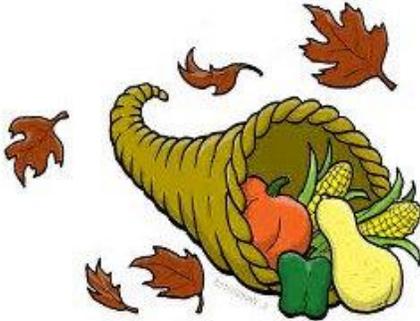




## Mission Statement of 1st Presbyterian Church, Hastings

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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## November at a Glance

**Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 29**

Bell Choir Practice 6 PM

**Nov. 5**

Daylight savings ends  
10:30 AM Worship  
w/ Communion

**Nov. 12**

9:30 AM Bell Choir Practice  
10:30 AM Worship

**Nov. 19**

10:30 AM Worship  
Stewardship Sunday

**Nov. 26**

10:30 AM Worship

**Nov. 27**

Session w/Deacons 6:30 PM

## From the Pastor's Desk

As you may know, our Hastings congregation was among nine congregations in our presbytery to receive a Congregational Development Grant from our presbytery earlier this year. The funds for these grants came from the financial settlements received from congregations who recently chose to leave the presbytery. However, it was the presbytery's vision that part of these funds would be made available to support congregations initiate new ministries in their communities that they might not otherwise be able to undertake.

Our congregation received a grant of \$13,000 to initiate three new ministries: a Holy Yoga program, a Liturgical Artist Program, and a Music and Meal Program. However, as of this time, none of the funds from the grant have been expended, and none of the proposed programs have begun.

So at the September meeting of the Session, they endorsed a request to the presbytery's Committee on Church Vitality to re-allocate the budgeted use of the grant funds that is more in line with the current situation for the congregation and our present leadership. The Session requested to forego the Holy Yoga program and combine the funds budgeted for that program into the Music and Meal Program. They also requested that we be allowed to alter the original parameters of the Music and Meal Program and the Liturgical Artist Program. The presbytery approved our requested changes.

We now have a budget of \$2,100 for our Liturgical Artist Program available to provide small honorariums for those guest performing or visual artists participating in our worship service over the next few months. Selection of those artists will be done by Pat Dymacek, Karen Altpeter, and me as we plan worship services for the months ahead.

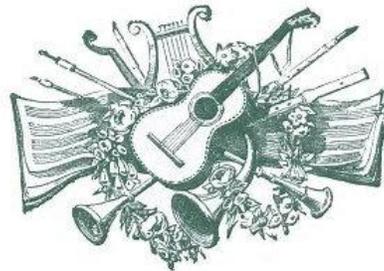
We will also be launching a Community Arts Program in 2018, focused on presenting performing and visual arts events that will draw the community into the church and particularly to the sanctuary. This new program will be guided by a Steering Team that will include both church and community members. We will seek to coordinate our work with other community arts organizations for funding, leadership, and programming. The Hastings community is becoming an arts destination and we hope that this modest budget of \$10,900 of grant funding will be a "seed" for our congregation to connect with this growing initiative.

The Session and I believe that these planned uses of the Congregational Development Grant funds will give our Hastings congregation a needed boost of Spirit in our worship services and help us reach out and become more visible in the community.

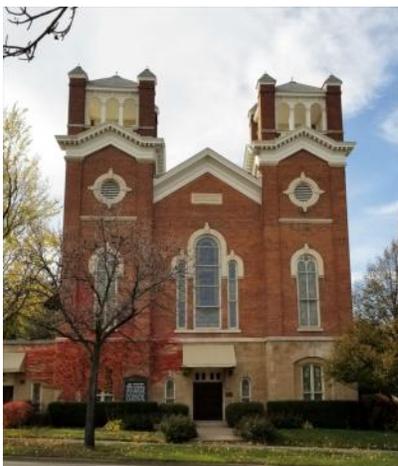
As always, I welcome your questions and comments about this matter or other concerns around the congregation.

See you in church,

Steve



Rev. Steve Robertson is always available for questions or pastoral emergencies. Please contact him anytime. Call or text his cell phone: 612-655-7594 Or Email: [stevempls@icloud.com](mailto:stevempls@icloud.com)



## 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

## Daylight Savings Time

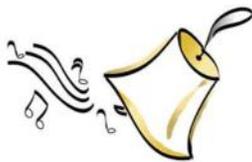
ends on

### Sunday, November 5

**Turn your clocks back one hour before  
you go to bed Saturday night!**



The Deacons are updating the Prayer Chain information. If you would like to be on the prayer chain, please let Becky Tiefenbruck know of your interest. You can reach her through email at [mrsbect@gmail.com](mailto:mrsbect@gmail.com), or by phone at (612) 849-8156. Prayer chain participants will be contacted by either phone or email, whichever they prefer.



