



The Builder



2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – NEBRASKA CITY
165 YEARS 1855 – 2020

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

First Presbyterian Church
1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

*Join us for Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30
(Social Distancing is practiced)*

Rally Sunday – September 13!

Wednesday Devotions and our Sunday Worship are posted on our Facebook page:
First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City

Keep in touch.....

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A Note from Pastor Tom.....

Dear Friends,

How Will You Respond?

There was a man who thought highly of himself and felt confident that he could do anything he set his mind to. One weekend, he rented a large sailboat. He didn't have much experience in sailing, but he had stayed up late one night reading a book about it. As he sailed far from land, a sudden storm appeared. He quickly found himself in trouble and turned to the radio for help.

After punching in number after number and shouting into the microphone, he finally got in touch with the Coast Guard. Their first question was, "What is your position?" The man replied, "I am the Vice President of sales and recruitment." Not exactly what the Coast Guard had in mind – but it's not unlike the sort of answer we give to God, when we utter our cries for help.

God desires only our humble response: that we are someone in need of his help. When God asks for our "location," we need only respond that we are in a place of trouble and anxiety, a place where only God can find us.

Here is a prayer that I offer you use in times of trouble or distress:

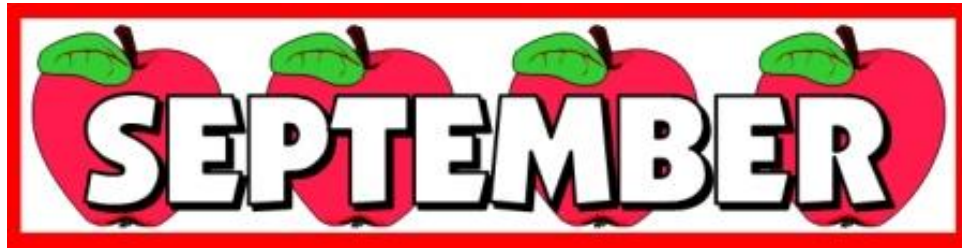
Lord God, I admit that my heart has been troubled, and I have allowed fear to influence how I make decisions. I repent of that, and I am choosing today to rest in You and your peace. Help me to calm my circumstances. Give me strength and courage to face the challenges that come upon me. Allow me to feel the assuring presence of your Holy Spirit with me each day. In the name of Christ Jesus I pray; AMEN.

Blessings, Pastor Tom



165 Years

1855-2020



Birthdays & Anniversaries!

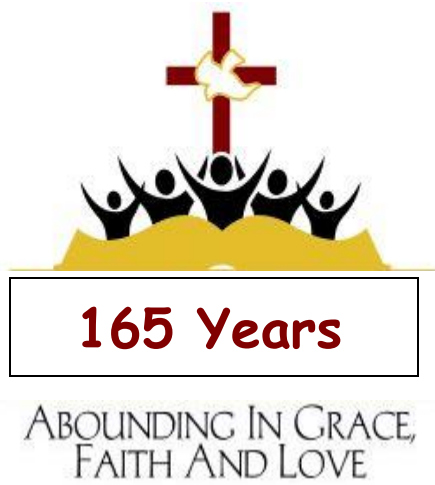
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 John Wehling
6 Jeffry Dammast	7	8	9 Janet Hemphill Sharon McElfresh	10	11	12
13 Karen Brannon Larry Brammier	14	15 Marvin Zimmerman	16 Carol Maddox	17	18	19
20	21	22 Tom & Janet Hemphill	23 Joseph Frerichs	24 Jordan Dierking Wes Finkner	25 Loran Patton	26
27 Ed Reed	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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First	Presbyterian	Church	Nebraska City	165 years	1855 - 2020	
		1	2 Devotions on Facebook	3 Men's Study Gp 6:30am/Scooters Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	4	5
6 Worship & Communion 10:30am 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	7 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	8	9 Devotions on Facebook Session 6:30pm	10 Men's Study Gp 6:30am/Scooters Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	11	12
13 RALLY SUNDAY! Worship 10:30am Meet & Greet 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	14	15	16 Devotions on Facebook	17 Men's Study GP 6:30am/Scooters Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	18 Food Bank of Lincoln at First United Methodist Church 12-1pm	19
20 Worship 10:30am 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	21 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	22	23 Devotions on Facebook	24 Men's Study Gp 6:30am/Scooters Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	25	26
27 Worship 10:30am 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	28 Committee Meetings	29	30 Devotions on Facebook			



Pastor Tom presented a special plaque to Bill and Jean Damast in appreciation of their many years of service to First Presbyterian Church.

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Honorees in attendance were Mary Donna Wier Patton, member for 76 years, Eileen Thayer 71 years and Loran Patton 67 years. Coffee fellowship outside followed the worship and celebration service.





Ready to sing?!! Abby is tentatively planning to start choir practice on Wednesday, November 4. The choir will sing for church for the first time this fall on Sunday, November 29, the first Sunday of Advent. For questions or concerns, contact Abby!

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

We hope you will be able to attend Sunday Worship with us this coming month.

Here is a look at the messages that Pastor Tom is planning to share with us:

September 6	Labor Day	<i>To the Best of Our Abilities</i>	Colossians 3:22-24
September 13	- Rally Day	<i>Be a Forgiving Person</i>	Matthew 18:21-35
September 20		<i>A Four Word Memoir</i>	Philippians 1:21-30
September 27		<i>Have the Same Mindset</i>	Philippians 2:1-13

**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!



You are Invited!



Join us for a **Meet & Greet** in honor of **Bryan and Kaelie Fields**.

Bryan and Kaelie were married July 3. We are holding this special, long overdue wedding shower and coffee fellowship for them on Sunday, September 13, after the worship service.

(Gift cards or cash would be wonderful!)



Sunday School for all ages!

Classes start at 9:15am

beginning on Rally Sunday, September 13!

Join Us as We Grow together

in Faith and Friendship!



During this pandemic, there has been a lot of talk about baking. It looks like that activity occurred at Jim and Susie Frerich's home as well. Those are some pretty fancy cakes, Katie and Isaac! Now it's back-to-school for Isaac, and from these pictures, it looks like there was a darling send off from Katie and Alex!

Our First Presbyterian Church family can boast a lot of 'cuteness' in our 14 kiddos! And speaking of school, Rally Sunday is September 13. It will be great getting back to a little bit of normal!



Pray always. Pray with purpose. Pray for patience during the continued Covid 19 pandemic. Pray for our children and parents as they adjust to school and fall activities. Pray for our leaders: worldwide, national, state and local. Pray for our first responders, medical staff, our local businesses, and school officials, as they continue to adjust in daily operations. Pray for those dealing with other ongoing health issues. Please pray also for the following church family and friends: Tom and Janet Hemphill, Lonnie and Doris Martin, Kevin Driever, Connie Driever, Katie Becker, Howard Antes, Rev. Bob Burdett, Christine Allgood and Eileen Thayer.

Please email your prayer requests to Jayne James at: thejamesgang777@gmail.com or call her: 402-873-5092



"I baptize you, Branch, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

Pastor Tom baptized his great nephew.

BRANCH WAYNE PARKER

Parents: Austin & Chelsea Parker

Baptized 8/23/20



"Congratulations to your family from First Presbyterian Church." Jean Damast presented a cross to Branch from the Deacons.



Operation Christmas Child!

National Collection Week November 16-23

Shoeboxes will arrive soon!

Three ways to donate:

- Donate a complete box
- Donate money
- Donate items to fill boxes

For more information go to www.operationchristmaschild.com
Or speak to Carla Zaroban and Christian Heaton