



The Builder

HELLO *August*

2022

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30

Rummage Sale – Saturday August 6

Worship in Wildwood Park – Sunday August 7

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

Keep in touch.....

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I know that we are all hoping that our congregation will grow, so I want you to think about this:

If you want people to join your church, you must tell them what's in it for them. You have to offer them more than the church up the street or over across the way. You've got to present them a pretty package that they can't find anywhere else. OH! It doesn't hurt if your coffee is better than theirs, either.

And once they've joined, once they're in... well, have you ever been approached this way? "Hey, Joe, can I talk to you for a minute. Yeah, you see, I'm on the Nominating Committee and we were wondering if you'd be willing to take a three-year stint on the XYZ Committee. You don't know what that group does? Well, to be honest with you — now, don't tell anybody I told you this — truth be told, it doesn't do much of anything. In fact, they hardly ever meet. There won't be much work, if any, involved. Piece of cake."

Have you ever had someone say something like that to you? We think we can get people to agree to fill in the prescribed slots by promising them they won't have to do anything.

Do you think that's the way Paul went about things?

Paul says, "If there is any encouragement in Christ..." I find that in the Revised English Bible it is translated this way: *"If then our common life in Christ yields anything to stir the heart..."*

Ooh, that's good enough that I think I'll repeat it. *"If then our common life in Christ yields anything to stir the heart..."*

When was the last time your heart was stirred? Did it happen in church? If so, don't let it go. Don't let it slide by without taking full advantage of it. Grab hold of that experience and go with it. Very often, a true experience with Christ begins when your emotional heart strings have been tugged, and you wonder what is happening to you. Chances are, it's the power of God's Spirit moving in you, stirring your heart to follow the One who has shown us how to live. Now, that will sell!

If we want to grow then we must tell others about how our hearts have been stirred!

Blessings, Pastor Tom



Celebrating in



- August 5 Happy Birthday, Linda Martin
8 Happy Birthday, Janet Osborn
10 Happy Birthday, Katie Frerichs
16 Happy Birthday, Brad Marion
17 Happy Birthday, Connie Higgins
18 Happy Birthday, Kim Reese
20 Happy Birthday, Kaelie Fields
23 Happy Birthday, Pastor Tom
24 Happy Birthday, Nathan Zaroban
26 Happy Birthday, Laura Osborne
29 Happy Anniversary, Ed & Virginia Reed

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

Choir begins! Join us Wednesday, August 3 for our first rehearsal of the season! 7pm at the church.

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



Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	2	3 Lunch Bunch 11:30 The Keeping Room Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	4	5	6 Church Rummage Sale 8-4
7 Worship in Wildwood Park & Potluck Picnic 10:30am 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	8	9	10 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Subway Quilters 1pm Session 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Worship & Communion 10:30 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	15 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	16	17 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Arby's Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	18	19 Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	20
21 Worship 10:30 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	22	23	24 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Taco John's Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 10:30 Hunger Offering 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	29	30	31 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Hong Kong Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm			



Our precious Gertrude Ettleman is holding a fabulous quilt in the photos above. Gertrude embroidered each state of the union in a square. Each square consists of the shape of the state, the state bird, the state flower, and the date that the state became one of our 50! The quilters that meet each Wednesday helped her finish the quilted by piecing it together, binding, backing, and quilting! Stunning!





Preston Scott was on the Nebraska City Swim Team this summer. Last month, he received a trophy for “Most Improved” swimmer in the 11-12 years old bracket. Way to go Preston!!



Attention Parents and Kids of First Presbyterian Church! Session has approved organizing a Youth Group for our kids. This will be a fun way for all of us to get together to learn about stories in the Bible and do fun activities together. Abby Reese will be leading this group and would welcome volunteer help for these meetings. More information will be mailed out to the families, as well as in the bulletins. Abby plans to have one maybe two get togethers over the summer, then meet one to two times per month once school starts. If you have any questions about this new group, please contact Abby at 402-525-2584 or via email at abbyreese158@gmail.com.



Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends:

Larry & Marilyn Brammier, Marv Zimmerman, Jan Bolejack, Teresa Fields, Kathy Nelson, Eileen Thayer, Edith Simmerman, Howard & Dee Antes, Tom & Janet Hemphill, Loran & Mary Donna Patton, Rosanna McSwane, RuthAnn Weddle’s friend Laurette, Laura Osborne’s friend, Suzanne, JoAnn Marten’s sister Diann Starr, Jan Marion’s friends, Sue O’Brien, Tom Gress and Karen Driever and Marv & Jane’s brother-in-law Ron Jay

Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese

Acolytes: Youth

Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields

Nursery: Jan Marion, Udine Wilton & Julie Hopp

Scripture: Janet Osborne

Camera: Marv Zimmerman

Greeter: Jane Zimmerman

Power Point: Kurt Curtis

Prepare Communion: Abby Reese



Worship at Wildwood Park - next Sunday – August 7

Service at 10:30am - Followed by a Potluck Picnic!

Plates, napkins, silverware & beverage will be provided.

Bring a lawn chair and a food dish to share!



Do you own a guitar, and can you strum a few chords?!!

We need you!!

We are having Worship in Wildwood Park next Sunday, August 7 and would like help with the music during the service.

Please call the church office as soon as possible, so Pastor Tom can plan to work with you before next Sunday. Thanks in advance!



Shop the Rummage Sale!! Lots of great items are priced and ready to sell!

Sale day is Saturday, August 6 – 8am – 4pm.