



The Builder



2023

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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

Sunday School for all Ages – 9:15am (youth – through May 21, adults through May 7)

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

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

Coffee Fellowship and Honor our Graduates – May 7

Mother's Day – May 14

Memorial Day – May 29

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

Keep in touch.....

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This month we again say THANKS to our mothers! You know you can't put a price tag on love. But never-the-less some are bound to try. For example, there is a web site that attempts to establish how much a mother's paycheck ought to be for all the work she does around the house and for the family.

Salary.com took a survey of more than 12,000 mothers and determined that the time mothers spend performing ten typical job functions would equate to an annual salary of \$122, 732 for a stay-at-home mom. I am sure that most mothers earn every penny of that six-figure income.

But what do mothers really do?

Some say that the job titles that would best match a mom's definition of her work are housekeeper, day care center teacher, cook, computer operator, custodian, facilities manager, van driver, psychologist, laundry machine operator and chief executive officer.

But there is a glaring omission in this list. It is one thing that our mothers do without which – well, they just wouldn't be much of a mother. They LOVE!

Think about a mother's love. There's nothing in the world quite like it, except the love of God! It's both unconditional and inexhaustible. And you can't put a price tag on that.

Join us for worship on Mother's Day as we honor our mothers and the God-like love they have for us.

Pastor Tom



Birthdays & Anniversaries

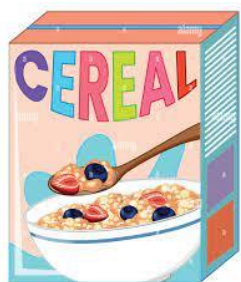
- 1 Happy Birthday, Gertrude Ettleman
- 6 Happy Birthday, Jan Bolejack & Lisa Osborne
- 13 Happy Birthday, Dave Patton
- 18 Happy Birthday, Nick Maddox
- 23 Happy Birthday, Carla Zaroban
- 24 Happy Birthday, Preston Scott
- 24 Happy Anniversary Jeff & Teresa Frields
- 26 Happy Birthday, Josh Marion
- 31 Happy Birthday, Susie Frerichs
- 31 Happy Anniversary Loran & Mary Donna Patton

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

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Bill Curtis, Carissa Curtis, Lee Crumley, Larry & Marilyn Brammier, Jan Bolejack, Edith Simmerman, Howard & Dee Antes, Rosanna McSwane, Tom & Janet Hemphill, Laura Osborne's friend, Suzanne, Ed Reed, Abbee James' aunt Tami, and for our friends and family in the Ambassador: Wanda Mowry, Adelene Vock, Kathy Nelson, Foy Thayer, Connie Driever, Loran & Mary Donna Patton

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR REGULAR GIVING!



We are asking for donations of **Cereal** for the local **FOOD PANTRY**. Bring your contributions to the church during the week or on Sunday morning from now through the end of May. They will be delivered to the Food Pantry at First United Methodist Church.





Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	2	3 Lunch Bunch at The Keeping Room 11:30 Quilters 1pm	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:15 Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Celebrate our Graduates 5 th Sunday of Easter	8	9	10 Lunch Bunch at Taco John's 11:30 Quilters 1pm	11	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am Mother's Day 6 th Sunday of Easter	15 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	16	17 Lunch Bunch at Hong Kong 11:30am Quilters 1pm Choir Practice 7pm	18	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30am 7 th Sunday of Easter	22	23	24 Lunch Bunch at Valentino's 11:30am Quilters 1pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering Day of Pentecost	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Lunch Bunch at Taco Bell 11:30am Quilters 1pm			

Serving this month: Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Sunday School

Organist: Abby Reese

Scripture: Stephanie Shrader

Greeters: Marv & Jane Zimmerman

Camera: Marv Zimmerman/Alexis Dierking

Acolytes: Youth

Communion prepared by Abby Reese

Serving Communion: Jeff Maddox, Randy Martens, Ken Zaroban and Tony Reese

Sound/Power Point: Julie Hopp/Kurt Curtis/Jane Zimmerman

Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields

Nursery: Jayne James, Rose DeKock, Kim Reese, Jan Marion, Jayne James



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Summer Godsey will graduate from Nebraska City High School. Nick Zaroban will graduate from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree. Madison Zaroban will graduate from Doane University with a Masters degree in School Counseling. Marv & Jane's nephews, Will Frerichs (Lincoln) and Chase Landreth (Nebraska City), will graduate from high school. May will be a busy, exciting month for these families! Best wishes for a great future to all of our graduates!



