



The Builder

hello
December



2022

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

First Presbyterian Church
1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

Sunday School for all Ages – 9:15am

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30

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

Potluck – Sunday December 4

Children's Christmas Program – Sunday December 11

Christmas Eve Service – 7pm

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

Keep in touch.....

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Homestead Presbytery website: www.homesteadpres.org

Celebrating in December...

- 1 Happy Birthday, Adam Wilton
- 4 Happy Birthday, Josh Martens
- 8 Happy Birthday, Dave LeGrand
- 10 Happy Birthday, Bill Peterson
- 13 Happy Birthday, JoAnn Martens
- 14 Happy Birthday, Randy Martens
- 19 Happy Birthday, Lori Koeneke
- 23 Happy Birthday, Bev McGinnis
- 24 Happy Birthday, Nels Wilton
- Happy Birthday, Jesus!**
- 27 Happy Birthday, RuthAnn Weddle
- 28 Happy Birthday, Keith Dierking
- 30 Happy Anniversary, Bill & Jean Dammast
- 31 Happy Birthday, Gene Mercer

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

In Memoriam - Dec 1 2021 – Nov 30 2022



Mark Hopp 12-28-21



Pat Wehling 2-13-22



Jean Yost 8-20 – 22



Eileen Thayer 11-24-22



Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Sunday School 9:15am Worship Potluck 2 nd Sunday of Advent	5 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	6	7 Lunch Bunch at Valentino's 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir practice 7pm	8	9	10
11 Sunday School Christmas Program Worship 10:30am 3 rd Sunday of Advent	12	13	14 Lunch Bunch at Taco Johns 11:30am Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:15 Session 6:30	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30am 4 th Sunday of Advent	19 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	20	21 Lunch Bunch at Runza 11:30am Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship Service 7pm
25 Merry Christmas! Christmas Day No worship service today.	26	27	28 Lunch Bunch at El Portal, 11:30 Quilters 1pm	29	30	31



It's been another busy month at First Presbyterian. The children sang during church and played the bells (with a little help from some friends!). Jayne James used donuts and the nativity for the messages during Children's Time. We had another successful drive for the Children's Christmas Shoeboxes and we welcomed to our pulpit, a neutral pulpit candidate, Kirsty Dickson-Maret. **And** we are thrilled to report that Pastor Tom is home from the hospital and is slowly getting back on his feet!

Food Pantry Holiday Gift Box Donations Requested



The Food Pantry located at the United Methodist Church is asking for donations for the Holiday Gift Boxes. Items requested are cans of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, and cranberries. Boxed corn bread, stuffing, and mashed potatoes and envelopes or jars of gravy. Please bring all donations to our church by noon on Thursday, December 15 and they will be delivered to the food pantry. Distribution will be on Monday, December 19. Thank you for your donations!



The annual **Children's Christmas Program** is just 10 days away. Please join us for the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, December 11. The children will present the program and lead much of the service. There will be refreshments following the program.



Dear Friends,

Christmas is quickly approaching. The Advent offering provides the funding for the work of the Deacons. Your Advent offering can be mailed to or dropped off at the church anytime during Advent. Advent folders are available at the church now. Please earmark your donations for the Deacon Ministry. Checks may be made out to: First Presbyterian Church Deacons.

The mission of the Deacons is to show love and concern for our church family, community, and world.

Our biggest ministry is our ER bags for kids in the hospital. To date we have given over 2600 since we began the project in 2013. We also reach out to our shut-ins, students, and those in need with visits, cards, meals, and gift cards. We support Operation Christmas Child each year by filling boxes and giving money for postage.

Thanks to your generous donations, the Deacons will be able to continue showing our love to all.

Thank you,
The Board of Deacons



POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for church on Sunday, December 4 and stay for a potluck dinner! Come hungry and ready for great fellowship!



Members of our adult choir will join others in the community for the **Annual Advent Recital**. This recital will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday, December 4. It begins at 6pm. All are welcome!



Would you like to deck the halls, or in this case the sanctuary, with a poinsettia? If you would like to share one in honor of someone or in memory of someone, bring it to church anytime the church is open. In Honor of or in Memory of tags are available. The poinsettias will be on display through the Christmas Eve Candlelight service and at that time may be taken home or distributed to family and friends.

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: The family of Eileen Thayer, Julie Hopp, Pastor Tom, Ed Reed, Marta Calhoun, Larry & Marilyn Brammier, Jan Bolejack, Edith Simmerman, Howard & Dee Antes, Rosanna McSwane, Tom & Janet Hemphill, RuthAnn Weddle's friend Laurette, Laura Osborne's friend, Suzanne, JoAnn Marten's sister Diann Starr, Jan Marion's aunt Kathy Teten and for those in the Ambassador: Kathy Nelson, Foy Thayer, Connie Driever, Loran & Mary Donna Patton & Richard Dovey.

Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese Scripture: Ken Zaroban Greeter: Eunice Fass Acolytes: Youth
Camera: Marv Zimmerman Power Point: Jane Zimmerman Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields
Nursery: Udine Wilton, Rose DeKock, Susie Frerichs, & Kristie Dierking