



# The Builder



## 2022

**The newsletter serving the families & friends of:**

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

**Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion - the 1st Sunday of each month**

**RALLY SUNDAY – September 11**

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

**Keep in touch.....**

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## Let Go and Move On!

"Forget," says the apostle Paul to the church in Philippi. You'll find it recorded in the Bible in book of Philippians, chapter 3, verse 13: "...*forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead...*" And we might respond, "Finally, something we are good at!" Who can go one day without forgetting something? From little things like where we left our car keys, to not so little things like the date of our anniversary, even the best of us forgets. And it's not for the lack of trying. We can post sticky notes on the refrigerator, place a written note in the pocket, and even program electronic reminders on our computers, smart phones and I-pads. Yet, appointments still get missed and birthdays pass unacknowledged, because forgetting is an easy thing to do.

Ah, but it is a different story when it comes to forgetting the past, which, of course, is what Paul had in mind. Some things are NOT easy to forget. A painful memory, a thoughtless remark, a regret, a failure, a missed opportunity, a wrong done to us, a sin long repented – all these we may remember in vivid detail. Although years can go by, they refuse to leave our thoughts.

Yet it is NOT impossible to break free from the past. Paul seems to be saying that it's a matter of focus. We can choose to dwell on the past, or we can look ahead and set our minds on where God wants us to go. It's an either/or sort of thing. We cannot do both at the same time. **So**, it comes down to a matter of what we decide to think about. Will we rehash that which is done and cannot be changed, or will we focus instead on where and what we want to be when our days on this earth are done? We can forget those things that hold us back when we strive to attain God's purpose for our lives. Choose to follow God's will and move on into your future! Pastor Tom



## Celebrating in

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- September
- 5 Happy Birthday, John Wehling
  - 6 Happy Birthday, Jeffry Dammast
  - 9 Happy Birthday, Janet Hemphill & Sharon McElfresh
  - 13 Happy Birthday, Karen Brannon
  - 15 Happy Birthday, Marv Zimmerman
  - 16 Happy Birthday, Carol Maddox
  - 22 Happy Anniversary, Tom & Janet Hemphill
  - 23 Happy Birthday, Joseph Frerichs
  - 24 Happy Birthday, Jordan Dierking & Wes Finkner
  - 25 Happy Birthday, Loran Patton
  - 27 Happy Birthday, Ed Reed

***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 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)



### **Congratulations Nick Maddox!**

Family and friends joined Nick for his Physician's Assistant **White Coat** ceremony on August 5 at Creighton University.

Nick is so excited to be a part of this class that will study for the next 28 months to obtain Masters' degrees in the program.

We wish him the best as he continues his education.



## Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Worship & Communion 10:30 & Coffee Fellowship 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	5 <b>Labor Day</b> Office closed Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	6	7 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Valentino's Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:30  <b>RALLY SUNDAY!</b>  14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Taco Bell Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:30 Session 6:30	15	16 Food Bank of Lincoln 12-1pm	17
18 Worship 10:30  15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	19 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	20	21 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Runza Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	22	23	24
25 Worship 10:30 Hunger Offering  16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	26	27	28 Lunch Bunch 11:30am El Portal Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	29	30	



**Sunday September 11, 2022**

Welcome back to Sunday School! Class at 9:15, followed by Worship Service at 10:30, then off we go to Kimmel Orchard for a fun afternoon including a hayrack ride! Bring a sack lunch if you want.



**It's not too early to start packing our shoeboxes! Pick up a box or two and fill them with items that the children so want and need. A list of items is available and so are the boxes. Dedication Sunday will be held on November 13, 2022. Thanks in advance!**



## Thank you for supporting our Rummage Sale last month!



Lots

of great items to shop for and lots of great help to serve our shoppers! It was a busy day and we were able to bring in \$900 for our general fund.



## Our Members Kept Busy with Summer Activities!



The Brown girls and their husbands were all married at First Presbyterian Church. It was a great day of celebrating with all their friends and church family! From left:

Ron & Beth Jay - 55yrs,  
Jim & Mimi Frerichs - 54 yrs,  
Marv & Jane Zimmerman - 50 years and  
Harv & Bev Meyer - 44 years.

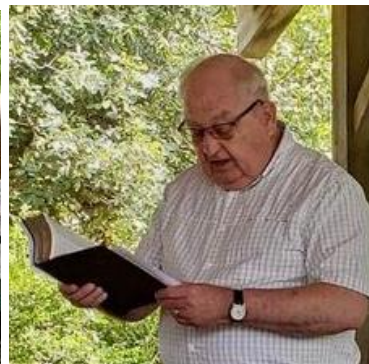
Bev was baptized in the old church building, and Jim and the four sisters were all confirmed here as well.





**Above left and below:** we lined up for the potluck dinner that followed our worship in Wildwood Park last month. Not even the heat will stop our members from worship, fellowship, and food! 😊

**Center:** Nemaha County Hospital had an entry in the Nemaha County fair parade last month. You can see that the pickup was decorated with bandaids. The employees walked along-side the truck to emphasize the theme of their entry: “get out and walk”. Joel Pursey works in the dietary department of the hospital. He and Dana are out front in this picture. 😊 **Right:** Marv Zimmerman ran in a 5K race during Dunbar Days....just one month after a heart procedure! He made it and felt fine the next day....just a little stiff in the joints! Below: Kim Reese & granddaughter Kylie Anderson sang for church.



**Please continue prayers** for the following church family and friends: the family of Jean Yost, Tony Martin, Richard Dovey, Tara Maddox, Larry & Marilyn Brammier, Jan Bolejack, Kathy Nelson, Eileen Thayer, Edith Simmerman, Rosanna McSwane, David Ernst, Howard & Dee Antes, Tom & Janet Hemphill, Loran & Mary Donna Patton, RuthAnn Weddle’s friend Laurette, Laura Osborne’s friend, Suzanne, JoAnn Marten’s sister Diann Starr, Rev. Roger Bruns, Chloe Berry, Sue O'Brien, Tom Gress & Karen Driever

### Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese    Scripture: Stephanie Shrader    Greeters: Tony & Kim Reese    Acolytes: Youth  
 Camera: Marv Zimmerman    Power Point: Jane Zimmerman    Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields  
 Communion: Kristie Dierking, Jeff Maddox, Ed Reed and Ken Zaroban  
 Nursery: Abbee James, Carol Maddox, Jayne James and Kim Reese