



A cartoon illustration of a smiling yellow sun with a face, partially obscured by the large, bold, orange letters spelling 'JUNE'. The sun has a simple black outline, two black dots for eyes, and a curved line for a smile. It has two pink circular cheeks. The letters 'JUNE' are in a bold, orange, sans-serif font with black outlines. The background is a light gray and white checkerboard pattern.

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A Note from Pastor Tom.....

Dear Friends,

There is a familiar story of a man who was a worrier. It showed in his face and his posture. He seemed to carry the weight of the world on his shoulders. However, one day this man changed. He had a bounce to his step. It was as if he had not a care in the world. A friend asked what had happened. "Well," he confided, "as you know I have always been one to worry. I have decided that this is both unwise and unhealthy, so I have hired someone to do my worrying for me." "But how much does this cost you?" the friend asked. "Oh, about \$1,000 a week," the man replied. "But how can you afford to pay this man who worries for you?" was the astonished response.

The man answered calmly, "That's his worry!"

I wish it was that easy for some of us to get rid of our worries, don't you?

Jesus once spoke these words:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

My guess is that there is someone today who needs to heed these words of our Lord. That one is literally worrying him/herself sick over some situation over which they have no control. That is when one needs desperately to stop for a moment and consider the birds of the air and the lilies of the field and turn the worries over to God.

One way to do that is to determine to live in the present.

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“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,” says Jesus, “for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

That sounds somewhat negative. “Each day has enough trouble of its own.” But it is good advice. You and I aren’t God. We don’t know the future. We may be worrying about something that will never happen. We may be worrying about something that will resolve itself. We need to focus on today.

And that is the heart of the problem, isn’t it, our lack of faith? We really don’t know how much God loves us. That’s why we worry about the future. That’s why we hold on to the mistakes of our past. I love the way Isaiah puts it this way in the Old Testament, “*But Zion said, ‘The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.’*” Then Isaiah adds these wonderful words, “*Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!*”

Isaiah is saying that even our own mother might forget us or forsake us, but God never will. Can you even imagine a greater love than a mother for her child? And yet the testimony of scripture is that God’s love for each of us is greater than even that.

So this is the message that Jesus has for us this day: Don’t worry! Be happy! Live in the present. Always try to do the right thing. God loves you. God will provide for you. I hope this will help you as we continue to endure this pandemic of Covid 19.

Blessings, Pastor Tom



Sunday, May 31 - Day of Pentecost



Pastor Tom mails weekly packages to our children each week during the pandemic and on this week, they received a ‘flame’ to wear for Pentecost and a children’s sermon describing that time in history.



Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Pam Roker Edith Simmerman	4	5	6
7	8	9 Pat Wehling	10 Jacob Martens Landry James	11	12	13
14	15 Helen Lundak	16 Bailey Blankenship	17	18 Cassidy James	19 Nick Zaroban	20 Jim/Susie Frerichs
21 Mary Donna Patton Randy/JoAnn Martens	22 Jan Marion Marilyn Brammier Keith/Kristie Dierking	23 Rose DeKock	24	25	26 Josh Osborne	27 Happy 50 th ! Jim/Mary Callen
28	29	30				

If you have additions or corrections to the Birthday and Anniversaries calendar, please don't hesitate to let Jane know! Please call the office or email your information to secretary@firstpresnc.org



Calendar of Events

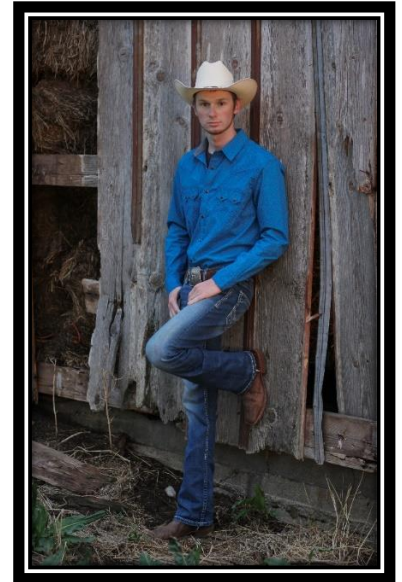
Please note: all events in **purple** will take place as scheduled. All entries in black are tentative as of June 1....watch your mail or email for updates.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Welcome Back! Together again on this Trinity Sunday Worship 10:30am	8 AA 12pm Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	9 AA 12pm	10 Lunch Bunch @ Taco Bell 12pm Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:30pm Session 6:30pm AA 8pm	11 Men's Study Gp at Scooters 6:30am AA 12pm Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	12	13 AA 8am
14 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship and Communion 10:30am	15 AA 12pm	16 AA 12pm	17 Lunch Bunch @ Runza 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	18 Men's Study Gp at Scooters 6:30am AA 12pm Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	19 Food Bank of Lincoln at First United Methodist Church 12-1pm	20 AA 8am
21 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30am	22 AA 12pm Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm National Day of Prayer Dinner 6pm at Calvary Community Church	23 AA 12pm	24 Lunch Bunch @ El Portal 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	25 Men's Study Gp at Scooters 6:30am AA 12pm Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	26	27 AA 8am
28 4th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30am	29 AA 12pm	30 AA 12pm				

Congratulations

Josh Martens!