## BELL CHOIR NOTES



### The Bell Choir November Schedule

Wednesday November 1st	6:00	Practice
Sunday November 5th	9:30	Practice before church
Wednesday November 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00	Practice
Sunday November 12th	9:30	Practice & Play in Church
Wednesday November 15th	6:00	Practice
Wednesday November 29 <sup>th</sup>	6:00	Practice

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



It's time to start thinking about Christmas Poinsettias. Since Eisele Greenhouse is no longer going to be handling poinsettias, we are going back to Gertens for their program.

Red, pink and white poinsettias will be available in either 6 1/2" pots for \$12.00, or 8" pots for \$20.00. Order forms will be available at the kiosk. Orders are due on November 12th. the plants will be at the church on or about December 8th.

This is a great way to buy a plant in honor, or in memory of a loved one and help decorate the church sanctuary. It is also a small fundraiser for the church, as we are able to keep a small amount for each plant we purchase. If you give plants to neighbors, family and friends, consider purchasing them through the church program.



## Scripts Fund-raising Order

Since the holiday season is just around the corner, it's a perfect time to purchase gift cards through the Scrip Program. This program is a helpful fundraising ministry for our church and provides you with an opportunity to buy gift cards at your favorite retailers. An updated list of participating vendors is located on the kiosk, along with order forms. Kristin Blevins has volunteered to be our Scrips Program Coordinator and will be submitting an order on December 3rd. Please make your checks out to the church with the memo stating it is for Scrip. Mary Crawmer will deliver the cards on or about December 12th.

## Looking Ahead

Believe it or not, the Holidays are fast approaching. As in the past, we will have a Gift Tree as part of our ministry with Hastings Family Services. Look for more details in the coming weeks.



Please join the Deacons on Sunday, December 17th for an Outreach/Fellowship event. After church we will have lunch and then go Christmas caroling. Get in the Christmas Spirit as we visit Augustana, Park Ridge and Regina.

## The Heifer Project



This year we will be participating in the Heifer Project. Our donations will help buy an animal for a family in poverty. Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. The core of our model is Passing on the Gift. This means families share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. This extends the impact of the original gift, allowing a once impoverished family to become donors and full participants in improving their communities.

There is now a bank on the kiosk for donations for Heifer Project. If writing a check, please make it out to the church, with the memo stating is is for the h.p. There is a new catalogue on the kiosk under Mission. When we collect the money, we can decide what we wish to buy and Mary Crawmer will send it in.

# THE RECIPE CORNER

Please send your recipes to Becky Tiefenbruck at [mrsbect@gmail.com](mailto:mrsbect@gmail.com) or put them in the newsletter box in the office.



## Easy Turkey Enchiladas

*A great way to use leftover turkey from your Thanksgiving dinner*

submitted by Becky Tiefenbruck

### Ingredients

- 4 cups cubed turkey or chicken
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 cup light sour cream
- 1 cup light ranch dressing
- 10 large (8-inch) flour/corn tortillas
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 cups bottled salsa
- 2 medium tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 2 green onions, chopped, optional

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375° F.
2. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.
3. Cook turkey, stirring constantly until no longer pink, about 10 minutes.
4. In a small bowl, mix sour cream and ranch dressing.
5. In a medium bowl, combine 1 cup sour cream mixture and turkey.
6. Divide turkey mixture, cheese and salsa evenly over tortillas.
7. Roll up and place seam-side down in a greased 9 x 11-inch baking pan.
8. Bake, uncovered, for 25-30 minutes.
9. Top with tomato, green onion and any remaining salsa and/or sour cream mixture.

## WE THANK THEE

By Ralph Waldo Emerson

For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For the song of bird and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,  
Father, we thank Thee.  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
Father, we thank Thee  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.



