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

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Dear FPC Family,

As we look toward the Advent season and our hope for light emerging from the darkness, it seems apt to offer here a brief report on the work of our Pastor Nominating Committee. Yes, a light has begun to shine through their efforts. As you may know, this committee – consisting of Chuck Bauer, Constance Malloy, Mary Olsen, Chris Schukei, Ross Struss, Jenni Welsch, and Kili Wenberg – began in earnest last month by meeting with Polly Deppen-Williams, our Executive Presbyter, for a preliminary orientation. While the PNC is working on behalf of our congregation, they are also deliberating in conjunction with the Central Nebraska Presbytery, which will provide direction on questions of national PCUSA policies and procedures.

It was shortly after the October meeting that the PNC elected Ross Struss and Chris Schukei as their chair and vice-chair, respectively. Constance Malloy was elected secretary. Next on their agenda will be researching and choosing a consulting company to assist them in reflecting on important questions about the vision and mission of First Presbyterian Church. You may therefore, in the next several months, receive a questionnaire from consultants with inquiries about your hopes for our future. It will include queries like: What do you believe our church is currently doing very well? Where do you see room for growth in the years ahead? And so forth.

So, you see, you are not off the hook in all of this. On the contrary, your insights and dreams as members and friends of First Presbyterian Church matter immensely.

We indeed have much to look forward to as the autumn fades into winter, and winter gives way to spring. We ask that you keep our PNC in your daily prayers, and encourage them when you have the opportunity. As we continue to hope into our future and strive toward novel possibilities, take heart in the words of English poet, Robert Browning:

> Ah, but a man's reach must exceed his grasp,
>
> Or what's a heaven for?



Dan D.

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/ .

November Ushers and Greeters

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

November Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
15	Jenna Jorgensen	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie
22	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Melissa Davis
29	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Sally Hatcher





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HANDS AROUND THE WORLD STORE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE





SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 2026
10:00AM-1:00PM

The beautiful and unique handcrafted items in our store are made and produced by artisans and farmers from around the world. By purchasing their works, you are helping support their families and provide hope for their future.
Each month, a portion of revenue goes to the local mission, United Harvest, helping to support our local community.

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621 N. LINCOLN AVE
HASTINGS

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
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 Evelyn Viglicky
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Judd Carrier
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
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
family of Gary Whitcomb

In memory of

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





United Harvest

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.

Tues. 11/10	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees	PEACE W Classrooms
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School/Choir Rooms
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
Wed. 11/11	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers Group	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thur. 11/12	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School/Choir Rooms
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 11/13	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 11/14	3pm	Hastings Choral Collective Concert	Sanctuary

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, December 1, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

Sun. 11/15	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	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
Mon. 11/16	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12pm	Memorial Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 11/17	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee group	PEACE center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 11/18	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	PEACE NW Classroom
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	PEACE NW Classroom
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Church Basement
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Practice	Bell Room
Thur. 11/19	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12:3pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School Youth and Choir Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 11/20	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 11/21	9:45-11:30am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sun. 11/22	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	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	Hanging of the Greens	
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5pm	HCMA Fallin' for Jazz Concert	Sanctuary

GATHER

THE INAUGURAL CONCERT OF THE

HASTINGS CHORAL COLLECTIVE

DR. RAOUL CARLO F. ANGANGCO, CONDUCTOR

11.14.26 | 3PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

featuring

LINDA VOLLWEILER
collaborative pianist

THE HASTINGS COLLEGE CHOIR

and the **WORLD PREMIERE** *of*
A GATHERING SONG *by* **HANNAH JENSEN**

FREE ADMISSION

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HASTINGS COMMUNITY MUSIC ACADEMY HCMA

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COMMUNITY MUSICIANS

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"Fallin' for Jazz"

Join us for an evening of
community and jazz music

Sunday, November 22nd
5:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
Free and open to the public



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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
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