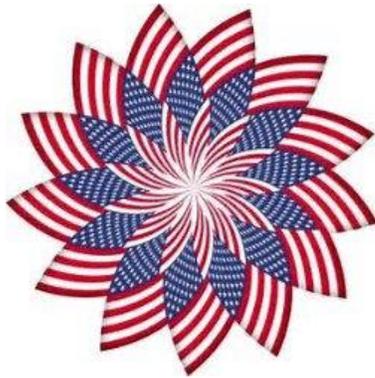




Mission Statement of 1st Presbyterian Church, Hastings
 Following Christ, we strive to love and serve the world so
 that all may grow in faith and experience true joy.

More Good News

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From the Pastor's Desk

GOD IS TURNING THE WORLD

June 12, 2017

Dear First Presbyterian Church family,

With trust in God who holds our future and a sure sense of the leading of the Holy Spirit, I write to inform you that at a special meeting on June 4, 2017 I asked the session to call a congregational meeting to dissolve my call to this church. They agreed with my request and such a meeting of the congregation will be held after worship on Sunday, June 25, 2017. My last Sunday here at First Presbyterian Church in Hastings will be Sunday, July 9, 2017; my last day in the office will be Thursday July 13, 2017. God, the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Woodbury, and the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area have called me to be the next pastor and head of staff of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Woodbury, Minnesota, and I have answered that call.

Over time things change and we are called to new and different ministries. While I am very excited about the possibilities in this next chapter of my ministry, I am also sad to be leaving First Presbyterian Church in Hastings, Minnesota. I am profoundly grateful for the time we have had together and the many ways in which we sought to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the congregation, community, and world.

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings has deep roots in this building and community. It has been exciting to see what ministries have sprouted and been nurtured. Together we have cared for children in the community, purchased school supplies, filled shoeboxes

July at a Glance

July 2
10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion

July 4
Independence Day

July 9
10:30 AM Informal Worship

July 16
10:30 AM Congregational Meeting

for Operation Christmas Child, walked together in the Rivertown Days Parade and distributed seed packets, not to mention nourishing our spiritual relationships through worship, prayer, study, and fellowship. We have continually sought new ways to grow disciples in our church family and throughout the community. A number of organizations and ministries in Hastings have gotten their start because of the faithfulness of members of FPC who “seek the welfare of the city.” I am proud to have served this congregation of leaders and disciples.

No list of ministries and mission will ever completely describe what we have shared over the last 6 years. There have been baptisms, funerals, and weddings, visits in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, Bible studies, confirmation classes, and mission projects. We have welcomed new members and blessed others as they have moved away. I am grateful to God for your faithfulness and all of the time we have shared. I am deeply appreciative of our ministry together, the opportunities you have afforded me to grow as a pastor, and for the privilege of walking with you through the joys and sorrows of life. With confidence I know that God is already at work in this transition for you and the future of First Presbyterian Church, preparing the way for the next pastor who will serve this congregation and community.

A representative of the Called Positions subcommittee from Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area was at the special session meeting to help explain the next steps for FPC. Teaching elder Denise Dunbar-Perkins is the liaison assigned to help the session in the process of finding an interim pastor as soon as possible. With your session and this help from the presbytery I trust you are in very capable hands.

When my last day does come in July that will be the end of my ministry here at FPC, and it will no longer be appropriate for me to serve in any pastoral functions – pastoral care visits or conversations, funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc. This helps pave the way for your new pastoral leaders, both the interim and the installed pastor who will eventually be called here. I appreciate your help in holding these boundaries.

These next few weeks will be filled with goodbyes and making sure information that I tend to hold is shared with the appropriate leaders in addition to regular worship and pastoral duties. Please do not hesitate to call me set up one-on-one or small group conversations here at the church or around town if you'd like to get together. I do not want to miss opportunities to bless each other as we part.

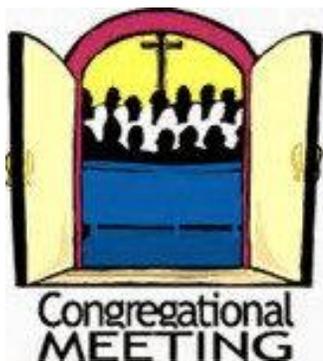
Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 9, 2017, our family's last Sunday in worship. Together we will celebrate the ministry we all have shared.

