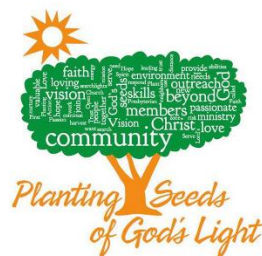




The Builder



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2024

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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

Celebrate Gifts of Women Sunday – March 10

Palm Sunday Worship Service – March 24

Maundy Thursday Worship – March 28

Easter Sunday Worship Service - March 31

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

Sunday school: Youth at 9:15am, Adults at 9:30am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: 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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Dear Church Family,

I watched a program on the television a few days ago about the 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.

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 also 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 2024 Mustang, however, while having a family resemblance to the older model, (it has a mustang in the grill), has been fundamentally re-worked to be a truly fine and competitive car. Ford expects to sell many of those.

The church is in many ways similar. 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, to produce a fundamentally new garment.

As we embark upon a new year of 2024 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 (maybe parked) 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 the future. 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.

Looking toward a strong future for our church, Pastor Tom



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Happy Birthday Ken Zaroban
15 Happy Birthday Tarryn Godsey
24 Happy Birthday Cheryl Hauptman
26 Happy Anniversary Howard & Dee Antes
28 Happy Birthday Carol Hammond
28 Happy Anniversary Brent & Bunny Shanholtz

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

Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese	Scripture: Jan Marion	Greeters: Tony & Kim Reese
Camera: Marv Zimmerman/Alexis Dierking	Acolytes: Youth	
Sound/Power Point: Jane Zimmerman	Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frields	
Prepare Communion Elements: Jeff Maddox	Coffee Fellowship: Carol Hammond	

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Tom & Janet Hemphill, Rev. Bob and Misty Burdett, Jen Stoakes, Edith Simmerman, Jan Bolejack, Sandi Roth, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the church office if you have someone to add to this list.



Daylight saving time begins Sunday - March 10



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Sharing envelopes are available



Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Sunday School 9:15 Adult SS 9:30 Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	4 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	5	6 Lunch Bunch Pizza Hut 11:30am Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	7	8	9
10 Celebrate Gifts of Women Sunday Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday school 9:15 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30	11	12	13 Lunch Bunch El Portal 11:30 Quilters 1pm Deacons 5pm Session 6:30pm	14	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30am	18 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	19	20 Lunch Bunch Spring Garden 11:30am Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering	25	26	27 Lunch Bunch Downtown 11:30am Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	28 Maudy Thursday worship and Communion 7pm	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 Breakfast 8-9:30am Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering						

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR REGULAR GIVING.



Puzzles, Pizza and Fellowship



We all enjoyed a lunch of pizza, vegs and desserts, and a lot of great fellowship. Then.....let the puzzle competition begin! Each team had the identical 500 piece puzzle to assemble in 3 hours. Our teams were: Helen Lundak and Rosemary DeKock, Janet Osborne and Karen Brannon, Kim Reese and Kristie Dierking, John James and JoAnn Martens, Stephanie Shrader and Cheryl Hauptman, and Carol Maddox and Jan Marion. Jayne James and Landry James assembled another puzzle that afternoon, and added to the fun of the event. Everyone enjoyed snacks and drinks and a whole lot of fellowship! And the winners.....Helen and Rose! After the allotted time, they finished their puzzle in 15 minutes, which meant without the 15minute break, they finished the puzzle in 3 hours!!





Helen and Rose started off sorting with trays – a great strategy! Jayne and Landry worked and finished a darling retro puzzle!



The competition was serious business.....not! 😊 Above: Jan & Carol hunkered down. John and JoAnn worked steadily and had a lot of fun. Below: the winners and 2nd place teams smile over their puzzles!





Symbols of Lent: The Sunday school students and teachers carried the cross into the sanctuary and a crown of thorns was placed at the top.

Pink Ladies from our local schools, delighted our members with a couple of current sacred numbers. Thank you for sharing your talents with us and please come again!

Holy Week schedule:

Palm Sunday: Worship, 10:30am - March 24

Maundy Thursday: Worship & Communion, 7pm - March 28

Easter Sunday: Breakfast served 8am - 9:30am

Worship at 10:30am - March 31



ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

Join us for an enjoyable afternoon of sacred music, performed by vocalists from around the area.

The 55-member chorus will be directed by Rev. Tom Osborne, pastor of First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City.

The concert will be hosted by the Humboldt Ministerial Association.

Where: United Methodist Church, 340 Nemaha ST, Humboldt NE

When: Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 3pm

Please join us and then stay for refreshments and fellowship after the concert!

