



The Builder



2026

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

First Presbyterian Church – 1855 - present
1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410
Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

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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A WORLD IN COMMUNION

On October 4th we will observe World Communion Sunday. This annual day celebrates the oneness of the Christian family across different cultures and traditions. It encourages Christians all around the world to contemplate Christ's sacrifice and its implications for their lives. This special observance should inspire believers to engage in acts of service and love, reflecting the teachings of Jesus. In addition, it reminds us of the global church and our inclusion in it.

Jesus calls each and every one to encounter the love of God that was so great that nothing, even our own sinful nature, even the ways of humanity that put him on the cross, would stand in the way of that love being offered to all.

Did you know we Presbyterians started World Communion Sunday? Well, let me tell you about it. As Christians around the world gather on the first Sunday of October, we Presbyterians do so with special pride and gratitude, knowing that this beloved tradition was a gift of God that was born from the vision of a Presbyterian minister in our denomination. Yep, it came from Pittsburgh!

In 1933, Reverend Hugh Thompson Kerr, serving at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, conceived a remarkable idea during his tenure as Moderator of the General Assembly in 1930. Dr. Kerr envisioned a day when Christians across the globe would gather simultaneously at the Lord's Table, united in one Spirit despite our many serious differences.

What began as an initiative attempting to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity - in which everyone might receive both inspiration and above all come to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another."

By 1936, the Presbyterian Church had adopted this observance denomination-wide. As we participate in World Communion Sunday, let's remember that we are part of a tradition that began in our own Presbyterian family and has blessed the entire Christian world.

We all need to participate in the sacrament of communion with Christ. Make sure you join us for worship on World Communion Sunday, October 4th at 10:30.

Pastor Tom

October

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Bill Sweeney #90
- 2 Denise DuVall
- 3 Jeff & Carol Maddox
- 14 Larry & Marilyn Brammier
- 16 John Shrader
- 17 Connie Driever
- 19 Tony Reese
- 19 Baylor James #8
- 22 Howard Antes #85
- 26 Jayne James
- 31 Cari Godsey

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 at 402-873-5306 or email your information to: secretary@firstpresnc.org.

Serving this month: Organist: Abby Reese
 Scripture: Brian James Greeter: Helen Lundak
 Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frieids
 Sound/Video: Kristie Dierking & Dean DuVall
 Prepare Communion: Tony Reese
 Coffee Fellowship: Carol Hammond

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Doris Martin, Kathy Nelson, Don Cook, Kathy Miller, Austin Parker, Max Callen, Nancy Starr, Gertrude Ettleman, Marcia Catalone, Carissa Curtis, Lonnie & Donna Miller, Cindy Jewell and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call/email the office if you have someone to add to this list

A message from Dick & Jennifer James info@alsunitedchicago.org. Thank you so much to all of you who donated to research on ALS's causes and prevention. Your gifts also help provide support for ALS patients and their caregivers. We met our goal of \$3000! We are still able to accept donations until soon after the Chicago Marathon (October 11th). Even if you cannot support us financially, please pray for safe travel and successful races. Thank you to all of you! Love, Dick, Jennifer and Sarah James



Our church choir is in full swing! Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and enjoy singing with us this fall and Holiday season!



Carol Hammond taught a class in watercolors last month at Morton James Public Library. Be sure and check out some of Carol's beautiful works at Wildwood Craft Barn!



Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 World Communion Sunday School Children 9:15 Adults 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	5 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	6	7 Lunch Bunch Nebraska Family Restaurant 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	8	9	10
11 Sunday School Children 9:15 Adults 9:30 Worship 10:30 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14 Lunch Bunch Grams Place 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	15	16	17
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Nebraska City Food Pantry in October: donations of soup and crackers would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

All in the family!: Ken & Carla Zaroban's granddaughter, Sedona, is loving her first year in school! Nathan & Madison (mom & dad) are loving the moment, too. Sedona and Madison, were having a swinging good time with family as they celebrated Madison's 1st birthday on September 21! The family enjoyed the first day of school and a baseball game! G'pa Ken was celebrated when he hit a milestone of 20 gallons of blood donation! Wow!



More cute and cozy from Dorie, Cassidy, Baylor and Pastor Tom..... 😊



