



The Builder



2025

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

Sunday School is in recess for the summer and will resume in September

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Coffee Fellowship - 1st Sunday of each month

Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:

First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City Facebook

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GLORIOUS FREEDOM

This time of the year it is not unusual to hear pastors/preachers talk about our freedom in Christ. People are assumedly thinking about freedom around the 4th of July and many of us pastors feel like it is important to touch upon the freedom that God has provided us through the gift of his Son, Jesus the Christ. The verse from Galatians chapter 5 is often presented in the discussion. In fact let me share it with you here:

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. — Galatians 5:1

Pastors also like to turn to Romans 8, where Paul uses the phrase “the freedom and glory of the children of God” to refer to both the present reality of God’s children and a future in which hope becomes realized and suffering is only a distant memory. This glorious freedom is based on our relationship to our Father God as his children.

The opportunity of being God’s child, as opposed to being a servant or slave, is an invitation to a life of freedom. God’s forgiven children are free from the condemnation of sin (Romans 8:1-2). The power of canceled sin means that hell no longer has a claim on our soul. We are free from sin and its eternal condemnation.

We are free from slavery to sin as well, free to serve God joyfully. This freedom occurs when our hearts have been so changed by God that we follow the Holy Spirit and actually desire to do what pleases the Father. Genuine freedom involves doing what we were designed to do, being who we were created to be.

The wonderful combination of freedom and glory is the norm for believers who have experienced the radical forgiveness of grace through Christ and are eager to serve together with fellow sons and daughters of God in the Father’s kingdom.

Come to church this week and celebrate this great truth with us. It’s your opportunity to thank God for the freedom that is ours through his Son, Jesus Christ. I hope to see you in church!



Last month at church, our Deacons hosted our 2nd annual *Puzzle Day* with 10 participants. Winners for the event was the team of Helen Lundak and Rose Dekock. Below: Pastor Tom continued his Life Little Lessons. Each week he entertains along with the lesson. 😊 Brady Weddle shared his wonderful talent of singing and playing with the congregation. We hope that he returns often!

Sue Legrand introduced us to her *Concert Roller Organ*. This musical instrument was first manufactured in the 1800's. The mechanics appears to work a bit like a player piano. The organ originally sold for less than \$8! What an interesting and unique treasure to have!





The Nebraska City Apple Corp Barbershop Singers sang during our worship service last month. (Above left) Alexis Dierking (above right) gave testimony of her faith and baptism and sang *All Because of Mercy* quite fitting and thought provoking for the occasion.



Happy Birthday in July

7 Udine Wilton
 8 Tom Weddle
 8 Bill Roker
 8 Brian James
 9 Virginia Reed
 17 Mary Finkner
 19 Paighton Marion
 28 Tara Ribbles

Happy Anniversary

3 Bryan & Kaelie Frields
 9 John & Jayne James
 10 Joel & Dana Pursey
 15 Marv & Jane Zimmerman

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 Anniversariy 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 Acolytes: Youth
 Greeter: Howard Antes Scripture: Kris Dierking
 Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frields
 Sound/Power Point: Jane Zimmerman and Alexis Dierking
 Prepare Communion: Sue LeGrand
 Coffee Fellowship: Carol Hammond

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Pastor Tom & Janet Osborne, Tom Hemphill, Teresa Frields, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the office if you have someone to add to this list.

July Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lunch Bunch Valentino's 11:30 Quilters 1pm	3 Funeral 10:30am for Janet Hemphill		5
6 10:30 Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	7 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	8	9 Lunch Bunch Taco Bell 11:30 Quilters 1pm	10	11	12
13 Worship 10:30 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	14	15	16 Lunch Bunch Runza 11:30 Quilters 1pm	17	18	19
20 Worship 10:30 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	21 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	22	23 Lunch Bunch Pizza Hut 11:30 Quilters 1pm	24	25	26
27 Worship 10:30 Hunger Offering 7 th Sunday after Pentecost	28	29	30 Lunch Bunch El Portal 11:30 Quilters 1pm	31		



**Welcome
Baby Dori!**

Baby Dorothea Margaret James was introduced to the world on Tuesday, June 24, by her over-the-moon happy parents, Brian and Liz James. Stats: 8lb 5oz 21inches Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and friends are sooo enjoying this new little cutie. Let the spoiling begin!

