



The Builder



2023

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion & Coffee Fellowship
the 1st Sunday of each month

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

Keep in touch.....

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Pastor Tom will be providing us with a Special Summer Sermon Series in June into July. The series is titled, **“Answered Prayers of the Bible”**. We will look at some short petitions that God answered positively. Each was particular and direct, expressed with earnestness, and offered with sincere expectation. And they were all wonderfully answered!

They changed the lives of those who prayed them, and they are requests that you and I can make today.

Prayer is not dictation. Prayer is not telling God what to do and then expecting His immediate, positive response. Prayer is cooperating with God so that He can release His power. Someone said that God answers prayers, “Yes.”, “No.”, and “Wait.” Someone else said that God must often respond by saying, “You’ve got to be kidding me!”. However God answers, we know that He is a wise heavenly Father who knows what is best for us, and what is best for others.

I think you will find that God delights in saying “YES”, that God loves to hear and answer prayers, and more often than not, our Lord is the God of “YES”. Be sure to come each Sunday as we consider a few effective prayers that God answered affirmatively!

June 4	Prayer of Eliezer	Give Me Success
June 11	Prayer of Jabez	Give Me More
June 18	Prayer of Gideon	Give Me a Sign
June 25	Prayer of Moses	Give Us Your Presence
July 2	Prayer of Solomon	Give Me Wisdom
July 9	Prayer of Asa	Give Me Your Help



- June
- 3 Happy Birthday, Edith Simmerman and Pam Roker
 - 9 Happy Anniversary, Nels & Udine Wilton
 - 10 Happy Birthday, Landry James and Jacob Martens
 - 15 Happy Birthday, Helen Lundak
 - 18 Happy Birthday, Cassidy James
 - 19 Happy Birthday, Nick Zaroban
 - 20 Happy Anniversary, Jim & Susie Frerichs
 - 21 Happy Anniversary, Randy & JoAnn Martens
 - Happy Birthday, Mary Donna Patton
 - 22 Happy Birthday, Jan Marion & Marilyn Brammier
 - Happy Anniversary, Keith & Kristie Dierking
 - 23 Happy Birthday, Rose DeKock
 - 24 Happy Anniversary, Ken & Carla Zaroban
 - 26 Happy Birthday, Josh Osborne
 - 27 Happy Anniversary, Jim & Mary Callen

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: Lincoln McLaughlin, Nancy Blackshear, Bill Curtis, Carissa Curtis, Ed Reed, for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the church office if you have someone to add to this list.

Serving this month: Coffee Fellowship hosted by Abby Reese

Organist: Abby Reese	Scripture: Helen Lundak	Greeters: Nels & Udine Wilton
Camera: Marv Zimmerman/Alexis Dierking	Acolytes: Youth	Communion prepared by Jeff Maddox
Sound/Power Point: Julie Hopp/Kurt Curtis/Jane Zimmerman	Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields	
Nursery: Ruth Weddle, Udine Wilton, Doris Martin and Carol Maddox		



For the Food Pantry.....please bring **paper products** to church this month. Paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper will be greatly appreciated, as are all donations! Thank you so very much for all of your generous donations each month!



Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Community Picnic At Wildwood 12-2 Trinity Sunday	5 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	6	7 Lunch Bunch at Runza 11:30 Quilters 1pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:30am 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	12	13 Session will not meet this month	14 Lunch Bunch at El Portal 11:30am Quilters 1pm	15	16	17
18 Worship 10:30am 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	19 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	20	21 Lunch Bunch at The Keeping Room 11:30am Quilters 1pm	22	23	24
25 Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	26	27	28 Lunch Bunch at Downtowner 11:30am Quilters 1pm	29	30	

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR REGULAR GIVING!



The session approved new windows to be installed in the classrooms, offices, kitchen, and bathrooms. Funding for this project will be primarily coming from endowment and special gift funds. Any contribution to help offset the cost of the project would be appreciated. If donating, please note that your contribution is for windows or let Carol or Jane know. Your donation will be included on your annual giving statement for 2023. Thank you for your continued support of the Presbyterian Church. The Administrative Committee

Children are always fun to watch during the Hunger Offering and this day was made extra special with Gertrude Ettleman's grandchildren in attendance. They were here to celebrate Gertrude's birthday!



Tom Weddle has dug in the dirt and planted our flower beds for 40 years and this year was no exception. They are always a true sign of spring! Thank you, Tom!!



The children always enjoy playing music using the bells

and their time spent with Pastor Tom – always a good lesson and of course, a treat! ☺



Sunday School is out for the Summer!

The Sunday school children and teachers served coffee fellowship in May. Meticulous placement of sprinkles and just the right amount of frosting went into the making of the treats! Licked fingers were immediately washed. Our 'helpers' filled plates and helped our congregates to their tables. The tables were decorated for spring and there was plenty of delicious treats to choose from. Sunday school is on vacation now until September and the children will be missed! Thank you for caring and thank you for sharing with all of us this year!



The choir sang and Pastor Tom's message to the children made Mother's Day a special day. The children took magnets with special messages to their moms: Be Grateful, Be Positive, Be Brave, Be Happy, Be Kind and Be Humble. Hmmm.....pretty good messages for all of us!



Lilly Goes to Africa!



Where to?



What Am I Doing There?



Lilly is headed for Rwanda in Africa for a three-week study in music therapy. She is taking part in a program sponsored by Wesleyan College called *Musicians Without Borders*. Lilly is majoring in psychology at the college with minors in music therapy and biology. With the aid of the pictures above, you can see where Rwanda is located and its size in comparison with our state of Nebraska. Pastor Tom then commissioned Lilly for her mission trip. Lilly is an inspiration to all of us and we pray that this is a rewarding, exciting, safe and fulfilling experience for her!



In our own "mission field", we have been asked to participate in a special collection for the Food Pantry. On **Tuesday, June 6th**, our local food pantry is teaming up with 10/11 Can Care-a-Van. There will be four drop off locations that day for donations of food and/or money. The goal for our local food pantry is 10,000 pounds of food and paper products. Each \$1 donation is equivalent to 2#.

All donations will go to our local food pantry. Thanks in advance for your donations!

Drop off locations that day: 1st United Methodist Church, Fareway, Dollar Fresh & Walmart.

Happy Father's Day on June 18 to our church family dads!

