



Mission Statement of 1st Presbyterian Church, Hastings

Following Christ, we strive to love and serve the world so that all may grow in faith and experience true joy.



More Good News

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February at a Glance

Feb. 11, 8, 15 and 22
Bible Study/Fellowship
6-7 PM

Feb. 5
10:30 AM Worship
w/ Communion

Feb. 7
Session 6:30 PM

Feb. 8
Prayer Shawl 7 PM

Feb. 12 and 19
10:30 Worship

Feb. 20 and 27
Bell Choir 6 PM

Feb. 26
10:30 AM Informal Worship

Feb. 28
Pastor April on KDWA
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

From the Pastor's Desk

For some people, the dark is a very scary place of loneliness, and for others, the dark is the comfortable place of calm, quiet, and solitude. I wonder what it would have felt like to be a people of exile. I wonder what your times of darkness have looked like and how did the light break through that darkness? Who brought the light to you? The prophet Isaiah writes;

^{NRS} **Isaiah 9:1** But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The light has shined on us and we are blessed when we have the courage to share that light through our words and deeds. God is indeed great and has invited us to share in the joy and praise that is due to God. As we reflect on 2016, I am reminded of the many ways that you let your light shine. You cared for one another and neighbors alike through: Meals on wheels, prayers shawls,

school supplies, operation Christmas child, Minnesota FoodShare Month in March, The Lewis House and the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA.

With hope and anticipation I look forward to see how God will move in our midst in 2017.

Grace to you, and peace,
April

Let your **Light So Shine**
before men, that they may see your
GOOD WORKS

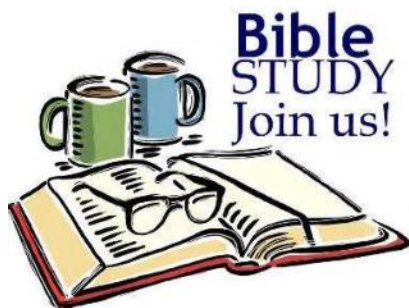
and
Glorify your **FATHER**
which is in Heaven.

Matt. 5:16



1st Presbyterian Church of Hastings Core Values

- * Moving and engaging worship
- * Openness in decision-making
- * Deep, life-giving relationships
- * Building and 150 year history as part of our identity
- * Serving the community through mission
- * Courage to take risks and the ability to persevere



Our Bible Study of Favorite Bible stories continues on Wednesdays in February. We will have a light supper starting at 6 PM and then read a story in the Bible. We are currently reading stories from the New Testament. Each session is an independent study so you do not have to have attended previously. Please join us for a time of fellowship and fun as we explore some of the many stories in the Bible.

Bell Choir News

Practice will resume on Monday, February 20th @ 6:00. We will also practice on February 27th. New ringers are always welcome. Please contact Marcia Rash if you are interested in playing this spring.



If you have a few minutes (15 or less) to spare once a week, Becky Tiefenbruck is looking for someone to help upload the Sunday bulletin and service to the website. It is very easy and all you need is a computer with internet access. If you can help out, even if it is just occasionally, please let Becky know and she'll teach you how its done.

Looking Ahead



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Look for more information on services and study in the March newsletter and the bulletin.

THE RECIPE CORNER

Starting in this month's newsletter we will be sharing our favorite recipes.

Please send your recipes to Becky Tiefenbruck at mrsbect@gmail.com or put them in the newsletter box in the office.

Slow-Cooker Spinach Alfredo Lasagna

submitted by Becky Tiefenbruck

Creamy, cheesy Alfredo sauce layered with chicken and spinach makes this easy slow-cooker lasagna an elegant alternative to the classic Italian dish.

Ingredients

- 2 boxes (10 oz each) frozen chopped spinach
- 2 1/2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend (10 oz)
- 2 jars (15 oz each) Alfredo pasta sauce
- 12 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken (I used approx. 2 lbs of chicken, about 5 cups)
- 1/2 cup freshly shredded Parmesan cheese (2 oz)
- 1 medium tomato, diced (optional)

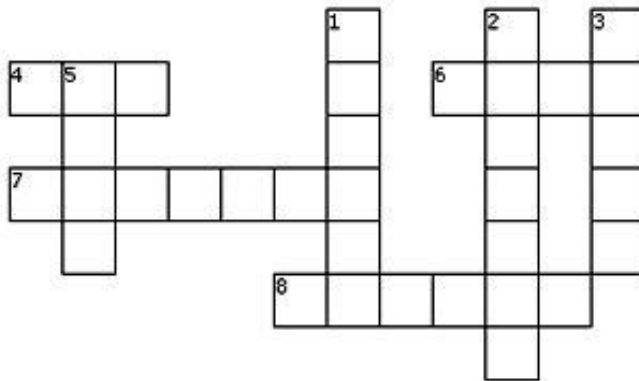
Directions

1. Cook and drain spinach as directed on package; squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Set aside.
2. Spray 5-quart oval slow cooker with cooking spray.
3. In large bowl, mix 1 cup of the cheese blend and the Alfredo sauce.
4. In slow cooker, spread one-fourth of the sauce mixture. Layer with 3 of the uncooked noodles (breaking noodles as needed to fit), one-third of the chicken, one-third of the spinach and 1/2 cup of the cheese blend. Repeat layers twice. Top with remaining noodles, sauce mixture and the Parmesan cheese.
5. Cover; cook on Low heat setting 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours or until edges are bubbly and center is heated through. Let stand 10 minutes; sprinkle with diced tomato before serving.

