





A Note from Pastor Tom.....

Dear Friends,

During the month of October many people seem busy preparing to celebrate Halloween. But I want to encourage you to prepare for the recognition of All Saints Day. All Saints Day comes the day after the secular holiday of Halloween.

Whenever we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed, we include the affirmation: "I believe in the communion of saints." What do we mean when we say this? Who are the saints?

According to the New Testament, the saints are not a select group of persons with haloes around their heads. They are simply the members of the Christian fellowship, men and women who live by faith in Jesus Christ and in whose lives the Holy Spirit is at work.

When Paul wrote "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi," or at Rome or Corinth, he meant all Christ's people in those cities. Thus the New English Bible does not use the word "saints" at all but replaces it with the term "God's people."

In celebrating **All Saints' Day**, attention needs to be called to the word "all." Historically it refers to the fact that the medieval church, which accorded deep reverence to those whom it regarded as having achieved full sainthood and designated special days to many of them, set aside one day for remembering **all its saints**.

The church of the Reformation, with its strong stand against worshiping the saints, drastically reduced the number of saints' days but continued the tradition of observing **All Saints' Day**, provided that the commemoration of the saints was in keeping with the gospel.

I hope you will regularly attend Sunday Worship and count yourself as part of **all the saints**, God's people. It's hard to live by faith in this world today unless you spend some time each week, acknowledging your personal faith and trust in Jesus Christ! So join us as we prepare to celebrate All Saints Day on November 1st!

Blessings, Pastor Tom



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Jeff & Carol Maddox
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Richard Dovey Nancy Hoch
11	12	13	14 Larry & Marilyn Brammier	15 Tom & Janet Osborne	16 John Shrader	17 Connie Driever Rev. Bob Burdett
18	19 Tony Reese Baylor James Happy 2 nd !	20	21	22 Howard Antes	23 Jo Higgins	24 Gracelyn Marion
25	26 Jayne James Mark & Julie Hopp	27	28	29	30	31 Cari Godsey Kayla Kuszak Happy 6th !

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

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165 Years



Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First	Presbyterian	Church	Nebraska City	165 years	1855 - 2020	
				1 Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	2	3
4 Worship & Communion 10:30am 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	5 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	6	7 Devotions on Facebook	8 Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	9	10
11 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 9:15 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14 Devotions on Facebook Deacons 5:30 Session 6:30pm	15 Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	16 Food Bank of Lincoln at First United Methodist Church 12-1pm	17
18 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	19 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	20	21 Devotions on Facebook	22 Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	23	24
25 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	26 Committee Meetings	27	28 Devotions on Facebook	29 Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	30	31

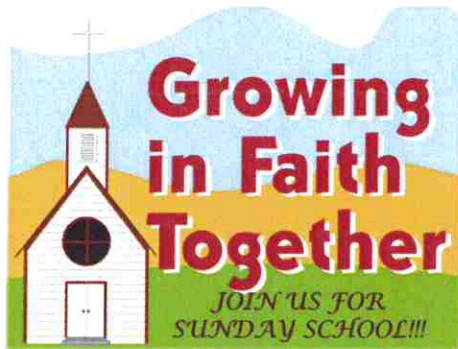
What did Noah say while he was loading all the animals into the ark?

"Now I've herd everything."



Choir Rehearsals Resume

Ready to sing?!! Abby is tentatively planning to start choir practice on Wednesday, November 4. The choir will sing for church for the first time this fall on Sunday, November 29, the first Sunday of Advent. For questions or concerns, contact Abby!



Classes for all ages!

9:15 am on Sunday

Special Bible Presentation for Paighton Marion!

3rd grade is always a special time at First Presbyterian Church. This is the time for students in 3rd grade in Sunday school, when they receive their first Bible. Last month, during Rally Sunday, Paighton Marion, our 2020 3rd grader, received her first Bible. Pastor Tom and Sunday School Superintendent Carla Zaroban presented the Bible to Paighton during the worship service. Paighton's parents, Josh and Charlene Marion, grandmother Jan Marion and Paighton's sister Gracelyn were in attendance for the celebration.



Meet and Greet the Frields!



The Deacons honored the newlyweds, Bryan and Kaelie Frields with a Meet and Greet last month. We wish the couple a happy, blessed and fulfilling life together!



