



# The Builder

# JANUARY

## 2022

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

**First Presbyterian Church**  
1005 1<sup>st</sup> Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

*Join us for Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30*

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month*

*Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
Will be held on Sunday, January 23*

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

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Dear Church Family,

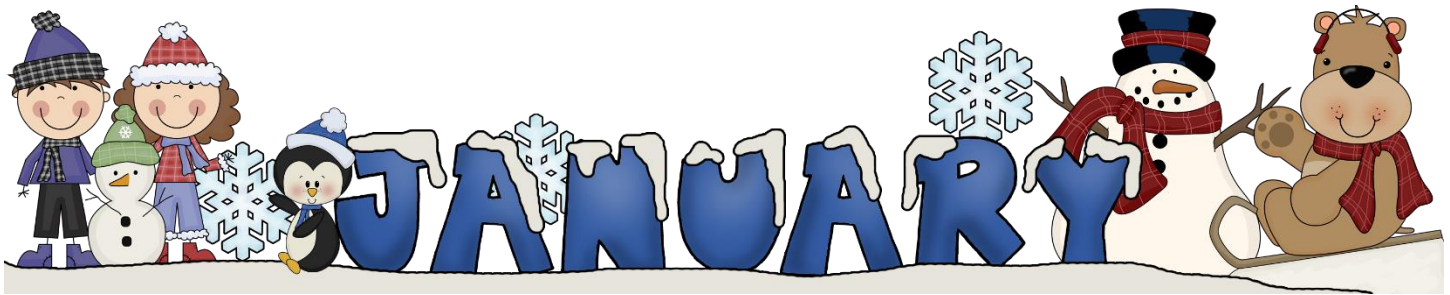
Janet and I hope that you were blessed during the Christmas Season this year. As we enter the New Year, I have been thinking about a phrase that comes out of the Christmas Narrative. In Luke 2:10 the angel told the shepherds, “Do not be afraid.” The King James version of the Bible says that they were “sore” afraid. Their fear was very real.

The angels command to “fear not” is a timely one. We as individuals and a nation are sore afraid. It seems as if we are living in an age of perpetual anxiety and fear. There are, of course, many things to fear. We fear the effects of climate change. We fear a culture where more and more people act out their anger in violent ways. We fear domestic and foreign terrorists. We fear for our children’s future.

“Fear not” is not only the message of the Christmas angel; it is a recurring theme throughout Scripture. The words “fear not” or “do not be afraid” appear in the Bible 58 times. Jesus lived in dangerous and uncertain times, days when fear was plentiful, and hope was scarce. Scripture never ignores the realities of life. But people of faith are commanded not to be afraid.

Today we believe in the divine presence coming to be with us and among us. The knowledge and faith that God is with us gives us the courage to live without fear, even in fearful times. It means having the courage to resist those who try to play to our worst fears, and the courage to fight evil without sacrificing our own ideals. In spite of our anxieties and fears, remember that God has said, “do not be afraid.” Let’s take that admonition with us as we begin 2022!

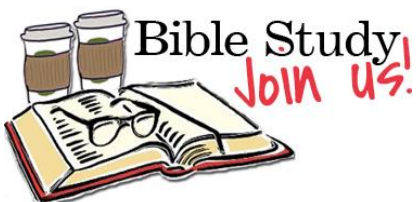
Blessings, Pastor Tom



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Lilly Frields
9	10	11 John James	12	13	14 Eunice Fass Mariah Koencke	15 Stephanie Shrader Ky Juilfs
16 Linda Frerichs Wademan	17	18	19 Jeff Maddox	20	21	22
23	24	25 Shannon Wehling	26 Kate Patton Alexander Frerichs	27	28 Abby Reese	29
30 Jerry Higgins	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](mailto: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!



# January Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship/ Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Sunday School 9:15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	3 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	4	5 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Taco John's Quilters 1pm	6  Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	7	8
9 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 Baptism of the Lord  Annual reports are due today!	10	11	12 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Runza Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:30pm Session 6:30pm	13 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	14	15 Time to put away the Christmas decorations. Please help us at 10am!
16 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Annual reports will be handed out.	17 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	18	19 Lunch Bunch 11:30am El Portal Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	20 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	21 Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	22
23 Worship 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 <i>Annual Congregational Meeting</i> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	24	25	26 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Spring Garden Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	27 Join us for Bible Study: <i>Sunday Preview</i> - 10am	28	29
30 Worship 10:30 Hunger Offering Sunday School 9:15 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	31					





Thank you to all who participated in one way or another in this year's *Winter Wonderland Bazaar*. You quilted, crafted, baked, prepared soup, created gift baskets, and you shopped! All of you together made this event a great day of fellowship and fundraising! A special thanks to Kristie, Kim and Doris for organizing both the bazaar and the food!

A special thanks also to Nels and Adam Wilton for moving all of the furniture in the fellowship hall, then sweeping, mopping, waxing and buffing the floors in both the narthex and fellowship hall!! There is a lot of labor involved in that task and it is hugely appreciated! And just in time for the bazaar!

*The Christmas Gift* was the story behind this year's Sunday School Christmas Program. The children practiced one last time before the program, greeted everyone as they arrived, gave a fun entertaining performance, and enjoyed refreshments with all of us afterwards.







Christmas is always such a special time for music and our choir did not disappoint! Thank you to all of them for their dedication, practicing and singing for us during the entire Advent/Christmas season. Also pictured below is Pastor Tom reading "A Christmas Tree for Jesus" to the children during the Children's Time.





The Adult Sunday School class provided refreshments after the Sunday School Christmas Program and the Deacons provide the treat bags – always fun to give and to receive! Thank you for this great time of fellowship!



If you have a special announcement and/or picture to share, please send it to the office: [secretary@firstpresnc.org](mailto:secretary@firstpresnc.org)



Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: the family of Mark Hopp, Jan Bolejack, Suzanne Rutten, Shari Maddox, Keith Dierking, Kathy Nelson, Amy Fields, Eileen Thayer, Rev. Bob & Misty Burdett, Loran & Mary Donna Patton, Tom and Janet Hemphill, and Howard & Dee Antes. Please email your prayer requests to Jayne James at: [thejamesgang777@gmail.com](mailto:thejamesgang777@gmail.com) or call: 402-873-5092



**A huge THANK YOU for your generous donations for the work of the Deacons. We so appreciate your continued year-round support of their outreach ministry!**



Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese      Scripture: Helen Lundak  
Acolytes: Marv Zimmerman & Tony Reese  
Greeter: Edith Simmerman      Power Point: Jane Zimmerman  
Camera: Marv Zimmerman      Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields  
Nursery: Kim Reese, Stephanie Shrader, Doris Martin & Bunny Shanholtz.  
Preparing and Serving Communion: Kristie Dierking and Randy Martens

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Join us!



**Coffee Fellowship** after Worship on January 2 - All are welcome!

Kim Reese, Abby Reese & Jan Marion will host this month.

