

# 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 at 9:15am**

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

**Fall Bazaar & Salad Luncheon – Saturday October 14**

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

Keep in touch.....

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Halloween is remembered this month on the 31<sup>st</sup>. In spite of the practice nowadays of thinking of Halloween as the Devil's night, Halloween is actually a holiday with rich religious origins. The "Hallow" in Halloween comes from the same root as "Hallowed be Thy Name." Halloween is the day before the traditional Christian celebration known as All Saints' Day. It was intended to be a "hallow(ed) e'en," "a holy evening."

Our tradition in which we think of ghosts and trick-or-treating seems to have come from Celtic beliefs. The Celts believed that the souls of the departed roamed the earth one night in the fall. Since it was a time of harvest, the people would huddle together in front of fires, eating, and telling stories. And thus Halloween evolved into a celebration of witches and ghouls and fiends far removed from All Saints' Day.

There is a story about a creature that appeared at a widow's door one Halloween. She called it the scariest creature she'd ever seen. The rubber mask, covering the young person's face and head, had twisted features, a pulled-down mouth and a bright red "wound" on the cheek. Quickly, the widow dropped a couple of home-baked cookies into the young person's sack and the scary creature hurried away.

A couple of days later, when the paper boy came to collect, he said, "Those sure were good cookies you gave out on Halloween!"

You guessed it. He was the young man behind that mask. The woman could hardly believe it! Darren my paper boy is a real sweetheart she says, good-natured, polite, working to become an Eagle Scout.

Did you ever wear a mask on Halloween? For a brief time, it can be fun pretending to be something that we are not.

But remember that in real life, God does see behind the mask. It troubled Jesus that the Pharisees taught one thing and did something else. Here's why that bothered Jesus so much. The Pharisees were in places of responsibility. They were the spiritual leaders of their community. If they taught one thing and did something else, what would that say to those who were looking to them for guidance?

The same thing is true of us. If we have given our lives to Christ, we have a responsibility. That responsibility is, with God's help, to make our deeds match our words. We are not only to talk the talk, we are to walk the walk, even if it is nothing more than sharing a few freshly baked cookies.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Pastor Tom



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Happy Anniversary, Jeff & Carol Maddox
- 14 Happy Anniversary, Larry & Marilyn Brammier
- 15 Happy Birthday, Pastor Tom & Janet Osborne
- 16 Happy Birthday, John Shrader
- 17 Happy Birthday Rev. Bob Burdett & Connie Driever
- 19 Happy Birthday, Baylor James & Tony Reese
- 22 Happy Birthday, Howard Antes
- 24 Happy Birthday, Gracelyn Marion - you're a teenager!
- 26 Happy Birthday, Jayne James
- 29 Happy Birthday, Wanda Mowrey (Stephanie's mom)
- 31 Happy Birthday, Cari Godsey

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)



For the Food Pantry.....this month, we ask for donations of canned fruits and vegetables. Thank you so very much for all your generous donations each month!

Serving this month: Coffee Fellowship hosted by

Organist: Abby Reese

Scripture: JoAnn Martens

Greeter: Harold Antes

Camera: Marv Zimmerman/Alexis Dierking

Acolytes: Youth

Communion prepared by Tony Reese

Sound/Power Point: Jayne James

Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields

Nursery: Julie Hopp, Teresa Fields, Kim Rees , Jan Marion, & Stephanie Shrader

**Please continue prayers** for the following church family and friends: Bill Sweeney, Teresa Fields, Jane Zimmerman, Rev. Bob and Misty Burdett, 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.



## Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:15 Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	2 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	3	4 Lunch Bunch The Keeping Room 11:30am Quilters 1pm	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	9	10 Session – 6:30pm	11 Lunch Bunch at Subway 11:30am Quilters 1pm Deacons 5pm	12 Fall Bazaar set up 3-5pm	13	14 Fall Bazaar & Salad Luncheon 8-1
15 Sunday school 9:15 Worship 10:30	16 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	17	18 Lunch Bunch at Arby's 11:30am Quilters 1pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30am	23	24	25 Lunch Bunch at Taco John's 11:30am Quilters 1pm	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering	30	31				

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

**Mark your calendars:**

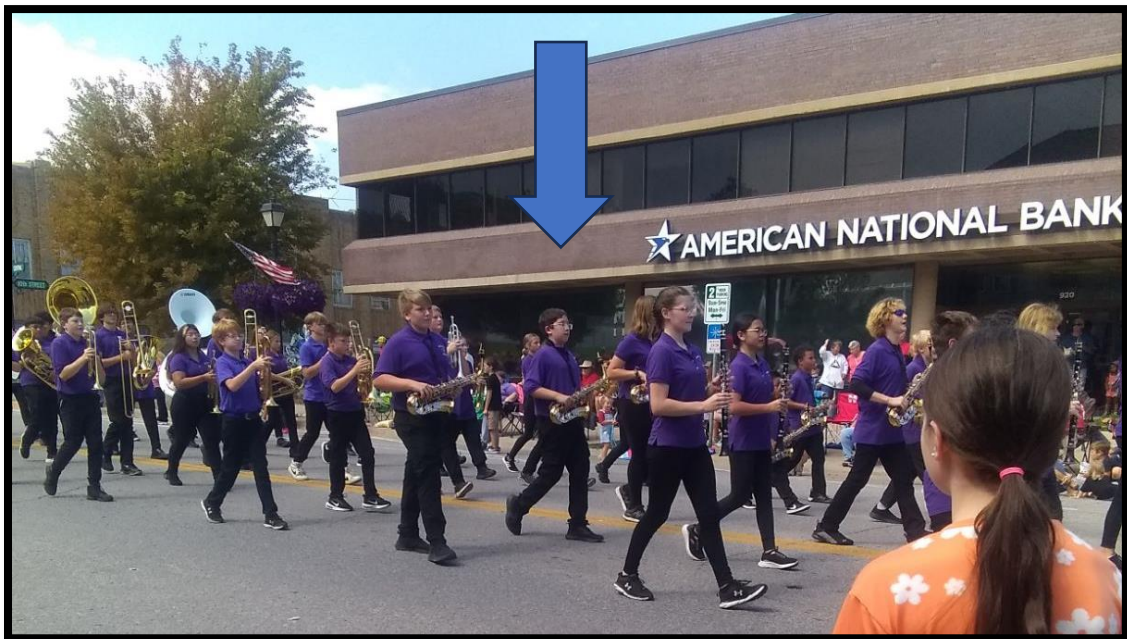
**Sunday, November 5 – it's Potluck Sunday!**

**November 25 - we will decorate the church for Advent – 10am – tis the season!**





We had a wonderful afternoon at Tom and Janet Hemphill's 60th Wedding Anniversary! It was nice to meet several of their friends from the facility. Everyone was so friendly, and you could tell that they enjoy having Tom and Janet there. Missing from the picture is Julie Hopp. She also attended the party. Great to see you Tom and Janet!!



The Pioneer Marching Band was strutting their stuff in the Applejack Parade last month! Marching in the saxophone section was our own Preston Scott! Way to go, Preston! 😊

# Fall Bazaar

Are you ready for Fall? Join the fun with our 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 (freewill offering) 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 is on display now, in the fellowship hall and you may leave a silent bid anytime. 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. ☺



Pyramid Roofing arrived with a truck full of windows, and three days later, they were installed. They were a great, hard-working crew. Thank you, Randy Martens and our other Session members for all of your time and patience in getting this project completed.



Marvin and Tony changed light bulbs and clock batteries, and started a project, clearing one of our landscape areas on the north side of the building. The list of 'to do' items is ongoing. Thank you, guys!

