

PRESBY-NOTES

February 2025



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.

Today's challenge—Loving those we disagree with

February is the month of love but it is difficult to love people with ideas different than ours. What does the Bible say to us about how we should respond to people when we do not agree with them? The book of Matthew offers clear instructions, "But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." This is difficult but here are six ways to make it possible, according to ContinuumCloud.com.

#1 Listen

This is an important one to start with because it highlights the fact that you can only really be responsible for your own actions during an interaction with someone you disagree with. Decide that you will truly listen to what is being said instead of relying on your own perception of what is being said based on your own experiences, research or assumptions. This will help ensure that you're actually disagreeing with what the other person believes instead of simply drawing conclusions about their beliefs.

#2 See them as more than just their opinion on a single matter

When disagreeing with someone you love, it's important to take a whole-person view. Resist the

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and pray for those who persecute you.

Matthew 5:44



temptation to boil a person's entire being down to a single viewpoint that they hold. Focus on all of the qualities that they possess as a person.

#3 See things through their eyes

Putting on the eyes of another person to try to understand their view on an issue isn't the same thing as approving of their viewpoint. It's important to try to place yourself in another person's shoes to understand why they may have reached the conclusion they have reached. While their views may not sway you, you may be able to understand why they've formed an opinion without assuming the worst about their intentions by default.

#4 When you say that you'll agree to disagree—really mean it!

If you decide that you're not going

to let a disagreement harm your relationship with someone you love, it's important to truly stick to that decision. Avoid the urge to constantly "poke the bear" by bringing up the hot-button issue. You may also need to accept that your role here is not to "convert" the other person to your side. You must be willing to continue building a relationship with this person that is not focused on proving to them that you are right. This means avoiding the urge to consistently bring up the topic, share convincing arguments with them or discuss their "wrong" opinion with others within the same circle.

Final Thoughts

Loving a person we disagree with can be difficult but it can be done, especially if we invite God to walk with us.

Pastor Doris

- *We will be doing a new pictorial directory. Pictures will be taken on Tuesday March 25th. Volunteers are needed to help with the directory.
- *The JOYS will be collecting for the souper bowl again this year on February 9th.
- *The sign on the front lawn is up and running. Thank you to Gwen Cooper's memorial.
- *TVs will be going up thru out the church so videos and streaming can be viewed without moving arund the smaller tv we have now.
- *The Christmas offering brought in \$485.00 for the Little Pantry
- *Warren's Table served 101 on January 7th Thank you to those who helped. We serve next on March 4th.
- *Ten boxes of diapers for the preschool diaper closet, 10 hats, 40 pairs of gloves and 2 pairs of socks for the Little Pantry were collected during Advent.
- *Two more beds were delivered, and we have an application for five more.
- *The next stated meeting will be held on February 17th at 6:45pm



PRAYERS: PRAYERS: Dorothy Rockemann, Sharon Langvardt; Bruce Greenwell; Ellen Greenwell; Connie Dake; Diane Mayer; and Norma Jean McNamee.

Also: Shannon Fanning; Steve Arneal; Hope Johns (Maxie Arneal's great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank's sister); Janet Parde; Alyssa Lock (Kristin Jurgens' granddaughter); Jodee Bolli (Jesse & Betsy's sister-in-law); and Erin Blake.

Our sympathy is with Brian Daake and family on the passing of his father on Friday February 17.



Myles Weaver	1
Maximus Stansberry	6
Linley McConnell	6
Alan Langvardt	7
Jason Sutter	8
Nicole Weaver	14
Dave Haner	16
Mary Newcomer	16
W. W. Cook, Jr.	19
Betty Cook	22
Amanda Fossler	26



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet Monday, February 10th, at 4:30 p.m. in the church parlor for a pot-luck supper and fellowship, weather permitting. Guests welcome.

Happy Valentines Day!



Our February meeting will be on the 20th at 9:30 am, and Lesson 5, Air Quality, at 10.

The lunch bunch selected Michael J's Bar and Grill on West Court, but found that they are too busy at that time. So we will go to the Black Rock Grille at the Country Club on Wednesday, February 12th, meeting at 11:30 am. Please bring friends and guests for conversation and good food.

Support our Little Pantry by contributing a container of soup on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 9. Cups of soup, packaged soup, crackers, or monetary donations are welcome. Canned soup cannot be used in the Little Pantry in the winter.



