



The Builder



2022

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30, Sunday School for all ages – 9:15



Palm Sunday – April 10



Maundy Thursday – 7pm – April 14

Celebrate with us the Resurrection of the Lord!
Easter Breakfast - 8-9:30am, Worship – 10:30am – April 17

Sunday School for all ages – 9:15am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - the 1st Sunday of each month

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

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Dear Friends,

Did you realize that the happy face, or smiley face is 40 years old? About 40 years ago, Carnegie Mellon University professor, Scott E. Fahlman, used three keystrokes that suggest a horizontal smiley face. A colon, a hyphen and an ending parenthesis and there it is :-)

Today, the smiley face and other emotional icons are known as emoticons. They are used to help people express their feeling when they're typing a message. In fact, the smiley face ☺ has generated a cottage industry. Smiley faces can be seen on just about anything. Except people!

People who have smiles on their faces not only look better, but they probably feel better. And they make others around them feel better, too. Too many people forget what their face looks like to others. They step into the world each morning with a grumpy face, or a worry face, or a frowning face, or a sad and resigned face. It might be a good thing every morning to do a face check: What does my face look like today?!?

Fortunately for us, God's face is constant. We're reminded of this in the Aaronic Benediction which is found in the Old Testament book of Numbers, chapter 6:25-26 "The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

With the spring season and Easter upon us, it should be easy to smile each day. But sometimes we need to be reminded about its importance. So let this be a gentle reminder to smile, especially in worship on Sunday. As we strive to reach others in our community for Christ, we need to think about our facial expression. Does the joy of our faith shine through, or are we grumpy, frowning and sad? Allow the Lord to make his face to shine upon you and receive the peace of God. Then you can find it easier to put on a happy face. ☺

Happy in Christ, Pastor Tom





Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Jane Zimmerman	6	7	8 Tom & Ruth Weddle	9
10 Jennie Mercer	11	12 Kaycee Driever	13 Cassel Frerichs	14	15 Tony & Kim Reese	16 Summer Godsey
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Curley Temple
24 Carissa Curtis	25 Sedona Shea Zaroban Happy 1 st Birthday!	26 Kristie Dierking	27	28	29	30

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



April Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 PW Spring Gathering at Palmyra & Auburn
3 Worship/ Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Sunday School 9:15 5 th Sunday in Lent	4 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	5	6 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Runza Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	7	8	9
10 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 PALM SUNDAY	11	12	13 Lunch Bunch 11:30 El Portal Quilters 1pm Deacons 4:30pm Session 6:30pm	14 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm	15 Good Friday Community Worship at First Christian Church - noon	16
17 Breakfast 8-9:30am Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – Happy EASTER!	18 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	19	20 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Spring Garden Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	21	22 Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	23
24 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 Hunger Offering 2 nd Sunday of Easter	25	26	27 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Downtowner Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	28	29	30

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




March 20, 2022 –
Baptism Day for Sedona
Shea Zaroban! There
were lots of big smiles
from her parents,
Nathan and Madison,
their family and friends
and everyone in the
sanctuary that morning!



After her baptism
service, Pastor Tom
walked around with her
so she could meet her
new church family!
Again, more smiles,
oohs and aaahs.
Congratulations and
God’s blessings to you,
Sedona and your
mommy and daddy!



We celebrated Gifts of Women Sunday on March 6. Thank you to the gals that led the service that morning: Abby Reese, Susie Frerichs, Kristie Dierking, and Carla Zaroban. Laura Osborne gave the message that morning – *What Can God Use?* We all have God given gifts to share!





All eyes were on Oliver the Otter when Pastor Tom brought him to Children's Time! He told the children that puppets move by strings, but God gives us choices without strings attached!



Richard Glen Hadden received the Sacrament of Baptism and united with our congregation on Sunday, March 27. Richard grew up and lived in Council Bluffs, Iowa until last year, when he moved to Nebraska City. His wife Tonda passed away in October last year. He works nights at Metropolitan Community College where he supervises the maintenance and cleaning crew. Richard has four children: Chris, Tayla, Michael and Sarah.

We are happy that he has been attending services with us now for several months and glad that he has decided to continue his faith journey with us here at First Presbyterian Church.



Attention Congregation Members!

The church Session has given the Worship Committee approval to form a sub-committee for the purpose of selecting and installing new carpeting and pew cushions in the church sanctuary. The sub-committee will consist of 3 current members of Session and 3 members from the Congregation. The 3 members from Session will be chosen during the upcoming Session meeting in April. **If you are a member of the Congregation and are so inclined to serve on this sub-committee, please contact Jeff Maddox via email: jcmaddox99@gmail.com or telephone: 402-274-9741 as soon as possible.** Once three members from the congregation have volunteered, we will set up the first sub-committee meeting to begin the selection and installation process.

Our goal is to have new carpeting and pew cushions installed by this fall.
Thank you for volunteering!

Building and Grounds!

Our Building and Grounds Committee comprised of Randy Martens, Kurt Curtis and Ed Reed, with approval from the Session, have really done an amazing job in the past several months.

Plumbing, yard maintenance, snow removal, general upkeep, electrical, heating and cooling are all projects key to a happy congregation and these men have really worked diligently at these tasks.

We have a new entrance on the east end of the Fellowship Hall. This enables you to enter from the south parking lot without the inconvenience of steps! Deliveries are easier, too! The finish work on the entrance is almost complete.

The latest project to be completed was a much-needed sanding, staining and **refinishing of the stage.**

Both projects were needed and very much appreciated! Randy, Kurt and Ed.... thank you for spearheading these projects and serving on this committee for your church!



Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Jan Bolejack, Teresa Fields, Kathy Nelson, Eileen Thayer, Edith Simmerman, Howard & Dee Antes, Tom & Janet Hemphill, Loran & Mary Donna Patton, RuthAnn Weddle's friend Laurette Laura Osborne's friend, Suzanne and for the family of Amy Fields



Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese Scripture: Jeff Maddox Greeters: Tony & Kim Reese
Acolytes: Isaac Crumley, Preston Scott and Landry James Camera: Marv Zimmerman
Power Point: Jane Zimmerman and Julie Hopp Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields
Nursery: Rose DeKock, Kim Reese, Julie Hopp and Stephanie Shrader

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Coffee Fellowship after Worship on April 3 - All are welcome!

Jane Zimmerman and Stephanie Shrader will host this month.