## Bible Readings This Month

### November 5

Josh. 3: 7-17  
 Ps. 107: 1-7, 33-37  
 1 Thes. 2: 9-13  
 Matt. 23: 1-12

### November 19

Judges 4: 1-7  
 Ps. 123  
 1 Thes. 5: 1-11  
 Matt. 25: 31-46

### November 12

Josh. 24: 1-3, 14-25  
 Ps. 78: 1-7  
 1 Thes. 4: 13-18  
 Matt. 25: 1-13

### November 26

Ezek. 34: 11-16, 20-24  
 Ps. 100  
 Eph. 1: 15-23  
 Matt. 25: 31-46

**The Bible**  
*John Greenleaf Whittier*

We search the world for truth. We cull  
 The good, the true, the beautiful,  
 From graven stone and written scroll,  
 And all old flower-fields of the soul;  
 And, weary seeker of the best,  
 We come back laden from our quest,  
 To find that all the sages said  
 Is in the Book our mothers read.

<b>November 2017 Servers</b>			
	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lay Leaders</b>
<b>Nov. 5</b>	Carlotta Mullins	Browns	Marcia Caneff
<b>Nov. 12</b>	Kristin Blevins	Christians	Marcia Rash
<b>Nov. 19</b>	Judy Becker	Humes	Dennis Brown
<b>Nov. 26</b>	Tayson/Wittkopf	Tiefenbrucks	Kristin Blevins

Communion Preparation: Shanno Stenzel and Helen Ott

### **Session Minutes for September 11, 2017**

**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 September 11, 2017.**

The meeting began at 6:30 PM when Moderator Reverend Dr. Stephen Robertson called the meeting to order. Grant led the devotion “Joy Along the Way” by Steve Goodier. Enjoy God was one of the key messages! Grant then opened the meeting with prayer.

#### **Elders Present:**

Class of 2018: Grant Tiefenbruck, Dave Hume

Class of 2019: Dennis Brown, Mary Crawmer

Class of 2020: Karen Altpeter, Brenda Reiter

Absent: None

Also Present: Becky Tiefenbruck

**Clerk’s Report:** There were no corrections to the August meeting minutes. The Presbytery Mission Fair on October 14 was highlighted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No report this month.

**Foundation Report:** No report this month.

**Pastor’s Report:** Steve documented various activities such as worship services led, members visited, meetings with small groups, and community contacts since beginning ministry here in Hastings in July. Steve took 7 days of vacation from August 30 to September 5.

**Presbytery Meeting:** The meeting is tomorrow in Red Wing. Dennis was elected the commissioner to Presbytery.

**Deacons:** Will be meeting sometime in October.

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

#### **Committee Reports**

**Building and Grounds** – Dennis – Fellowship Hall rug cleaning to be done soon. Tweaks to the sign have been made. It is very readable.

**Fellowship** – Brenda – She was lauded for doing a good job!

**Christian Education** – Steve will be following up with parents. What about adult studies? We’ll try a

Sunday morning topical study at 9:30 AM during October Sundays.

**Mission** – Mary – email blast to solicit funds for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Grant will respond to Elmarie Parker about declining a possible presentation. Christmas activity will focus on working with Hastings Family Services.

**Stewardship/Finance** – Stewardship Sunday will be November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel/Nominating** – Grant – Will be getting organized soon.

**Worship** – Karen – “Blue Christmas” service will be on hiatus this year. Annual Meeting will be planned for mid to late January. “Lessons and Carols” will be the second Sunday in December. Christmas Eve service will be held at 8 PM. Wedding rehearsal for Emily Forthun will be at 6 PM on 9/29 (Mary) and the wedding service at 3 PM on 9/30 (Dave and Dennis).

M/S/C to receive the committee reports.

**Old Business** –

Congregational Development Grant proposal – Liturgical Artist Program is for honoraria for artists in worship. Community Arts Program is planned to reach out beyond our walls.

Liturgical Artist Program \$ 2,100

Community Arts Program \$10,900

M/S/C to endorse the above grant revision.

There has been some progress on getting the old website pulled down. We have been paying for it regularly from the checking account. Stop payments to 1and1.com seems to be the best option.

**New Business** –

We shall continue our practice of displaying the flags only on national holidays.

Steve will be working with Karen, Becky, Margaret, and Marcia on communications this month.

There will be a stated meeting of Session on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the church.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Steve at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Tiefenbruck  
Clerk of Session

# November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1   Michael Rash	2  Kurt Fagnant	3  Ben Reiter	
5  10:30 Worship w/Communion  Andrea Johnson	6	7 Election Day	8 Bell Choir 6 PM	9	10	11 
12 Bell Choir 9:30 AM 10:30 Worship	13	14	15 Bell Choir 6 PM	16	17	18
19 10:30 Worship	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26 10:30 Worship	27 Sesion w/ Deacons 6:30 PM	28	29 Bell Choir 6 PM	30		



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