



PRESBY-NOTES

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*It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Beatrice
to know Christ, to make Christ known and to exhibit Christ's love
through worship, education and service*

Faithful Footprints: Reflections on our journey following Jesus

Hello friends,

We had a wonderful Easter celebration, but the celebrating is not over yet. Besides the graduations and end of the school year, on May 23rd we will celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is historically a Jewish celebration that occurs 50 days after Passover, that celebrates the first fruits of harvest—in the Jewish tradition it is known as Shavuot. This was the reason that so many Jewish people from across the middle east were gathered in Jerusalem as is described in Acts 2.



As Christians, we celebrate Pentecost for a different reason that Jewish people do. It was at the celebration of Shavuot when Jesus fulfilled the promise he gave when he ascended after his resurrection and the Holy Spirit came down upon all those gathered. The most remarkable thing was experienced when the Holy Spirit arrived, the disciples began to proclaim God's word in their own language, but everyone present heard them in their own personal language. Barriers to God's word had been torn down and now everyone was receiving the grace and love of God's message through the disciples.

As we celebrate Pentecost and then enter into Summer, it's a good time for us to reflect on how the Spirit continues to be present with us and translates our attempts to share God's word for

others in our community. What are the boundaries to God's word that we have created and/or continue to uphold? Who are those in our community who need us to find a new way to share God's word in order to hear the message God has given us to share? Whose voices are we not listening to or find it hard to understand? How can we pray for the Holy Spirit to not only translate our message to others, but also translate the message others have for us so we can hear and respond to the word God has given them to share with us?

As we have seen in the last year, the Spirit has already translated some of the messages our neighbors have for us as we have heard and responded in action with the creation and carrying out of our Sweet Dreams Bed Ministry, and Frozen Chosen and Lil' Presby Food Pantry feeding ministries along with continuing serving at Warren's Table. And yet, the Spirit never stops calling and compelling us to speak God's word. May we continue to listen for the messages of God the Holy Spirit is translating for us to hear, and sharing God's message so the Holy Spirit can translate it for others.

Your partner in the journey,

Zac

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*Thank you to:

Lennie and her daughter Brittany for their work in adjusting the financials.
Karen Schlueter for her hard work in the children's program for Palm Sunday and coordinating the Senior Graduates Breakfast
Don Harmon for teaching Adult Sunday School
Fran Martin for helping with the Little Pantry and Warren's Table
Doris Martin for successful launch of the Frozen Chosen casseroles



*Confirmation plans to be held in the upcoming Fall

*VBS dates will be May 24th -27th

*Session approved coffee hour to resume beginning May 2, 2021 and to be held indoors. Masks to be worn when not eating or drinking, and pre-packaging for snacks will continue

*Repairs to the gutters that were damaged in winter snowfall are in the works with Blue Valley Door Company

*Renewals for Idella Whitmer Scholarships were approved for Cooper Blum, Wyatt Blum, Mercedes Zimmerman and Ally Thavenet

*Session approved for First Presbyterian to become a Matthew 25 Church; more details to come

*Next Warren's Table to be served on May 4, 2021 with Enchilada casserole for Cinco de Mayo theme.



PRAYERS: Connie Dake; Zemira Wolfe; Carol Straub; Diane Mayer; Verna Light; Willard Engelman; Bob Hancock; Dorothy Appleget; Charlotte Carney; Judy Prebyl; William Cook III; Barb Harrison; and Dennis Luckey.

Also: Shannon Fanning; Vera Lyons; Elmer Cook; Linnel Rials; Skylar Nicola; Elizabeth Shotkoski-Jurgens; Pat Morris; Steve Arneal; Lori Eckert; Jake Frana; Timothy Briskey; Mike Willet; Judy Knispel; Stan Martin (Gene Martin's brother); Nancy Chalupa; Hope Johns (Maxine Arneal's great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank's sister); Adam Ideus (Stephanie Ideus' brother); Ros Heckenlively (Zac's cousin); and Kent Ruigh (Kristin Jurgens' cousin).

Our sympathy is with the family of Steve Menke. He passed away this week in Lincoln. Steve, his wife Wendy and sons, Brent and Trevor, were long-time members of our congregation.

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Presbyterian Women met via zoom in April and learned about the new ministries at First Presbyterian Church including Sweet Dreams, Frozen Chosen and the Little Presby Pantry. The group also finished the last lesson in the Bible Study.

All women in the church should have received a survey so we can plan for the future. Presbyterian Women have played an active role in the life of our church and with your input this can continue. Please complete either the paper copy and return to the church or the online version which was emailed to you. If you did not receive a survey please contact Doris Martin at rangerdoris@gmail.com.

The Spring Gathering will be Saturday, May 15, beginning at 8:30 a.m. A zoom link will be sent.

Unformal Chat 8:30-9:00 a.m.
Program starts at 9:00 a.m.



Brittany Milke	1
Jacob Parde	1
Vance Dake	8
Taionna Martin	8
Charlie Rinne	8
Ernest McKeever	9
Madison Wolter	13
Allison Carothers	18
Deb Bishop	19
Doris Martin	20
Penelope Stansberry	20
Willard Engelman	23
Tyler Milke	23
Terry Jurgens	24
Callie Engler	27
Marvin Jedlicka	27



Congratulations to our Seniors and thank you to all who helped make the Senior breakfast a success.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for May 24-27. Children entering Pre-K - 5th grade in the fall of 2021 are encouraged to attend. 6th grade & up will be Assistants. The time is 9 - 11:30 a.m.



I received many birthday cards from members of the church. Many were accompanied by a much enjoyed written message. Thank you for remembering me. I still consider myself a member of the church - I get the Sunday service on TV. *Verna Tubbs*

Coffee Fellowship will resume Sunday, May 2.

First Presbyterian Church will serve Warren's Table on Tuesday, May 4. If you can help please come to the Episcopal Church at 4:45. And thank you to the people that volunteered to make casseroles.

Please visit our new website at www.presbybeatrice.com. It has been redesigned and looks inviting and information is easier to find.



Our graduating seniors are:

Colten Daake,

Bryce Milke,

Alex Sohl,

Madison Wolter

Help us stock our Little Pantry

The following items have proven to be very popular and we could use more so our Little Pantry stays full. Cash donations would also be appreciated. The brand of the product is not important we just wanted to show the type of item needed.



Pop Tarts



Cereal Bars



Peanut Butter



Fruit



Tuna



Tuna Helper



Saltine Crackers



Individual Cereal Boxes



Soup



Water



Honey



Individual Almond Milks



Deodorant



Shampoo/
Conditioner



Body Soap



Feminine Hygiene
Items