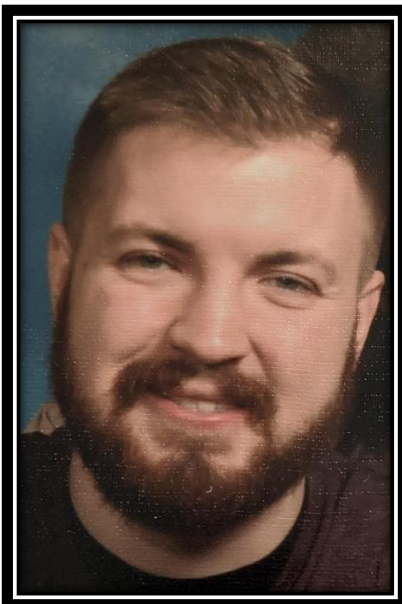
Josh graduated from Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, IA on May 8, 2020 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Wind Energy and Turbine Technology. He has accepted a position with Vestas and when operations begin, he will be stationed at the Crowned Ridge Wind Project near Watertown, SD. Until that time, he will be training and working at various places throughout the US.



Congratulations Tara Maddox

on your High School Graduation!

Tara will be attending Bryan College of Health Sciences this fall. She will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



Congratulations to Joshua Osborne!

Josh is the son of Laura Osborne and grandson of Pastor Tom & Janet Osborne. Josh graduated from Peru State College with a bachelor's degree in Graphic Design and intends to find a job in the Omaha Metro area. He has been serving as our church custodian for over a year while completing his senior year at Peru.



Thank you, Brent and Michelle Shanholtz, for your time and energy spent on a Saturday afternoon in the church front yard, raking and cleaning out the flower beds! You turned neglected and messy into respectable, fresh and pretty!



Tom Weddle and Lilly Frields followed Brent and Michelle, planting our flower beds with gorgeous begonias! It was fun to watch them work together and they had fun working together!



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Parade of Cars to Tom & Janet Hemphill's - Farewell - Best Wishes!



Friends and family of the Hemphills met at the High School parking lot with their cars, signs and balloons.....all ready for the drive-by parade. It was a beautiful, cool Sunday morning and there were a lot of smiles along the way. Tom and Janet will be greatly missed in Nebraska City and more especially, First Presbyterian Church. We wish them the very best of health and happiness in their new home in Omaha.





Looking Forward to June

Here is a listing of the Scripture readings and the morning messages that Pastor Tom will be sharing with us in the month of June. You can read the scripture each week to help you prepare for a better worship experience.

June 7	Trinity Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	<i>Holy Arithmetic</i>
June 14	2 nd Sunday of Pentecost	Acts 2:11-21	<i>Whatever Became of the Spirit?</i>
June 21	Father's Day	Matthew 10:24-39	<i>The Love of a Father</i>
June 28	4 th Sunday of Pentecost	Matthew 10:40-42	<i>What's Your Hospitality Quotient?</i>

Join Us each Sunday and lift your hearts to the Lord our God!



National Day of Prayer Celebration - Monday, June 22 – 6pm

Dinner with Lt. Governor Mike Foley

Tickets available from church office - \$7.50

Calvary Community Church - 273 S 63rd RD – Nebraska City

Stewardship Sampler for June:



Luke 10:25-29 *Love God and love neighbor, the greatest commandment*

Jesus answers the question, “And who is my neighbor” with the story of the Good Samaritan. Some version of the “Greatest Commandment” or the “Double Love Command” is found in all the synoptic gospels and this version in Luke concludes with the story of the Good Samaritan and is particularly fitting for reflecting on stewardship. This is the basis for Christian life, to love God and love our neighbors. We show our love to our neighbors by giving generously of our time, energy and resources, just as the Samaritan did.



Continuing praying this month: Pray for an end to the rioting and the pandemic! Pray for our leaders worldwide; our national, state and local leaders. Pray for guidance for those making day to day decisions regarding our safety and our physical, mental and financial health. Pray for our first responders, medical staff and for those affected by the virus and their families. Pray for those dealing with the rioting and health issues other than Covid 19! Pray for guidance and patience! Our actions or words can affect those near us.....our family, friends and others in our neighborhood and community.

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, hear our prayers. Please grant us peace, patience and understanding as we live together through these trying times. We ask in the name of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, AMEN.

Creativity Amid Chaos: The Nebraska Corona Bible

A project both daunting and intriguingly simple: People all across the Cornhusker State are copying the whole Bible in their own handwriting. Envisioned as a means to stay connected beyond the digital divide, the Nebraska Corona Bible will be a time capsule of these unprecedented times and a powerful testimony of hope amid this crisis.

To participate or learn more, please check out the website www.nebraskacoronabible.com and sign up today for your favorite text.

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Guidelines for our Return to Worship Service

The Elders have decided to resume worship services in our sanctuary on Sunday June 7, 2020.

In an effort to be proactive in keeping our church family safe during the Covid 19 spread, we are making some adaptations as we gather in the church building. The following guidelines will help us protect each other and demonstrate our care for each other:

If you are feeling ill or have a high-risk health condition, we suggest that you stay home for now. We plan to record each service and post it on our church Facebook page:

First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City

You may wear a mask to worship but it is not required.

You are asked to sit with your family or close friend, and not move around the sanctuary.

Every other row of pews will be closed to allow us to practice social distancing.

Hugs and handshakes are strongly discouraged for the time being.

There will be hand sanitizer available for you to use as you enter the building and sanctuary.

The order of service will be abbreviated. We will not share the peace as we usually do. There will not be a Children's Time. Please place your offerings in the collection plate on the table at the back of the sanctuary either before or after the worship service. We encourage bringing your personal Bible as the Church's Hymnals and Bibles will not be available.

The nursery will NOT be available at this time. Children are to stay with family at all times.

Restrooms are available for use, one occupant at a time. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

When the service is over, please maintain the 6-foot distancing and do not gather in the sanctuary or narthex.