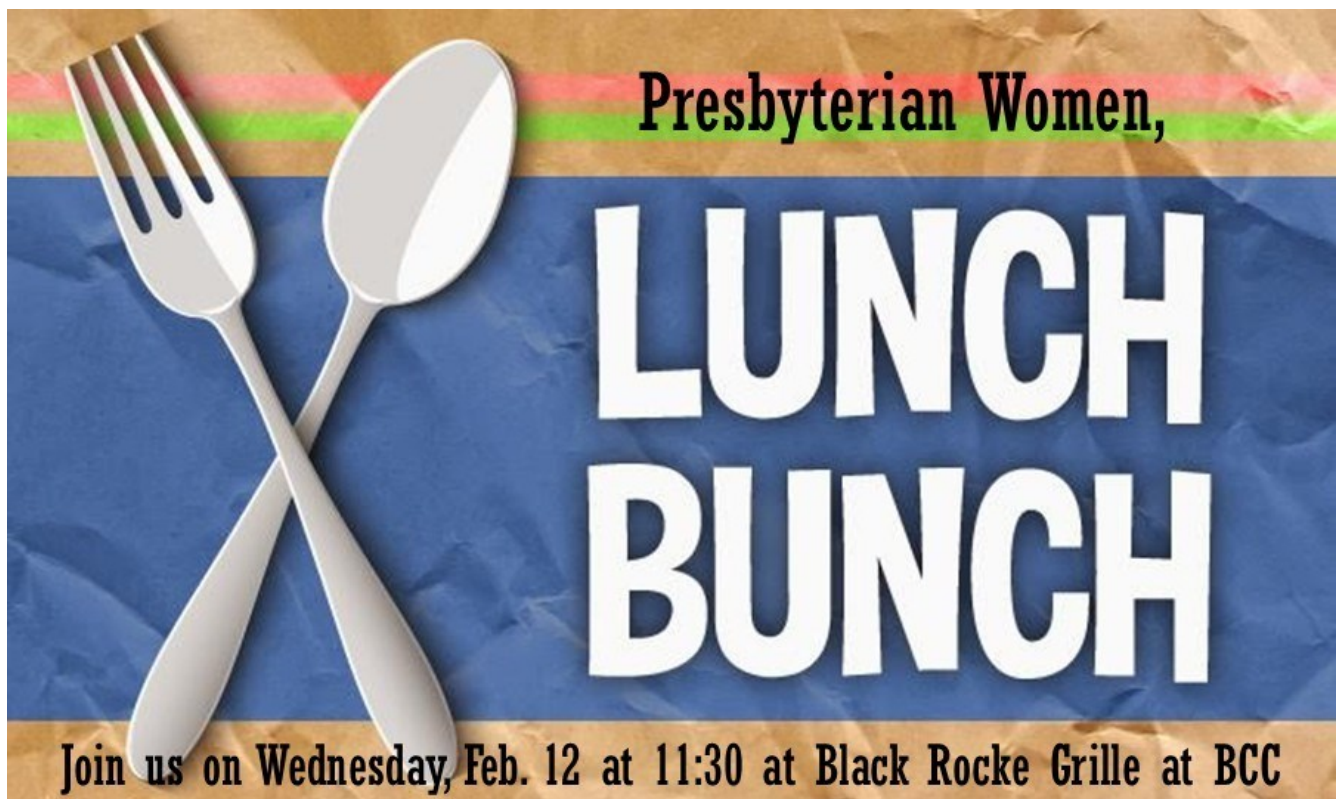
From Outreach and Evangelism

Warren's Table served 101 on January 7th and we will serve next on March 4th.

The bed ministry is continuing to deliver beds, bedding, books and blankets. Five have been requested for one family. We would like to thank the Ashley's store at the mall for working with us on the price and delivery.

Thank everyone for the diapers, hats, stockings and gloves on the parlor Christmas tree. Ten boxes of diapers were delivered to the diaper closet at the Beatrice pre-school. The Little Pantry on the north side of the church got 40 pairs of gloves, ten winter hats and two pairs of socks, all of which are taken daily in this cold weather.

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First Presbyterian Church—Beatrice, NE

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

WHEN?

March 26
2:00 pm-8:30-pm

WHERE?

Church Parlor

HOW?

**Schedule Online from home
beginning February 9**

- www.ucdir.com, church website
- church code: **NE264**
- password: **photos**

Schedule In Person at Church

- Weekends—February 16, 23, March 2

Need help? Call:

- Call the church office—
402-223-3933



WHAT DO YOU GET Free?

- 8" x 10" portrait
- Church directory
- Free Mobile App

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU GET?

- Choose other options –
Voluntary portrait
orders
- Multiple portrait
options ranging from
wallet-size to 20" x 24"
- Customizable options
- CD with pictures

WHY A NEW DIRECTORY?

- Update names,
Addresses,
phone #, e-mails
- Build community
- Have 32+ families
- Give to new families
- Mark a moment in
time