



PRESBY-NOTES

November

*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*

2022

Friends in the Church,

We are fortunate to live in the greatest country in the history of the world. Yet, many Americans still live with some degree of a sense of fear. Many people have studied this phenomenon but none seem to have an answer.

President Roosevelt admitted we had reason to be afraid, but he still had hope for a future that would encompass the “four essential human freedoms”—including freedom from fear. A poll recent poll found that Americans are more fearful of terrorism in 2021 than at any point since Sept. 11, 2001.

“My research starts in the 1980s and goes more or less till now, and there have been very high fear levels in the U.S. continuously,” says Barry Glassner, president of Lewis & Clark college and author of *The Culture of Fear: Why Americans Are Afraid of the Wrong Things*.

Another notable difference today is that many people feel they may have to confront threats or fears on their own.

These days, the measurable loss of faith in government combined with the difficulty of fighting terrorism has given the public less confidence that they will be kept safe. “That’s why we see so many people feeling like they have to fend for themselves,” Peter Stearns says. “Buying guns after 9/11 [was] frankly not an entirely rational response, whatever you think about guns, but understandable because we do think we have to take care of ourselves.”

Fear’s presence in American discourse has only increased since 9/11. Glassner agrees that politicians, companies, and the media have played a big part in the change, figuring out how to trigger fear and using that knowledge more frequently. Technology is part of it, too: though fear of kidnapping is certainly older than the Lindbergh baby, news of the child’s disappearance today would appear round-the-clock on cable, social media or via Amber Alerts to Americans’ phones. The repetition and constant awareness can make us more aware and more concerned (afraid).

“Part of what I find interesting about this is that overall most Americans live in what is arguably the safest time and place in human history,” Glassner says, “and yet fear levels are high and there are many, many fears and scares out there.”

I haven't found any information on the degree of fear that Christians experience compared to those who don't acknowledge God, but I suspect there is less fearfulness among those who know and believe in God.

It is interesting that the phrase, “the fear of the Lord” appears 26 times in the Bible.

‘Behold, **the fear of the Lord**, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.’” Job 28:26

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; Psalm 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Proverbs 1:7

Let not your heart envy sinners, but continue in **the fear of the LORD** all the day. Proverbs 23:17

“The ‘fear of the Lord’ is the beginning of wisdom”. An awareness and an acknowledgement of God can give a sense of peace in the middle of worry, insecurity, or fear. As we begin to know God we realize that He provides in ways we aren’t even conscious of. One of those modes is confidence in God’s love for us. “What then shall we say to this? “If God is for us, who is against us?” Romans 8:31 If God is for us who can be against us?”

One of our most potent weapons against fear of any kind is the confident knowledge that God loves us and will provide for us in any and all situations. With the knowledge of God’s love and promise, I can face anything. Nothing can overcome me because God is watching over me. If I know God, and know that He is protecting me, I have little or no fear. Another great gift from God.

Rev. Wakeman



*Sunday School Christmas Program still in planning stages

*Holiday Dinner will be November 13, 2022

*Christmas Eve Service will be held at First Presbyterian at 5:30pm with communion. Communion supplies can be brought to those unable to attend in person, prior to service

Christmas Eve service will be broadcasted

*There will be NO CHURCH SERVICE on Christmas Day at FPC

*Boiler Repairs have been completed

*Pledge letters will be sent out the week of October 24th, 2022 please return by November 13th, 2022

*Little Pantry will be putting together a flier for specific needs



PRAYERS: Maria Ojeda; Ardyth Orwen; Connie Dake; Carol Straub; Diane Mayer; Bob Hancock; Dorothy Appleget; Judy Prebyl; Barb Harrison; and Norma Jean McNamee.

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; 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); Kent Ruigh (Kristin Jurgens' cousin).



Holiday
DINNER

The annual Holiday Dinner will be Sunday, November 13, following worship in Fellowship Hall. Again this year it is open to church members and their families only. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet on the table in the sanctuary or call the church office, or notify Karen Schlueter or Sue Jedlicka by Sunday, November 6. The committee needs to know the number of people expected to purchase turkeys and other supplies.

