



The Builder

September

A large, stylized orange maple leaf with green outlines is positioned below the word "September".

2025

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

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

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

Welcome Back! Our Sunday School classes, and Choir practices resume this month.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Coffee Fellowship - 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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A NOTE FROM PASTOR TOM.....

Here we are again! The start of another school year is here. In my life experience, fall has always been the time of starting again. Each year the summertime of feeling free ends and the whole family is excited (whether the kids were or not) to get ready to go back to school. When I finished elementary school then we moved into Junior High School. When eighth grade was completed, we enrolled in High School. After High School graduation I decided to go off to college, which of course began in September. AND then when I completed my college education, I began a school teaching career. That meant that every year, life began again in the fall. So, it seems like this season of the year is always about transitioning into something new.

Transitioning to a new chapter in life can be both exciting and frightening. It's in these moments that we learn to lean heavily on our faith. I want to share with you a couple of Bible verses about starting over that remind us to trust God with the unknown. He holds our future in His hands, and our journey is part of His divine plan. As we step out in faith and trust that God is guiding our paths, we can find peace and assurance in the transitions we face. Remember, God's timing is perfect, and He is never caught off guard!

Here are a couple of my favorite verses in times of transition:

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

Each year the church transitions into fall as well. Our Session starts meeting again. The Deacons start meeting again. Sunday School begins again. The choir begins again. People who have been gone for the summer months return to worship again. There is a hope that can see a resurgence in energy and enthusiasm as the Church program gears up again.

I hope we can feel a real sense of revitalization as we transition into Fall again. I need you to come and be with us to make this a success. Your church family needs you to come and be a part of the start of another year. SO, COME! IT'S GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU! I look forward to greeting you each Sunday morning!

Mark Your Calendars!.....



Saturday, October 18

8am – 1pm

First Presbyterian Church

1005 1st Corso – Nebraska City

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Tea 8-11am

Salad Luncheon (freewill offering) 11am – 1pm

Please bring salads before 10am on bazaar day.

Bring donations of baked goods on bazaar day – 7:30-8am

Bring donated crafts or silent auction items:

Monday October 13 – Thursday October 15 – 9am – 2:30pm



The quilters have produced another stunning quilt for the bazaar and Silent Auction. Don't miss your chance to own it! A sneak peak is pictured to the left. The completed quilt will soon be on display and the bidding will start!

We need YOU! Baked goods, salads, silent auction items and your time will be appreciated! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you in advance!



Choir practice is in session! Join us each Wednesday evening at 7pm
(no practice on the 3rd Wednesday – Elders on Session and Deacons meet)



Birthdays:

- 5 John Wehling
- 6 Misty Burdett
Jeffrey Damast
- 9 Sharon McElfresh
- 13 Karen Brannon
Larry Brammier
- 15 Marv Zimmerman
- 16 Carol Maddox
- 24 Jordon Dierking
Wes Finkner
- 27 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 Anniversari 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: Eunice Fass' brother, Lee Hendrix, Ken Zaroban's sister, Julie Spilinek, Ed Reed, Carissa Curtis, Justyn Curtis, Steve Mangum, Pastor Tom & Janet Osborne, Teresa Fields, Doris Martin, Linda Martin, the Zimmerman's neighbors Steve, Cathy and Joanie Wilson, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the office if you have someone to add to this list.

Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Scripture: Karen Brannon Acolytes: Youth
 Greeters: Tony & Kim Reese & Doris Martin
 Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields
 Sound/Video: Jayne James, Jeff Maddox, Marv Zimmerman, Preston Scott
 Prepare Communion: Trent Mangum



The **Church Library** is in the conference room. We have a wonderful selection of books in the library: Bibles, Bible reference books, Christian novels, Children's Christian books, and so much more. Stop in and discover some great books. Borrow one, bring one, enjoy some great reading!

Several books are newer, but many have been on the shelves for more than 40 years. Please stop by the table in the fellowship hall and give your opinion on the books there. Should we keep these books in the library or is it time to find another home for them? They will go to a new home on Monday, September 8.



Big shout out to **Nick Zaroban**, who completed his **SECOND Chicago Triathlon!** He improved his time in the swimming, biking and running, finishing 17 minutes ahead of last year! Mom Carla was able to be there last year and loved the whole experience. Nick is standing in front of the office building his company is moving into next year on Wacker Drive, right on the river. They are loving life in the city!



Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Welcome back to Sunday School! 9:15am 10:30 Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship 13 th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm Labor Day Office closed	2	3 Lunch Bunch Little Ted's 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir practice 7pm	4	5	6
	8	9	10 Lunch Bunch The Keeping Room 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir practice 7pm	11	12	13
14 Sunday School Youth 9:15am Adult 9:30am Worship 10:30am 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	15 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	16	17 Lunch Bunch Subway 11:30 Quilters 1pm Deacons & Session 6:30	18	19	20
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Food Pantry for September: Boxed meal starters: i.e. mac & cheese, Ramen noodles, hamburger helper, pizza mix, etc. will be appreciated this month. Thank you!



The church has an opening for a Treasurer position starting January 2026. This is a paid position and will handle the monetary responsibilities for the church. Most of the Treasurer's job duties are completed remotely. Training for the position will be done by Carol, the outgoing Treasurer. Please see the job description posted on the bulletin board or ask Jane for a copy. If interested, submit a resume to Jane in the office by October 10. For further information, please contact the Treasurer, Carol Maddox, or Administrative Committee members Jeff Maddox or Sue LeGrand.



Sunday School begins on September 7. We are excited to see everyone again!

Youth class starts at 9:15am with music, breakfast and sharing of summer adventures.

Adult class meets from 9:30-10:15am and will be studying *God Never Gives Up on You* by the incredible author Max Lucado. You don't want to miss this!

ALL AGES WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025-26!