Thank you for the ways you have supported me in this call. Likewise, your care for my family has been gracious. We have felt blessed by the ways we have worshiped, studied, served, and grown together; we will hold the memories of our time in Hastings in our hearts.

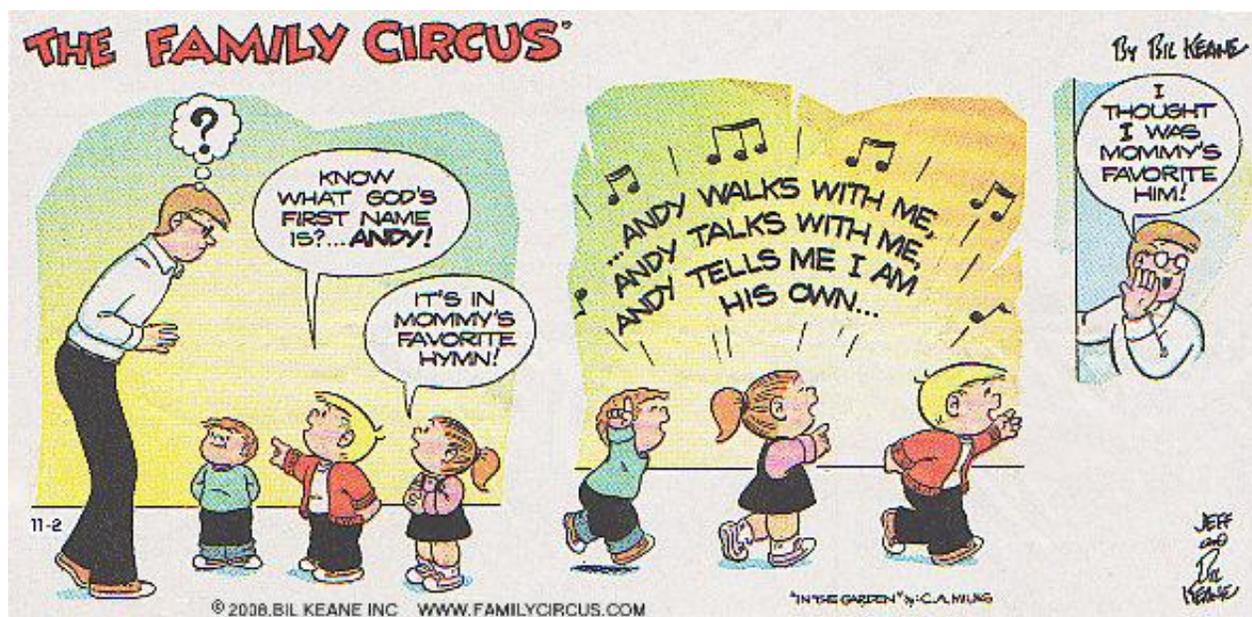
Grace to you, and peace,

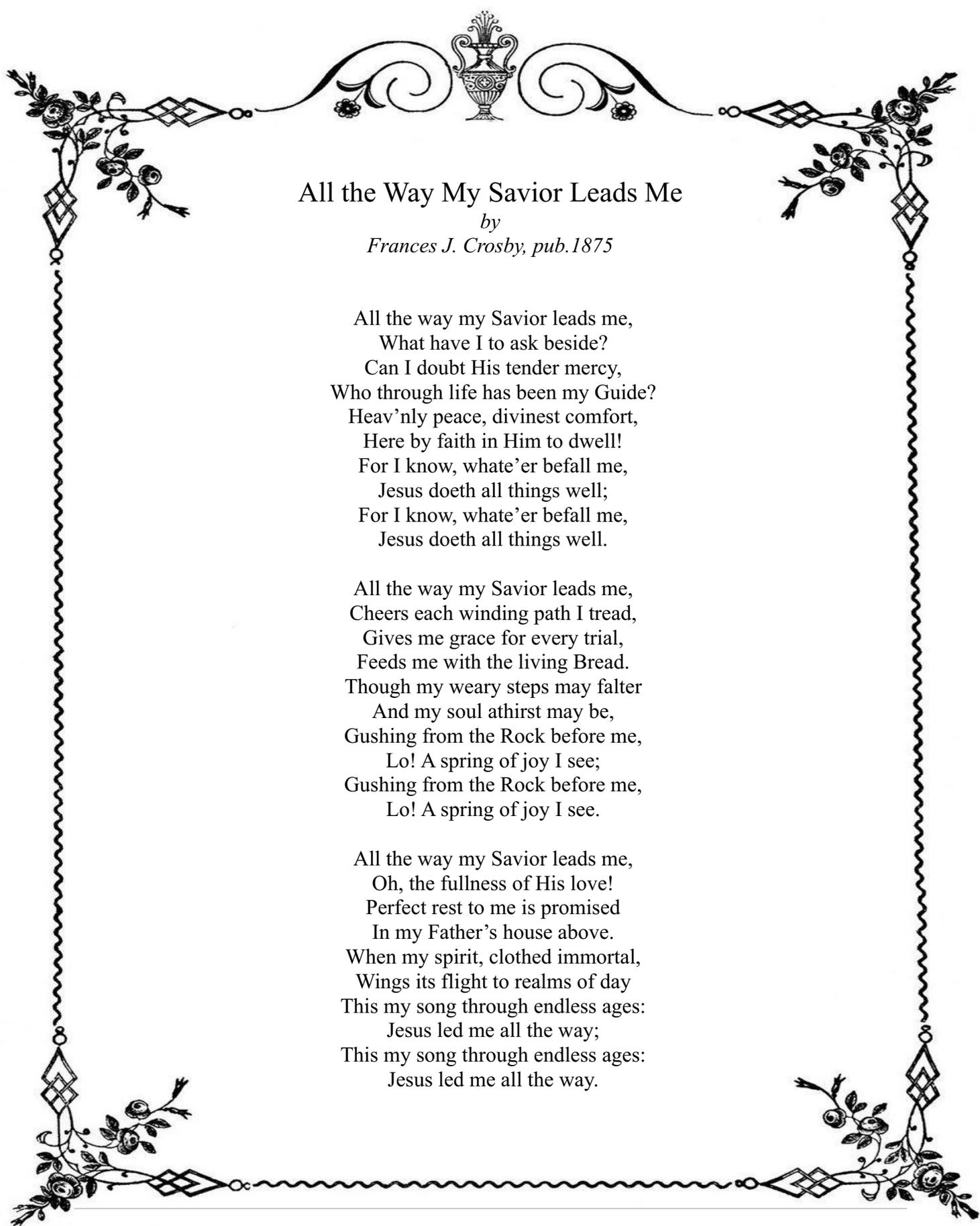
The Rev. Dr. April M. Davis Campbell, Pastor

General Announcement



The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, MN has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation on July 16, 2017 to discuss the path forward for this church after the departure of the current pastor. This discussion will take place during the usual worship hour beginning at 10:30 AM. Representatives from the Presbytery and, we hope, the Transitional Minister hired by the Session, will be present to assist in this discussion. This is the time for everyone who loves and cares about this church to stand up and be counted.





All the Way My Savior Leads Me

by
Frances J. Crosby, pub. 1875

All the way my Savior leads me,
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me,
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages:
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THE RECIPE CORNER

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

Cranberry Pie

submitted by Bernice Wittkopf

Ingredients

2 cups cranberries, cut in half
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup walnuts (optional)
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1/2 cup butter or margerine, melted
1 pie crust for 10" pie pan

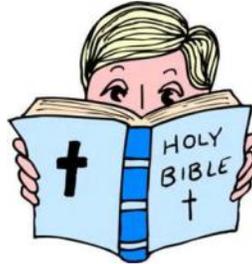
Directions

Combine cranberries, brown sugar and walnuts
Spread in the bottom of prepared pie shell
Beat eggs well
Gradually add the sugar to the eggs while continuing to beat
Stir in flour and melted butter
Pour batter over berries in the pie shell
Cover the edges of the pie crust with foil
Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes
Reduce heat to 350 degrees, remove foil and bake for 35 minutes longer
Serve with ice cream and Cool Whip

Bible Readings This Month

July 2

Gen. 22: 1-14
Ps. 13
Rom. 6: 12-23
Matt. 10: 40-42



July 9

Gen. 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Ps. 45: 10-17 or
Song of Sol. 2: 8-13
Rom. 7: 15-25a
Matt. 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 16

