



The Builder

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The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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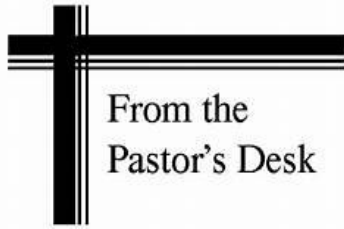
Join us for Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered on the 1st Sunday of each month

Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:
First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City

Keep in touch.....

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Dear Church Family,

I like to drop in on the quilters group on Wednesdays if I have time. Every time I do I see the same thing. I see the steady patient work, one stitch at a time, that goes into making a beautiful quilt. It reminds me of the growth of our congregation. These days our growth is not quick, fast or like a flash in the pan. Rather we have continued to be a consistent family of believers who are growing spiritually week by week. This is good and the elders hope to continue this pattern. In order to do that, we need the participation of all of our congregation.

Just as it takes a lot of individual stitches to make a quilt, it takes a lot of individual contributions to make a church. Each one may seem small and maybe inconspicuous, but the truth is that each gift to the Lord's work is like a stitch in a quilt. Taken together, they produce a strong beautiful and useful result. Someone once said:

Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something; and if everybody does something, everything will get done.

As we look forward, this principle of sharing and working together is of great importance. The apostle Paul tells us that "it is required of those who have been given a trust to prove faithful." To us, to our church, that means that we all have a responsibility to provide for the financial support of God's work. This month the elders are working on developing a working budget for next year. They need to know that they have your on-going support!

So, I encourage you to do your part, however big or small it may be. Our strength comes from our commitment to each other and to Christ Jesus. May God bless us as we work together for our future.

Blessings, Pastor Tom

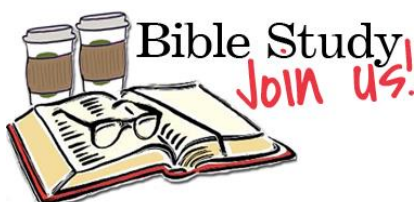


OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

& ANNIVERSARIES

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Jeff & Carol Maddox | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Richard Dovey | 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 | 20 | 21 | 22 Howard Antes | 23 |
| 24 Gracelyn Marion | 25 | 26 Jayne James Mark & Julie Hopp | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Cari Godsey & Kayla Kuzsak | | | | | | |

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 us for **Sunday Preview** each Thursday morning, 10am. This Bible study is an expanded study on Pastor Tom's message for the following Sunday. He shares history and interesting stories direct from the Bible and other Biblical sources! Please join us! All are Welcome!



Calendar Of Events

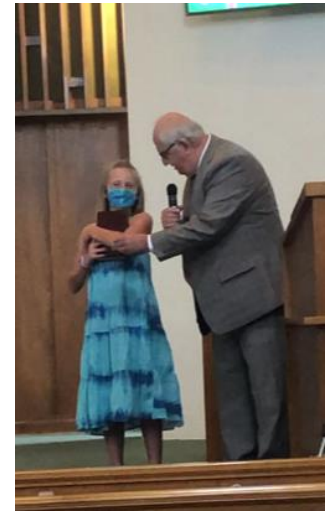
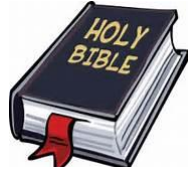
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| 3 Worship/ World Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 11:30am Sunday School 9:15am 19 th Sunday after Pentecost | 4 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm | 5 | 6 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Taco Bell Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm | 7 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am | 8 | 9 |
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| 24/31 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Potluck Dinner 11:30am 31 st Hunger Offering | 25 | 26 | 27 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Spring Garden Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm | 28 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am | 29 | 30 |

If you have a special announcement and/or picture to share, please send it to the office:
secretary@firstpresnc.org and Jane will put it in the next newsletter.



Rally Sunday was a special day for our Sunday School kids and even more special for Cassidy James. Cassidy received her first Bible.

Pastor Tom presented a Bible to her during the church service on September 12. May God bless her on her spiritual path and life as a Christian, and guide her church family to help her along that path.



Please pray for the following church family and friends: Keith Dierking, Kathy Nelson, Amy Fields, Eileen Thayer, Rev. Bob Burdett, Kevin Driever, Loran & Mary Donna Patton, Tom and Janet Hemphill, and Howard & Dee Antes. Please email your prayer requests to Jayne James at: thejamesgang777@gmail.com or call: 402-873-5092



Serving this month:

- Organists: Abby Reese
- Greeters: Nels & Udine Wilton
- Power Point: Jane Zimmerman
- Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields
- Nursery: Bunny Shanholtz, Sue LeGrand, Kristie Dierking, Carla Zaroban, Julie Hopp
- Scripture: Jeff Maddox
- Camera: Marv Zimmerman

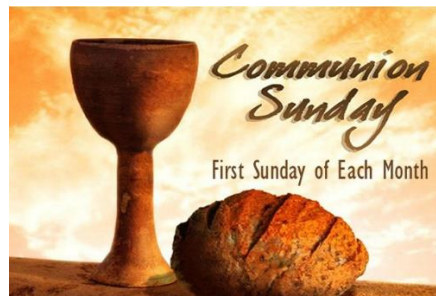
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Coffee Fellowship after Worship on October 3

All are welcome!





It's time to start planning for **Operation Christmas Child!**

Shoeboxes are available now.

Lists of Suggestions for gift items are also available.

National Collection Week is November 15-22, 2021

November seems to be a long way off, but in just 6 weeks, shoeboxes must be picked up, filled, returned to church, and delivered to a destination point. That time will go in a hurry. Please pick up a box or two as soon as possible so we can have them ready to deliver on time.

Every gift-filled shoebox is a tool for evangelism and discipleship for our local church. Thank you so much for your participation in this wonderful project!

"Every shoe box gift is an opportunity to reach a child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's about telling children around the world and their families that God loves them. He hasn't forgotten them. We're taking the Good News to the ends of the earth and doing it through a shoebox." --Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

For more information, contact Carla Zaroban, Chairman @ 402-873-0102

