



# The Builder



The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

**First Presbyterian Church**  
1005 1<sup>st</sup> Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

Sunday School for all Ages – 9:15am

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30

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

Daylight Saving Time ends – turn back your clocks on Saturday Nov. 5!

**FALL BAZAAR on Saturday November 12!**

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

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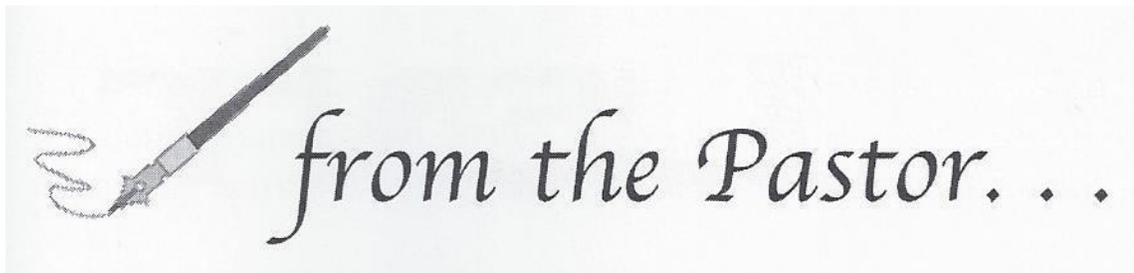
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### **It's Not Ours, It's God's**

There once was a man who owned a beautiful Harley Davidson motorcycle. It was a wine-colored machine with the hydroglide fork on the front wheel. As I understand it, that hydroglide fork was an engineering miracle in motorcycling in its day. Anyway, it was his teenage son's greatest thrill to ride that motorcycle.

One day he asked, "Dad, can I ride your motorcycle again this afternoon?" Dad's words have stuck with him ever since. "You can ride it anytime you want to, anywhere you want to, and as often as you want to... just as long as you remember to ride it like it was mine and not yours."

Reflecting on that statement, we need to see that, "God has given us full and free use of this world. All He asks is that we use it like it was His and not ours. That's stewardship."

Following God's purpose in material possessions certainly involves giving through His church.

"Freely we have received, freely we are to give."

Paul says that we are to give out of love and thanksgiving to the glory of God, that God loves a cheerful giver, and a cheerful giver loves God more than self.

Our giving and our lifestyle ought to reflect that Christ is our Lord. Our lifestyle should reflect that we can tell the difference between necessities and luxuries. As Christian stewards, our lifestyle and giving reflect the responsibility we feel for the blessings God has bestowed upon us. And our lifestyle will show that we seek contentment in doing God's will and fulfilling God's purpose for the world.

I recently found a paraphrase of a verse that is a favorite for many people... John 3:16. There are two ways to read it. Read them both and then decide which applies to you?

"Mr. & Mrs. Blank of First Presbyterian Church, so loved the world that they gave up what was dear to them so that the work of the Lord in the church might go forward. This they did so that others might know of eternal life and not perish."

**Or** "Mr. & Mrs. Blank of First Presbyterian Church so loved themselves so much that they withheld all but a trifling amount of their money so that they might gratify their own whims, caring little whether the Lord or their church could carry on. This they did in spite of the fact that they knew people would perish without the word of eternal life."

Jesus said, "Lay up not treasures on earth but treasures in heaven for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Let's remember that what we have is not ours - it's God's. Pastor Tom

# Celebrating in .....

- November
- 1 Happy Birthday, Chad Godsey
  - 1 Happy Anniversary, Brent & Michelle Shanholtz
  - 2 Happy Birthday, Jean Dammast
  - 5 Happy Birthday, Steve Mangum
  - 9 Happy Birthday, Foy Thayer
  - 10 Happy Birthday, Brent Shanholtz, Julie Hopp, Sue LeGrand
  - 11 Happy Birthday, Kurt Curtis
  - 12 Happy Birthday, Trenton Reese
  - 23 Happy Anniversary, Dave & Kate Patton

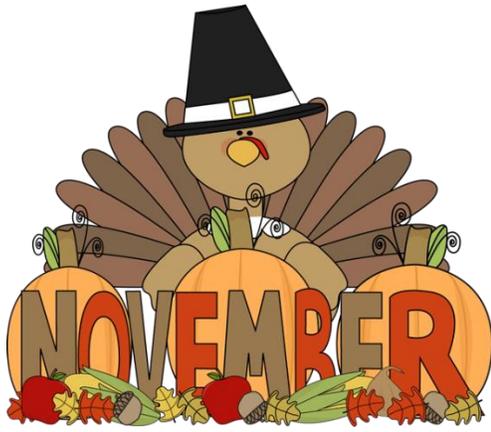
## **HAPPY THANKSGIVING! THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24!**

*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](mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org)



Pictured left is a happy group of our members on their **Hay Ride at Kimmel Orchard!** It was a beautiful fall day – breezy and 87 degrees!



## Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lunch Bunch at Subway, 11:30 Quilters, 1pm Choir practice 7pm	3	4	5 Turn back the clocks – daylight savings time ends!
6 Sunday School 9:15am Worship & Communion 10:30 & Coffee Fellowship 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	7 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	8	9 Lunch Bunch at Arbys, 11:30 Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:15 Session 6:30	10	11 Fall Bazaar Set up	12 <b>FALL BAZAAR!</b> <b>8-2</b>
13 Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am Shoebox Dedication 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	14	15	16 Lunch Bunch at Taco Johns 11:30am Downtowner Quilters 1pm Choir, 7pm	17	18 Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	19
20 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30am Christ the King Sunday	21 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	22	23 Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	24  <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	28	29	30 Lunch Bunch at Hong Kong, 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm			

# Just in case you haven't heard.....we're having a **FALL BAZAAR!**



**Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 12.** We are holding a Fall Bazaar that day from 8am to 2pm.

Come early for homemade cinnamon rolls (Udine is going to start baking in the wee hours of the morning for us!) and of course the coffee will be on.

Chili and vegetable soup will be served for lunch – thank you Kim Reese and Carissa Curtis!

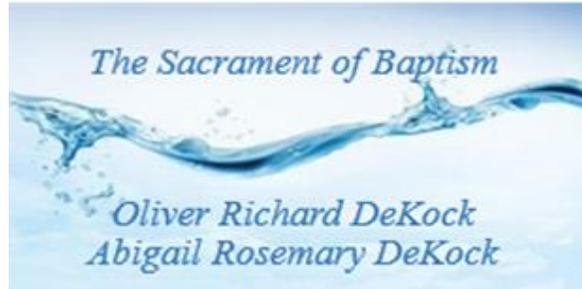
Table decorations as well as other wonderful items will be sold throughout the bazaar. Baked goods and handmade items will be for sale.

Several wonderful items will be offered by silent auction and are pictured below. **Email and phone bidding has begun** – send your bid to: [secretary@firstpresnc.org](mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org) or call Jane at 402-873-5306. She will need your name, phone number and current bid. 😊

Right: Our quilters, Gertrude Ettleman, Helen Lundak and Udine Wilton have put together another wonderful, queen size quilt (84" X 90") for some lucky bidder! The bid starts at just \$100.



These pictures do not give the items justice! Stop in or call for more information – then put in your bid!



Last month, Pastor Tom baptized Oliver and Abigail, children of Jason and Kristin DeKock. Several family members were present, including Grandmother Rosemary. 😊 Elder Helen Lundak was asked by the family to participate in the ceremony.



Deacon Jayne James presented certificates of baptism and crosses to the children. Then it was a moment to present them to the congregation – their church family.



Foy Thayer was recently honored by the Nebraska City Pioneers with an honorary letter. Foy and Jean, until her death in 2018, were avid boosters of Nebraska City High School football. They attended every home game for 63 years! Foy enjoys visiting – stop in at the Ambassador anytime!





**We are packing shoeboxes! Pick up a box or two and fill them with items that the children so want and need. A list of requested items is available and so are the boxes. Dedication Sunday will be held on November 13, 2022. Thanks in advance!**



### **Food Pantry Thanksgiving Dinner Box Donations Requested**

The items pictured above represent those requested by the local food bank. This is a donation totaling about \$15. Please bring your donations to church by noon on Thursday, November 17. If you prefer to donate cash, Jane will purchase the items for you. Please bring cash or check no later than Wednesday November 16 so she can purchase the items before Thursday. She and Marvin will deliver the donations to the United Methodist Church at 2:30 on Thursday, November 17.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

#### **Serving this month:**

Organist: Abby Reese    Scripture: Janet Osborne    Greeters: Mike & Abbee James    Acolytes: Youth  
 Camera: Marv Zimmerman    Power Point: Kurt Curtis    Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields  
 Communion: Preparer, Abby, Serving, Kristie, Randy, Ken & Kurt  
 Nursery: Jan Marion, Jayne James, Bunny Shanholtz, RuthAnn Weddle

**Please continue prayers** for the following church family and friends: Tony Martin, Marta Calhoun, Larry & Marilyn Brammier, Jan Bolejack, Eileen Thayer, Edith Simmerman, Howard & Dee Antes, Rosanna McSwane, Tom & Janet Hemphill, RuthAnn Weddle's friend Laurette, Laura Osborne's friend, Suzanne, JoAnn Marten's sister Diann Starr, and for those in the Ambassador: Kathy Nelson, Foy Thayer, Connie Driever, Loran & Mary Donna Patton and Richard Dovey.