Kid's Page

*Love each other as
I have loved you.*

John 15:12 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. A state of happiness or delight
6. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
7. Someone that performs duties for a master
8. A person that you like very much

DOWN

1. One who has authority over another person
2. An order which a person is expected to obey
3. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding
5. To do what you are told; follow the rules

Words Used

love	command	friend	joy
obey	servant	master	learn



The Greatest of These

Helen Lowrie Marshall




*Reason faces up to life,
And sees things how they are;*

*Hope sees things as they ought to be,
And wishes on a star.*

*Faith dreams of miracles to come
That only God can do;*

*Love goes to work with patient hands
To make these dreams come true.*



Bible Readings This Month

February 5

Isa. 58: 1-39a (9b-12)

Ps. 112: 1-9 (10)

1 Cor. 2: 1-12 (13-16)

Matt. 5: 13-20



February 12

Deut. 30: 15-20

Ps. 119: 1-8

1 Cor. 3: 1-9

Matt. 5: 21-37

February 19

Lev. 19: 1-2, 9-18

Ps. 119: 33-40

1 Cor. 3: 10-11

Matt. 5: 38-48

February 26

Ex. 24: 12-18

Ps. 2 or Ps. 99

2 Peter 1: 16-21

Matt. 17: 1-9

February 2016 Servers

	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Leaders
Feb. 5	Mullins	Reiter	Ryan Fagnant
Feb. 12	Blevins	Christians	Becky Tiefenbruck
Feb. 19	Blumeyers	Browns	Marcia Rash
Feb. 26	Informal Worship	Humes	Karen Altpeter

Session Minutes for December 6, 2016

A stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, MN was held at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church on December 6, 2016.

The meeting began at 6:30 PM when Reverend Dr. April Davis Campbell lit the Christ Candle to remind us that we are leaders of this worshipping community. Her meditation was based upon Phillippians 4:6 “Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.” (RSV) Her recent cares included a breast cancer screening. Requests for prayers from friends generated a very positive responsive. Don’t worry! The meeting was then opened with prayer.

Elders Present:

Class of 2016: Marcia Rash, Brenda Reiter

Class of 2017: Grant Tiefenbruck, Dave Hume

Class of 2018: Dennis Brown, Mary Crawmer

Absent: Carlotta Mullins

Clerk’s Report: The November Session Minutes were approved as submitted. Work continues on the annual reports for GA and Presbytery.

Treasurer’s Report: Nothing jumped out at anyone about the treasurer’s report. The tithes and offerings were stated to be \$57,237 which would extrapolate to over \$65,000 for the year. The finances have been steady all year. The \$2000 per month draw from the Foundation will have to continue next year.

Foundation Report: The directors met briefly on Sunday. The good news is that the amount in trust is about the same as it was at the beginning of the year due to good performances from the investments. They will be meeting again to discuss distribution of assets for next year.

Pastor’s Report: M/S/C to accept the communion schedule for 2017. 2017 Communion Schedule will be the first Sunday of every month by intinction. Ash Wednesday (March 1) by intinction and Easter Sunday (April 16) in the pews. Other possible communion services would include Maundy Thursday, Blue Christmas, and Christmas Eve.

Pastor’s compensation for 2017 proposed: Salary \$21,458, Housing \$17,557, Deferred \$1,809. M/S/C to approve form ENR-111. Transitional Presbytery Executive Jeff Japinga will be here in January for informal worship. Annual meeting date will be Sunday, January 22. Annual reports need to be in on Sunday January 15. Grant application to Presbytery is due January 17. April is looking for some help. An estimate for the new sign with LED lighting is \$6600. Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day worship services are coming soon.

Presbytery Meeting: was at House of Hope in St. Paul on November 15th. Dave and Grant attended that meeting. The Eden Prairie legal battle stands at a current cost of \$600,000, Chain of Lakes Church will need to launch in the next year. The meeting ended early! Mary and Brenda were elected commissioners to the January meeting.

Deacons: Christmas Caroling will be on December 11th. There will also be a potluck on that day. They have recently refurbished visitor packages and the children worship bags.

M/S/C to receive all of the reports above on the consent agenda.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Dennis – Our lift now requires either a constant pressure set of buttons, or a light curtain because we do not have an interior door. Looking for the lowest cost solution.

Fellowship – Brenda – 14 people attended the Martin Luther exhibit at the MIA last Sunday.

Christian Education – Kaitlin is doing a great job.

Mission – Mary – 8 Shoeboxes were collected, and generic goods under the tree for HFS is in progress.

Stewardship/Finance – Marcia Rash – M/S/C to send 25% of Peacemaking Offering to Lewis House. Budget for 2017: Mission Spending \$500 - \$250 for GA and \$250 for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. M/S/C to approve the budget as proposed (see below). We'll be needing a new bookkeeper. M/S/C to request \$2000/month for the budget from the Foundation. M/S/C to extend Bob Albright's term on Foundation by amending the Foundation bylaws. An audit for 2016 is planned for the spring.

Personnel/Nominating – Have done some asking. Waiting for decisions right now.

M/S/C to receive the committee reports.

Old Business – None – still no guidelines for Presbytery grants

New Business - None

There will be a meeting of Session on January 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM.
There will be a meeting of Session on February 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM.
There will be a meeting of Session on March 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM

April closed the meeting with prayer at 7: 50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Tiefenbruck
Clerk of Session

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Bible Study 6PM	2  Groundhog Day  Bernice Wittkopf	3	4
5 10:30 Worship w/Communion  Lincoln	6	7 Session 6:30 PM	8 Bible Study 6PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM	9	10  Fran Jauquet  Arthur Whipple	11
12 10:30 Worship	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16  Alexandra Norcross	17  Danielle Most	18
19 10:30 Worship	20 	21  Kathryn Norris	22 Bible Study 6PM  Washington	23  Ann Lewis	24	25
26 10:30 Informal Worship  Chris Derosé Most	27	28 Pastor April on KDWA 11am-12pm				