



The Builder



2020

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

First Presbyterian Church

1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

Sunday School for all Ages - 9:15am

Sunday Worship - 10:30am

Sunday Sermon Preview - Thursday, 10am & 7pm

Save these dates.....

Come to the Table - Communion is served on the first Sunday each month

Celebrate the Gifts of Women - Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings returns on March 8

Keep in touch.....

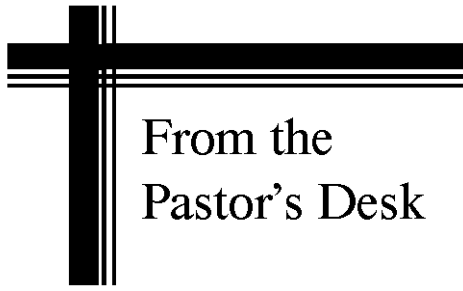
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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

The administration and finance committee of our Session of Elders wants me to communicate more often with our congregation about the need for stewardship. So that is my intention in writing this to you this month.

Perhaps you can think about times that you have felt joy, unspeakable joy and satisfaction in your heart because you were generous. When you purpose in your heart to be a generous person, then life will start to feel good.

Second Corinthians 9:7 states: *Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* This verse tells us that each of us determines (makes a willful decision) in our hearts as to whether we will give out of a sense of obligation with a grudge, under pressure, or give cheerfully, because we want to.

Cheerful givers know deep joy for two reasons. First, they know that God not only loves a cheerful giver, the Lord blesses generous givers. We should derive tremendous joy from knowing that the Lord loves what we do when we give with a smile on our face.

Second, cheerful givers experience the deep inner satisfaction of knowing they have done what is right. There is joy in doing good deeds. The more generous we are to others, the deeper our joy and sense of personal accomplishment will be.

What about you? How does the Lord feel about your giving? Have you made someone feel good lately because you were generous in the name of Christ? Have you experienced joy in your own heart because you gave cheerfully and generously to the work of Christ's church? Remember, generosity is a true mark of Christ-like-living and giving. And it feels good too!

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday in worship!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tom

March

Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Ken Zaroban	11	12	13	14
15 Tarryn Godsey	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Cheryl Hauptman	25	26 <u>Howard and Dee Antes</u>	27	28 <u>Brent & Bunny Shanholtz</u>
29	30	31				

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.



Join Pastor Tom and the others for *Sunday Preview!* These study sessions will assist you in getting more out of the approaching Sunday morning worship service each week. Classes are held every Thursday at both 10am and 7pm giving you a choice of a time that best fits your schedule. These classes are not only Biblical, but historical, informative and enjoyable!

Also - join the men at *Scooters* each Thursday morning at 6:30 for *Men's Study Group* – *all are welcome!*



Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30	2 AA 12pm Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	3 AA 12pm	4 Lunch Bunch @ Downtown Cafe 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	5	6	7 AA 8am
8 2nd Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:15am <i>Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday</i> 10:30	9 AA 12pm	10 AA 12pm	11 Lunch Bunch @ Little Ted's 12pm Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:15pm Session 6:30pm AA 8pm	12 Men's Study Gp at <i>Scooters</i> 6:30am AA 12pm Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	13	14 AA 8am
15 3rd Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:15am & Worship 10:30	16 AA 12pm Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	17 AA 12pm	18 Lunch Bunch @ The Keeping Room 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	19 Men's Study Gp at <i>Scooters</i> 6:30am AA 12pm Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	20	21 AA 8am
22 4th Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Meal 11:30am	23 AA 12pm	24 AA 12pm	25 Lunch Bunch @ Pizza Hut 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	26 Men's Study Gp at <i>Scooters</i> 6:30am AA 12pm Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	27 Food Bank of Lincoln at First United Methodist Church 12-1pm	28 AA 8am
29 5th Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30 Hunger Offering	30 AA 12pm	31 AA 12pm				

Do you remember the line 'then April cried and stepped aside' from the song "June is Busting Out All Over"? Well April will not 'cry and step aside this year at First Presbyterian! We will celebrate the first full week of Holy week, starting with Palm Sunday, followed by Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then the Resurrection of the Lord – Easter Sunday. The second week of April will keep us busy with the annual salad luncheon, and Nebraska City will be gearing up for the annual Arbor Day festivities taking place on the fourth weekend – giving us anything but a 'crying and stepping aside month! But then we can go gently in to pretty little May!



Alexander John Frerichs, newborn son of Jim and Susanne Frerichs, was baptized by Pastor Tom on Sunday, February 23. Kristie Dierking, served as the Elder for the ceremony. Brother Isaac and sister Katie were also present, as were Grandparents, family and friends.



Stewardship Sampler for March



Psalm 24:1-5 *The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.* Similar to Genesis 1, this Psalm reminds us that everything we have is from God. But then it takes us a step further and tells us that to see God face to face, we cannot lift up our souls to what is false. Money and consumerism can easily become a false idol, particularly in our US context. We are called to recognize that all we have comes from God. Acknowledging God's abundance and provision, and then sharing generously from that provision will help us move in the direction the Psalmist tells us to, to have clean hands and pure hearts. And we are promised blessing, vindication and salvation when we do that.



New look in the kitchen! The remodel of the kitchen was completed last month when new flooring was installed by Esser Flooring. If you haven't seen it yet, be sure and take a peek in the kitchen. It really looks great! ***** You might've heard that we had an unexpected expense when one of the boilers quit working. It has been replaced along with a water treatment system, that should keep us warm and toasty, and/or cool and comfy for many years to come!

Gifts of Women Sunday – March 8



Honoring Women's Spirituality, Struggle and Survival

Image by Jenny Grant



Roland Jensen, Christine Allgood, Jan Marion, Kathy Duffy, Patrick Berge, Patrick McSwane, Nels Wilton, Rev. Bob Burdett, Howard & Dee Antes, Tom & Janet Hemphill, Kevin Driever, Amy Fields, and those serving in the military: Grant Williams, Justyn Curtis, Greg McKnight & Shawn Decker

Serving from the Heart

Serving our Church in March.....

Pastor: Rev. Tom Osborne

Greeters/Collection: Jan Bolejack and Edith Simmerman

Acolytes/Collection: Christian Heaton and Curley Temple

Coffee Fellowship: Kathy Nelson

Nursery: March 01: Carol Maddox and Susie Frerichs

March 08: Jean Dammast and Connie Driever

March 15: Kelly Juilfs and Erin Kuszak

March 22: Stephanie Shrader and Doris Martin

March 29: Carol Zaroban and Abbee James

Organist/Choir Director: Abby Reese

Video/Sound: Julie Hopp

Scripture: Marilyn Brammier

Hunger knows No Seasons – Please Support our local Food Pantry

March into church this month with donations for the food pantry! When you're at the grocery store, please pick up just a few extra items for the food pantry. Staples are always appreciated...peanut butter, canned meats, fruits and vegetables. Bring your donations to church any time, and they will be delivered to the Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church. The Pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 3-5pm.