



Lately I have noticed advertisements and articles about new concept cars that the auto makers are putting forward. Wow, they are really something to see! I was thinking about the very stark difference between the new sleek cars of today as compared to my first car, a 1954 six-cylinder Ford Custom. It was a three-speed stick shift with a lot of miles on it already. When I was a teenager back in the 1960's I always wished I had a Ford Mustang. Some folks seem to have the notion that if we just make a shiny new version of the old Mustang of the 1960's that the auto industry could return to the glory days. Well unfortunately, the Mustangs of the 1960's lack many important safety features. They prove difficult to drive by modern standards, and they suffer in comparison to newer models in the comfort department. If the Ford Motor company rolled out a bunch of brand new 1967 Mustangs, few people would actually buy them. The 2022 Mustang, however, while having a family resemblance to the older model, has been fundamentally re-worked to be a truly fine and competitive car. Ford can and does sell many of those.

The church is in many ways similar. I want you to notice what Jesus said in Luke 5:36.

Then Jesus gave them this illustration: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment would be ruined, and the new patch wouldn't even match the old garment."

When Jesus was on earth, he warned us not to attempt to sew a new patch on an old garment, or we would ruin both the garment from which the patch was cut and the garment we patched. In other words, new times call for a fundamental re-weaving of the fabric, for the production of a fundamentally new garment.

We have embarked upon a new year of 2022 and our church needs to realize that we cannot just simply put a patch on things and hope to be successful. I know that there are some who wish the church could simply return to the way it was back in the 1950's and 60's, but the truth is that parts have been breaking and falling off since the mainline church peaked in the late 1960's. We must understand that we need to shape a new understanding of what it means to be the church in the world today. We must be creative in the ways we do "church" in order to be effective in reaching out into our community for Christ.

I hope you will join me in being open to new ideas and concepts about how we operate as First Presbyterian Church in 2022. In Isaiah 43:19, God says: "See, I am doing a new thing!" Let's allow God to rework us as a church so that we can grow with that same old inspiration but in a fundamentally new model.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Tom Osborne



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 Harold & Dee Antes
27	28 Carol Hammond Brent & Bunny Shanholtz	29	30	31		

Many happy returns to the day of thy birth, may sunshine and gladness be given, and may our dear Father prepare us on earth for the beautiful birthday in heaven!

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
 <p>Don't forget to set all of your clocks one hour ahead!</p> <p>(Saturday the 12th)</p>		1	<p>2</p> <p>Ash Wednesday No in-person service Join us for a service on our Facebook page after 4pm</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 11:30am Arby's Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm</p>	3	4	5
<p>6 Gifts of Women Worship – 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Sunday School 9:15</p> <p>1st Sunday in Lent</p>	7 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	8	9 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Taco John's Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:30pm Session 6:30pm	10	11	12
<p>13 Worship/ Communion 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 2nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Begins</p>	14	15	16 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Hong Kong Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	17	18	19
<p>20 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15</p> <p>3rd Sunday in Lent</p>	21 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	22	23 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Valentino's Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	24	25 Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	26
<p>27 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 Hunger Offering</p> <p>4th Sunday in Lent</p>	28	29	30 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Taco Bell Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm			

If you have a favorite Bible passage, a special announcement and/or picture to share, please send them to Jane in the office: secretary@firstpresnc.org

Children's Time at First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Tom always brings out the smiles and happy moments when it comes to his kids!

Left: *Hurting People, Hurt People*. In his message that morning, Pastor Tom asked the children what they might do when one of their friends is hurting. A chart helped with suggestions and possibilities in those situations. A lesson learned and a treat at the end was good for the soul and tummy!

Below left: Acolytes Isaac and Preston carry the light out of the worship service.

Below right: The lesson for the day is shared with kids of all ages!





Ash Wednesday - March 2, 2022 – No in-person service - a virtual Worship Service will be available after 4pm on: First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City Facebook



Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends:

Members: Teresa Frieids, Julie Hopp, Jan Bolejack, Kathy Nelson, Eileen Thayer, Keith Dierking, Howard & Dee Antes, Tom & Janet Hemphill, and Loran & Mary Donna Patton, Laura Osborne’s friend, Suzanne Rutten and Amy Frieids, sister-in-law of Teresa & Jeff Frieids



Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese Scripture: Ken Zaroban Acolytes: Isaac Crumley & Preston Scott
Greeters: Jordan & Alexis Dierking Power Point: Kurt Curtis
Camera: Marv Zimmerman Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frieids
Nursery: Carol Maddox, Jan Marion, Jayne James & RuthAnn Weddle

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Join us!



Coffee Fellowship after Worship on March 6 - All are welcome!

Carla Zaroban and Julie Hopp will host this month.



¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the LORD delivers him from them all

Psalm 34:17-19