Also, this year the committee is asking for volunteers to pick up a turkey or ham from the church on Saturday, November 5, take it home and cook it and bring it back to church on Sunday morning. Please let Karen or Sue know if you are willing to do this.



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet on Monday, November 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the parlor for a traditional "Pot-Luck" dinner, and fellowship. All women of the church and friends are always welcome.



PW will meet in the parlor Wednesday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. for the business meeting. And at 7:00 p.m. for the Bible Study "Celebrating Sabbath" with Reverend Wakeman as our study leader. "Everyone is welcome".



Thank you to all who attended the JOPS Potato Bake.



Mary Ann Rowe	4
Gail Sutter	6
Ann Bowman	10
Barrett Paulmeyer	12
Harris Paulmeyer	14
Sue Ann Jedlicka	15
John Matson	15
Bette Anne Thaut	18
Neil McConnell	20
Wilma Huff	28



Thank you to Andy Pappas who has served as our Director of Music for several years. Sunday, October 31 is his last. His talents have been a blessing for our congregation.

CONGREGATION CELEBRATES COMMISSIONING



Rev. Ron Wakeman and Elder Doris Martin

I want to thank this congregation for a day I can only describe as perfect. My church family provided me with a wonderful day to celebrate my commissioning as a lay pastor to Cottonwood Hospice. Rev. Wakeman and Karen Schlueter orchestrated a day I will remember always. The worship service started with *The Prayer* (one of my favorites), and the youth did a great job with the service. Many of them I was fortunate enough to have in Confirmation. The service also had the congregation singing "Jesus, Be With Us," the Matthew 25 hymn (I am proud this congregation is a Matthew 25 church), an interesting sermon about Paul, and ending with my commissioning. This would not have become a reality without the financial support and the prayers of this congregation. The gift

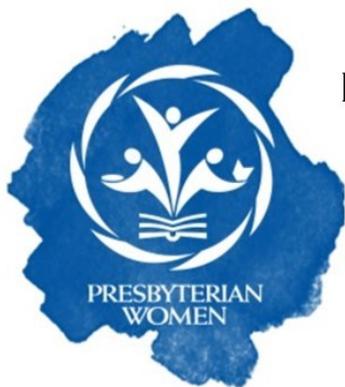
from the congregation will be a used to carry my work materials in style.

Following worship was the annual Potato Bake (delicious as always), and a chance for me to visit with both my church family and my friends. I feel very lucky to be surrounded by a church family that supported my call and have been open to trying new ways of being the church.

Sunday, Oct. 23, reminded me of all this congregation has to offer both to its members and to a world that needs to be reminded of the grace which is ours because of the sacrifice of Jesus.

It is good to be a member of First Presbyterian Church, Beatrice, and I thank you for a perfect day.

Doris



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CALENDAR

2022-2023 YEAR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BEATRICE

*All FPC women are Presbyterian Women
and encouraged to participate
in one or all of the activities*

November 16

6:30 p.m.—PW Business Meeting 7 p.m.— Bible Study in the parlor

December 8

Holiday Tea

January 18

6:30 p.m.—PW Business Meeting 7 p.m.— Bible Study in the parlor

February 8

Noon—Presbyterian Women Lunch Bunch, Location TBD

February 15

6:30 p.m.—PW Business Meeting 7 p.m.— Bible Study in the parlor

March 15

6:30 p.m.—PW Business Meeting 7 p.m.— Bible Study in the parlor

April 12

Noon—Presbyterian Women Lunch Bunch, Location TBD

April 19

6:30 p.m.—PW Business Meeting 7 p.m.— Bible Study in the parlor

May 17

6:30 p.m.—PW Business Meeting 7 p.m.— Bible Study in the parlor

June 14

Noon—Presbyterian Women Lunch Bunch, Location TBD

A collection will be taken for the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering