



The Builder



2021

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)*

Sunday School for all ages - 9:15am!

Our Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:
First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City

Keep in touch.....

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Marching Forward, Church Family!

CHANGE IS COMING!

When I was in Lincoln last week, I saw some geese flying north. I realize that there are many geese living in Lancaster County now days year-round. Someone would probably tell me that it was just those which stay here year-round moving from one lake to another. OK that's true. But to me it was a reminder that Spring is coming! Some people are glad to see the winter come to an end and others are not so glad. Some can't wait for spring because they really like the spring season. There are others who are glad for the change because they really like the summer season that comes right behind spring. One thing is certain: Change Is Coming! You've probably heard it said that if things are not changing then we are dead. There's some truth to that, but still for many of us, it can be difficult to accept change. We often become so accustomed to and comfortable with things just the way they have been that we resist change. Sometimes we even engage in bitter disputes over change. Some might ask what does the Bible say about change? There are lots and lots of examples in the Bible when God wanted the people to change their thinking. One example is when the people of God found themselves far removed from Jerusalem. That's when God, through the prophet Jeremiah, asked them to do something radical, something the people thought they could never do. They were instructed to embrace the new community and become a part of it in various ways. They were instructed to pray for the community's well-being. God assured them that when the community prospered, they too would prosper. Yes, they were fearful of the unknown, but even though they were uncertain of what tomorrow would bring, God would still be with them. We all need to learn a lesson from that. When we take the attitude that God is "in the day" today, just as God will be "in the day" tomorrow, then we can feel safe and secure in the midst of change. Second Timothy chapter 2 and verse 14 says: "Remind them of this and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening." We should embrace change and look for ways to glorify God. Let's all join together and work for harmony and unity within our church and within our community.

Blessings, Pastor Tom



March

BIRTHDAYS

& Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Ken Zaroban	11	12	13
14	15 Tarryn Godsey	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Cheryl Hauptman	25	26 Howard & Dee Antes	27
28 Brent & Bunny Shanholtz						

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



Who knew that a birthday could be so much fun!? I enjoyed a week of happiness receiving cards from all of you!

Thank you so very much.

Kathy Nelson



March Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	2	3	4 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:15 Worship & Communion 10:30am 3 rd Sunday in Lent	8	9	10 Deacons, 5:30 Session, 6:30pm	11 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	12	13
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28 Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering Palm Sunday	29 Committee Meetings 6pm & 6:45pm	30	31			





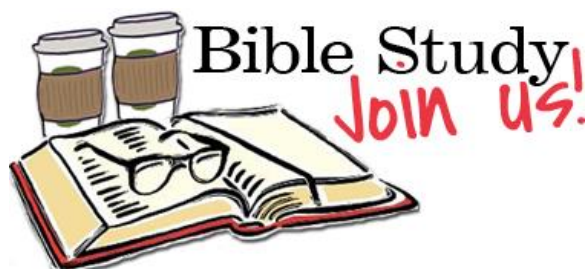
Please pray for the following church family and friends:
Amy Fields, Eileen Thayer, Loran & Mary Donna Patton,
Tom and Janet Hemphill, Rev. Bob Burdett, Kevin Driever,
Christine Allgood and Howard & Dee Antes.

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



Join us at 9:15 each Sunday morning

All are welcome!



Join us for **Sunday Preview** each Thursday morning, 10am. This Bible study is an expanded study on Pastor Tom's message for the following Sunday.

He shares history and interesting stories direct from the Bible and other Biblical sources! Please join us! All are Welcome!

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Congratulations **Mariah Koeneke** on your December graduation from UNO! And congrats also to your parents, Jerry & Lori Koeneke & grandparents Howard & Dee Antes. 😊



Please mail in your contributions faithfully. Worship attendance is down from before Covid restrictions and social distancing began a year ago, but our expenses continue. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Every one of us has adjusted to some real different challenges in this past year, haven't we?! Social distancing, masks and virtual gatherings have become the 'norm' for most of us. What have you done this year to 'adjust'? My three sisters and I have texted every day during this past year and actually, have become closer because of this rather crazy new way of communication. We tried Zoom once, but couldn't get one of the four to cooperate! Lol! I also reconnected with a high school classmate, now living in Oklahoma City. Pastor Roger Bruns and I text and email each other almost daily and we share each other's church newsletters! Please share your avenues of adjustment during the pandemic with us. Call the office: 402-873-5306 or email: secretary@firstpresnc.org . Thanks in advance for sharing! Jane Zimmerman



*"Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me."
-Jesus*

Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us as we continue the season of Lent. You are encouraged to come to Sunday morning services. The season of LENT leads us into EASTER and so it is very helpful to attend regularly. Sunday worship is open to all. We do practice social distancing and masks are worn by many of us.

Please join us either in person, or if you are unable to attend, on our Facebook page: First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City.

Lenten Sermons 2021

The following are the dates, sermon titles and scripture readings that Pastor Tom will share with us during the remaining worship services in Lent:

February 21	Rainbows Follow Storms	Genesis 9:8-17
February 28	Take Up Your Cross	Mark 8:31-38
March 7	The Outlandishness of Lent	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
March 14	Changing Lightbulbs	John 3:1-17
March 21	Can You Hear It?	John 12:20-33
March 28	It's Just the Beginning	Mark 11:1-11

The Bible Tells Me So

Have faith, hope and charity, That's the way to live successfully
How do I know, the Bible tells me so
Do good to your enemies and the Blessed Lord you'll surely please
How do I know, the Bible tells me so
Don't worry bout tomorrow, Just be real good today.
The Lord is right beside you, He'll guide you all the way.
Have faith, hope and charity, That's the way to live successfully
How do I know, the Bible tells me so.

Written by Dale Evans

