2026

Sun. 11/1	All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time Ends		
	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
Mon. 11/2	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tues. 11/3	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	2nd floor Youth & Choir Rooms
Wed. 11/4	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	11am	PW Coord. Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
Thur. 11/5	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd Floor Middle School and Choir Rooms
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 11/6	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	9:30am-1pm	Church Women United	Chapel and Fellowship Hall
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 11/7	3pm	Jens Korndörfer Recital	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/8	8:30am	Contemplative Worship	Chapel
	9:15am	Faith Enrichment Hour for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	2pm	Choral Collective Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary

LANGENBERG
CONCERT SERIES



JENS KORNDÖRFER

Organ

Saturday, November 7, 2026

3:00 p.m. | Free Concert

Sunday, November 8, 2026

10:30 a.m. | Church Service

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

German American organist Dr. Jens Korndörfer is the Joyce O. Bowden Professor of Music and Associate Professor of Organ at Baylor University in Texas and is regularly invited to perform and teach at prestigious venues and festivals around the world.

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Return Service Requested

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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
Finance Administrators: Deb Hamburger, Jennifer Davis
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