



# The Builder



2023

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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

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

**Sunday school for all ages begins on Rally Sunday – September 10  
Classes begin at 9:15am**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion & Coffee Fellowship  
the 1st Sunday of each month  
(this month Coffee Fellowship will be on Rally Sunday – September 10)**

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

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

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It's here! The start of another school year and the beginning of another year in the life of our congregation. We often associate the "Rally Day" for Sunday School as the start of a new year in church life. Our Rally Day is Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> this year. How about we all decide to help make this a great new year! I think a good way to do just that is to bring a friend to church. And here are three reasons why we should:

1. **Jesus calls us to do it.** If we are truly trying to follow the Lord and be more like Jesus, then we should respond to his teaching. Jesus was all about relationships, sharing, calling those in need and spending time with friends.
2. **It can deepen relationships.** If you're living an authentic Christian life, your friends know a little bit about your belief system but including them when you attend church lets them see even more of the spiritual side of your life. It leads your friendship into a deeper level.
3. **It's a loving thing to do.** When you really care about someone, you want the best for them. When it comes to eternity, don't you want your friends to be in heaven with you? Often, we are the only authentic (although imperfect) picture of Jesus that our friends and neighbors will ever see. We need to love them deep enough to risk offending them by inviting them to come to church with us. I know that can be a little scary – asking someone to come to church – but our faith tells us that that is what we should do.

Let's get this new season off to a great start by inviting people to come to our service. I believe that God is already working in the hearts of many of our friends. So, let's do our best and let God do the rest. Come to church and bring a friend with you!

Pastor Tom





- 5 Happy Birthday, John Wehling
- 6 Happy Birthday, Jeffry Dammast
- 9 Happy Birthday Janet Hemphill and Sharon McElfresh
- 13 Happy Birthday Karen Brannon & Larry Brammier
- 15 Happy Birthday Marvin Zimmerman
- 16 Happy Birthday Carol Maddox
- 22 Happy Anniversary Tom and Janet Hemphill
- 23 Happy Birthday Joseph Frerichs
- 24 Happy Birthday Jordan Dierking and 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)

Tom and Janet Hemphill will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday September 24, from 2 to 4pm at Maple Ridge. Anyone wishing to attend or send a card, the address is: Tom and Janet Hemphill - 3525 N 167<sup>th</sup> Circle APT 234 Omaha NE 68116

Serving this month: Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Sunday School students

Organist: Abby Reese

Scripture: John James

Greeter: Karen Brannon

Camera: Marv Zimmerman/Alexis Dierking

Acolytes: Youth

Communion prepared by Abby Reese

Sound/Power Point: Kristie Dierking

Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields

Nursery: Abbee James, Jayne James, Bunny Shanholtz & Kristie Dierking



For the Food Pantry.....this month, we ask for donations of Macaroni and Cheese, Ramen Noodles, canned chicken and canned tuna. Thank you so very much for all your generous donations each month!





# Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship/Holy Communion 10:30	4 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	5	6 Lunch Bunch at El Portal 11:30 Quilters 1pm	7	8	9
10 <b>Rally Sunday</b> Sunday school begins at 9:15am Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	11	12 Session 6:30pm	13 Lunch Bunch at Spring Garden 11:30am Quilters 1pm Deacons 5pm	14	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am	18 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	19	20 Lunch Bunch at Downtown 11:30am Quilters 1pm	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering	25	26	27 Lunch Bunch at Little Ted's 11:30am Quilters 1pm	28	29	30

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR REGULAR GIVING!**

**Please continue prayers** for the following church family and friends: Bill Sweeney, Teresa Fields, Nancy Blackshear, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the church office if you have someone to add to this list.





Adult Sunday School will begin September 10 with Stephanie and JoAnn as leaders. We invite any adult to join us as we study "Life Lessons from Daniel and Esther" by Max Lucado. We gather at 9:15 in the adult classroom. The Lesson time begins at 9:30. Join us for this time of learning and fellowship.



**RALLY SUNDAY!**

**SEPTEMBER 10**

**WELCOME BACK!**

**Our PUZZLE is Not Complete**

**without YOU!**



**SING! SING! SING!**

We all would love to have new voices join us. We meet 3 to 4 Wednesdays a month and sing in church 2 to 3 Sundays a month. Practice started last month and will continue through early May. This is a great time for fellowship and singing to the lord!

We would love to have special music during the season also. I know we have a lot of talent in our church family. Please reach out to me or Jane or Pastor Tom if you would be willing to share your talent with us.

God Bless and hope to see in choir! 😊 Abby



## Beautiful day of Worship, Fellowship & Food in Wildwood Park!



**Do you know someone in need of prayer? The prayer shawls are such a wonderful way of sharing God's presence with others and a great witness for our church.** Also...a big thank you to all who make them for us! Please stop in the office and let Jane (or any of our Deacons) know if you would like to have a prayer shawl for someone.



# Fall Bazaar

Are you ready for Fall? To get you in the mood we are planning the annual Fall Bazaar! Mark your calendar for Saturday October 14. We need bakers, crafters and salad makers. We need YOU!



Coffee and homemade rolls will be served from 8am – 10am.  
A salad luncheon will be served from 11am – 1pm.



From 8am – 1pm, patrons will be able to indulge in our bake sale, craft sale and silent auction items in addition to the morning rolls and coffee and the salad luncheon!

Helen, Gertrude, and Udine have completed another beautiful quilt to donate to this bazaar. (pictured below) The quilt will be on display in the fellowship hall after the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and open for bids. Bid often – don't miss out!



Please join us for this great day of food and fellowship! We ask all of you for your time and talents in preparing for and participating in this bazaar.

**Volunteer sign-up sheets for baking, crafting, salads, silent auction donations, setting up and serving are on the table in the narthex.** Jan Marion or Kim Reese (salad luncheon), Carol Hammond (table decorations) or Jane Zimmerman (general info) can provide more information if needed. ☺