Please pray for the following church family and friends:
Loran & Mary Donna Patton, Tom and Janet Hemphill,
Lonnie and Doris Martin, Kevin Driever, Connie Driever,
Katie Becker, Howard Antes, Rev. Bob Burdett,
Christine Allgood, Eileen Thayer and Derek McGinnis.
Please email your prayer requests to Jayne James at:
thejamesgang777@gmail.com or call: 402-873-5092



Operation Christmas Child!

National Collection Week November 16-23
Shoeboxes are available now!

Three ways to donate:

- Donate a complete box
- Donate money
- Donate items to fill boxes

For more information go to www.operationchristmaschild.com
Or speak to Carla Zaroban or Christian Heaton



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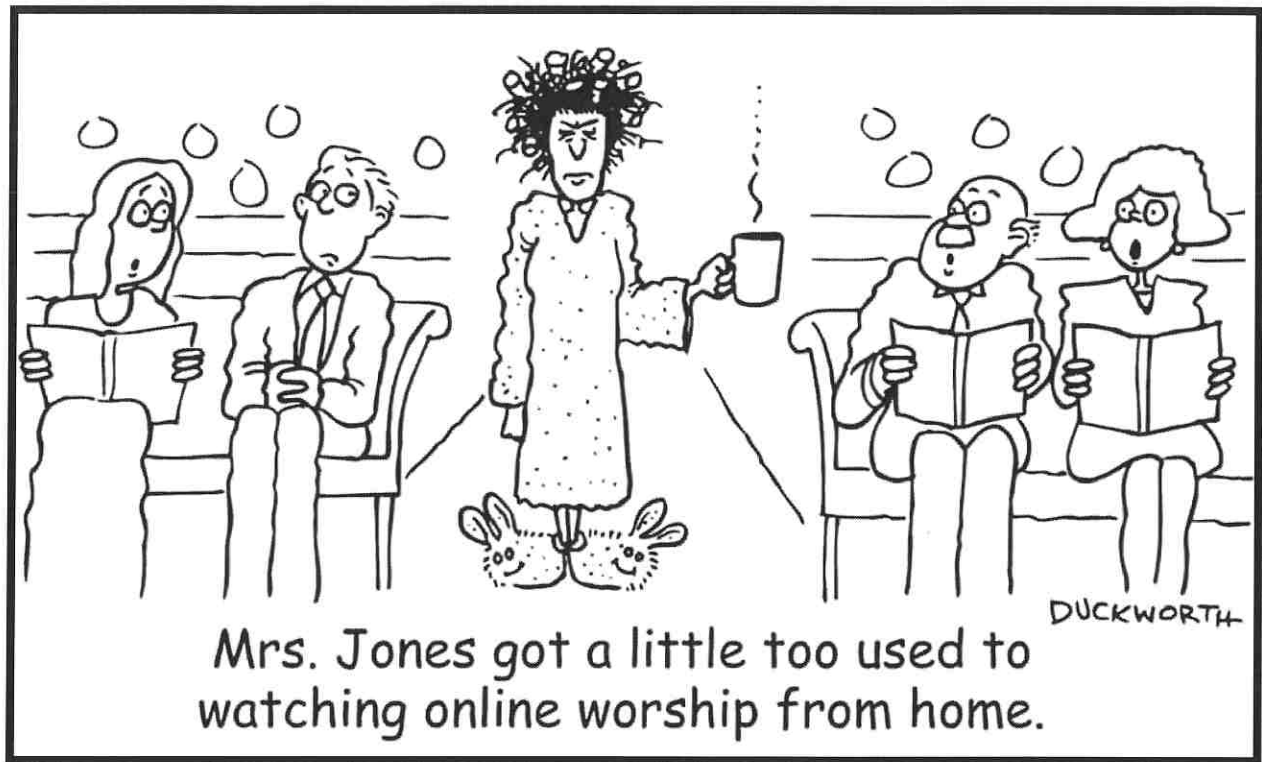


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Welcome Back to Church!

Social distancing is still observed – masks, coffee and slippers are optional.



"For where two hundred are gathered on Facebook Live in my name, I am there in their midst."



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