



The Builder



2026

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

First Presbyterian Church – 1855 - present

1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Coffee Fellowship - 1st Sunday of each month

**Worship and Potluck Picnic at Wildwood Park
Sunday June 14 – 10:30am**

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

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GOING INTO THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

We all feel familiar with the season of Advent and Christmas. The seasons of Lent and Easter are very well known too. But when we come to the season of Pentecost, we struggle to understand what it is about. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek *pentekoste*, meaning 50. The day of Pentecost was fifty days after Easter. The Hebrew word for spirit is breath or wind. On the first Pentecost after the first Easter day, the disciples heard a great wind and realized it was the coming of the Holy Spirit just as Jesus had told them.

When we think about the Hebrew meaning, breath or wind, we know that this was a very important gift that God was giving humankind. Breathing is crucial for life. It's so important that we don't even have to think about doing it. Night and day, our bodies unconsciously make it happen, and our lives depend on it.

Yet, the wind is an unseen phenomenon. You can't see the wind itself, but only its effects. "Breath" might imply a quickly passing event. One of the refrains of Ecclesiastes is that life is but a breath—it passes quickly and is gone in a moment.

At the same time, we know that wind and breath, though invisible and sometimes momentary, can also be powerful forces that shake things up. The need to breathe becomes our only thought after being underwater a little too long.

Spring storms, tornadoes, and hurricanes remind us of the destructive power of wind: trees get uprooted and tossed about like sticks, and roofs can be peeled off houses as if they were cardboard.

Pentecost is the one Sunday of the year set aside for the church to focus on an important truth that we live out every other Sunday: that without the Holy Spirit, the church would be dead, just as we would be dead if we stopped breathing.

All that we do in church would be completely ineffective and lost without the leading and working of the Holy Spirit. At the same time, just as our breathing usually happens without our noticing, the Holy Spirit often moves and works inconspicuously. The work of the Spirit continues throughout all of history, from the creation of the world to its end, to direct our attention to Jesus. When we faithfully seek the Spirit's leading, we don't always realize what amazing things God is doing, but afterward we notice the working of the Spirit.

I hope to see you in worship each Sunday during the season of Pentecost.



01 Patrick & Shannon Wehling
 03 Pam Roker
 03 Edith Simmerman
 09 Nels & Udine Wilton
 10 Jacob Martens
 10 Landry James
 15 Helen Lundak
 18 Cassidy James
 19 Nick Zaroban
 21 Mary Donna Patton
 21 Randy & JoAnn Martens
 22 Jan Marion
 22 Marilyn Brammier
 22 Keith & Kristie Dierking
 23 Rose DeKock
 24 Ken & Carla Zaroban
 26 Josh Osborne
 27 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 Anniversariy calendar, please don't hesitate to let Jane know! Please call the office at 402-873-5306 or email your information to: secretary@firstpresnc.org.

Serving this month: Organist: Abby Reese
 Scripture: Carla Zaroban
 Greeter: Eunice Fass
 Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frields
 Sound/Video: Jayne James and Marv Zimmerman
 Prepare Communion: Carol Hammond
 Coffee Fellowship: Abby Reese

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Wally Amthor, Gertrude Ettleman, Marcia Catalone, Nancy Starr, Curt Wurtele, Lonnie & Donna Miller, Ashler Roehler, Dan Stoner, Carissa Curtis, Pastor Tom & Janet Osborne, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the office if you have someone to add to this list.

Nebraska City Food Pantry in June: donations of paper products will be appreciated. Thanks in advance!



Mark your calendars. Plan to bring your favorite dish for a Potluck Picnic! We're going to *Worship in the Park* Wildwood Park - Shelter #1 Sunday, June 14 – 10:30am!



Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	2	3 Lunch Bunch Runza 11:30 Quilters 1pm	4	5	6
7 Worship and Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Fellowship 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	8	9	10 Lunch Bunch Pizza Hut 11:30 Quilters 1pm	11	12	13
14 Worship & Potluck Picnic! 10:30 at Wildwood Park 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	15 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	16	17 Lunch Bunch El Portal 11:30 Quilters 1pm	18	19	20
21 Worship 10:30 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	22	23	24 Lunch Bunch Nebraska Family Restaurant 11:30 Quilters 1pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 10:30am 5 th Sunday after Pentecost	29	30				



We are scheduling **special music** for the summer. Is this you?!! Please let Abby know if you would like to share your God given gift! If there is someone you would like us to invite to share his or her talent, please don't hesitate to ask! 😊



LINCOLN MARATHON WITH THE JAMES'!

This was Dick's third try to break the Men's 70-74 Lincoln Marathon record! He smashed it by just over 2 minutes! New record 4:02:18!!

Matthew ran the half marathon and was 7th in his age group. Then he drove to Dick's route on the marathon course and paced Dick for the last 8 miles! Matthew's coaching and that pacing was key to getting Dick to the record.

Jennifer did the half and was 15th in my age group. I stopped to help a young man and lost 3-4 minutes until I was able to get him to go with the medics. Still, I was very pleased with my time. Our niece also did the half and was 12th in her age group.

Fun Presbyterian trivia. Westminster Presbyterian is between miles 3 and 4. I arranged to dump my jacket and extra shirt with a friend who was working at their snack and runner support table!

All in our church family.....Precious moments shared by Gertrude and Dorie at a recent visit at Morton Place. Abby tried to save the kite....see that spot of white in the top of the tree? Yep, still there....but the string is no longer a threat! Fellowship coffee turned into Fellowship and a brunch, compliments of our Sunday school staff and students! What a fabulous spread! More brunches and potluck dinners, please!! And then we have Preston.....what can we say about Preston? **Happy 15th birthday**, now taller than most of us! Kind, always a smile, always ready to help. 😊



APRON UP

It was on Maundy Thursday, when Jesus insisted upon washing the feet of his disciples. He dried them with a towel that he had bound about his waist. Jesus wore that 'apron' to be a good servant to his disciples on the night before he was arrested and eventually crucified. With this in mind, on Mother's Day this year, we were encouraged to bring and/or wear an apron to church. Pastor Tom wanted to stress that the aprons that we were wearing were symbols of Christian love and service....serving food, serving care, serving love. Dorie was all love in her darling apron! NHO on the apron pictured below was on loan to Pastor Tom and Janet for this sermon,....an apron worn by the staff at Nebraska Hematology & Oncology.... a perfect example of service! And.....have YOU hugged a Presbyterian today? 😊



Every apron has a story....a history.....