Gen. 25: 19-34
Ps. 119: 105-112
Rom. 8: 1-11
Matt. 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 23

Gen 28: 10-19a
Ps. 139: 1-12, 23-24
Rom. 8: 12-25
Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 30

Gen. 29:15-28
Ps. 105: 1-11, 45b or
Ps. 128
Rom. 8: 26-39
Matt. 13: 31-33, 44-52

July 2017 Servers

	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Leaders
July 2	Mullins	Blumeyers	Marcia Caneff
July 9			Kristin Blevins
July 16	Congregational meeting		

Session Minutes for May 2, 2017

A stated meeting of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, MN was held at 6:35 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the church on May 2, 2017.

The meeting began at 6:35 PM when Moderator Reverend Dr. April Davis Campbell lit the Christ Candle to remind us that we have come to listen for God's word to direct the work of this congregation. Dennis led devotions. He read from Isaiah 1: 1-3. God created people, and loves them unconditionally. Of course people have rejected God's will. Then he read Isaiah 40: 1-5, the familiar verses from the beginning of Advent. Two choices from God: obey me and prosper or ignore me and suffer the consequences. We hope to be mindful to choose God's path in our work tonight. The meeting was then opened with prayer.

Elders Present:

Class of 2017: Grant Tiefenbruck, Dave Hume

Class of 2018: Dennis Brown, Mary Crawmer

Class of 2019: Brenda Reiter, Karen Altpeter

Clerk's Report: The April Session Minutes were approved as submitted except for a correction to the date for the June meeting to the 13th. Ryan Fagnant has still not contacted me about his Eagle Scout Service Project.

Treasurer's Report: Foundation money for the sign has been received. An initial deposit is needed to get the ball rolling for the new sign. Marcia Rash sent an email suggesting that we divert our usual infusion of Foundation money for the operating budget to cover the new sign deposit, since we don't need the money from the Foundation this month. Our new treasurer has finished being trained. For the month of May, we shall need to pay her with a paper check to avoid incurring an additional payroll check charge. Insurance premium is due at the end of this month.

Foundation Report: No report this month.

Pastor's Report: The Janice Larson piano class recital will be on May 8th. Coverage for the event was planned. Thanks to Mary, Dennis, and Dave. April was just installed as vice-moderator of the Synod. She ran a meeting where the "Administrative Manual" was approved. They studied a book called, "Waking Up White" about privilege and racism. Reparations seem to be at the heart of a lot of these discussions. April asked, "Where are the people with different experiences in Hastings?" A long discussion about racism and current events in Hastings ensued.

The Pastor's Corner newspaper column was due today, and April did not even know the schedule. She will be going to Indiana this week to work on her writing. She will share contact information for the relief pastor.

Presbytery Meeting: No meeting in April.

Deacons: No report this month.

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

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Dennis – It has been all about the sign. The sign will be new, but the supporting structure and concrete pad will be reused. Some pruning of the tree will help with visibility from the northbound lanes on Vermillion Avenue.

Fellowship – Brenda – An ordination service needs to be planned. She'll plan a nice fellowship hour reception for that. A birthday theme is planned for Fellowship this Sunday. Robert Hamilton and Helen Ott will be celebrating birthdays soon.

Christian Education – Kaitlin Christian should be recognized for service as a Sunday School teacher this year.

Mission – Mary – Sign-up sheets for t-shirts for the Rivertown Days Parade need to be posted. Prayer Shawl meetings have been on a hiatus lately.

Stewardship/Finance – Per Capita will be sent to Presbytery when Marcia gets settled again.

Personnel/Nominating – No report this month.

Worship – Karen - No special worship items. June 4th is Pentecost. Bell Choir will be playing at the service.

M/S/C to receive the committee reports.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Mary signed up for devotions in June.

There will be a meeting of Session on June 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the church.
There will be a meeting of Session on August 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the church.

Dennis closed the meeting with prayer at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Tiefenbruck
Clerk of Session



JULY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 10:30 Worship w/Communion	3	4 	5	6	7  Cole Christian  Lucas Ott	8
9 10:30 Worship	10	11  Grant Tiefenbruck  Cathy Underwood	12  Mark Baxter	13	14  Gerry Ott	15 
16 10:30 Congregational Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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