THANK YOU, CHOIR MEMBERS!

You sing with joy and our enjoyment!

"As we get ready to close out this year, I would like to take a few minutes to say how much working with this group of adults means to me. Every year I promise the choir an easy music season, and this year was no different. I think this was accomplished on a few songs 😊 (the choir might say something different).

The highlight of my year had to be Easter. I selected "He Is Alive" last summer and could not wait to start working with the choir in January. This was not an easy number and I had my concerns, but as always this amazing group came together, Lily included, and provided a wonderful piece for the Easter season.

Because of schedules, mostly mine, we are ending the year maybe a couple weeks early, but we will be back in September. I encourage the congregation to please take some time and thank those who participate in the choir. We are not professionals, but we all share the same goal, to praise the lord through music.

We would love to have new faces next season. One thing I enjoy is the way every one helps each other figure out the music. No one is left behind. If you are looking for a way to participate in the church's life, this is a wonderful way to do it. There is fellowship, learning, and praise happening each Wednesday/Sunday. Thank you, Choir!"

The schedule for the remainder of our choir season is as follows: practice on May 3, sing for church on May 7, practice on the 10th and sing for church on the 14th. Summer break, then we will be back in September!

Abby

A huge thanks to our choir director Abby! God loves you and so do we!

We reenacted Christ's arrival in Jerusalem by processing and waving palm branches on Palm Sunday last month.



Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day! A celebration with special music and contemplation of a rebirth of sorts – the promise of spring with green grass, leaves on our trees and flowers. Easter - a precious day set aside each year to pause and remember that Christ died for all of us on that cross but then conquered death, promising that we also will conquer death and trade this human life for an eternal life with Him.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you, Carla Zaroban, Kristie Dierking, and Julie Hopp for taking care of our children again this year. Your devotion and love for the kids show and you are appreciated beyond words! After Sunday, May 21, Sunday school will be dismissed for the summer.

Thank you also, JoAnn Martens and Stephanie Shrader, for your leadership in our adult Sunday school class. Their last class will be held on May 7.



Out with the old and in with the new! We had a rather exciting week. We watched the tear out and construction of new sidewalks in the front. As we go to press on Thursday, we are waiting for the new sidewalk to be poured. Next step is grading and laying new asphalt in the streets which is too begin on Monday, May 1. Very nice.





The National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4, Events

- ➔ 7:00 AM - High School Flag Pole
- ➔ 12:00 PM - Courthouse 10 Commandments Monument
- ➔ 3:00 PM - City Hall Prayer
- ➔ 7:00 PM - Speaker and Dessert
Veteran's Memorial Bldg

Speaker - Eric Underwood



Anabel Rosario Fermin

Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life...



SHOEBOX RECIPIENT SPEAKER

Date: May 5th & 6th

Time: Various Times & Locations

Place: See Schedule Below

Everyone Is Welcome!

Please come join us to hear Anabel's testimony of how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in her life!

3:30 PM May 5th, 2023 (Friday)
Saunders House Assisted Living
1313 N. Hackberry St., WAHOO, NE

7:00 PM May 5th, 2023 (Friday)
Calvary Church
558 W. 16th St., WAHOO, NE

8:45 AM May 6th, 2023 (Saturday)
Firth Bible Church
101 3rd St., FIRTH, NE

10:30 AM May 6th, 2023 (Saturday)
New Covenant Community Church
6000 S. 84th St., LINCOLN, NE

1:15 PM May 6th, 2023 (Saturday)
Fallbrook Assisted Living
6600 Juliet Court, LINCOLN, NE

3:00 PM May 6th, 2023 (Saturday)
Riverview Community Church
324 N. 32nd St., ASHLAND, NE

7:00 PM May 6th, 2023 (Saturday)
Faith Lutheran Church
1630 "I" St., FAIRBURY, NE