PRESBY-NOTES

March 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.

Maybe the rat race isn't the answer. Maybe it's time to get off the hamster wheel. Maybe there is more here than the world lets on. Life, love, and faith—full to the brim."

-Rev. Sarah Speed, Founding Creative Partner A Sanctified Partner



Lent invites us to experience unbounding love

This year's Lenten season invites us into an expansive season. The formal definition of expansive is wide-ranging, spacious and allembracing. From a spiritual standpoint, according to the creators of the series, "expansive living is a life that reflects the fullness that comes from a right relationships with God, yourself, and others. This will look different for everyone, but might be marked by awe and gratitude, a sense of selfworth, rooted in God's love, meaning and purpose in one's life, loving relationships, and joy that comes from using your God-given gifts."

Before Lent begins next Wednesday I invite you to answer the following questions.

EMOTIONAL
What emotions do you feel day to

day? Which are prominent? Spiritual: Where are you in your faith journey? Do you have practices nurturing your faith? How are you living from your values? Social: What are the positive and healthy relationships in your life?

SOCIAL

What are the positive and healthy relationships in your life?
Where would you like to grow?
Where do you need to draw boundaries?

FINANCIAL

What is your current financial state, and what emotions or desires does that bring up?

PHYSICAL

How are you taking care of your body? What does your body need?

MENTAL

Are you mentally stimulated? Learning new things? Honing new skills? Curating the information you take in from social media or the news?

ENVIRONMENTAL

Does your home and/or work environment allow you to thrive? Does where you live feel like home?

OCCUPATIONAL

How does your current work use your gifts? How satisfied are you with your vocation? What is your calling?

Now that you've answered these questions you have a picture of what your life looks like currently. Imagine how your life might become more expansive. What does a "full to the brim" life filled with meaning, purpose, faith, awe, beauty, and relationships look like for you. Join us during Lent as we explore becoming more expansive.



- *The Pictorial Directory pictures are being taken on March 25th be sure to sign up to get your picture taken.
- *Wednesdays in Lent we will be using the book "24 Hours That Changed The World". We will meet on March 12, 19, and April 2 and 9th.
- *\$213. 63 plus food was raised for the Little Pantry during the Souper Bowl collection. Thank you to all who contributed.
- *We will be hosting Mondays in Lent on March 17th. Volunteers are needed to help with the lunch, contact Ardyth Orwen if you can help.
- *The Sweet Dreams Ministry has delivered 4 more beds and will be delivering 5 more soon.
- *We will be serving Warren's Table on March 4th see Fran Martin or Ardyth Orwen if you can help.
- *A thank you goes out to Neil McConnell for installing new shelving in the Little Pantry storage room.
- *Next stated meeting is March 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.



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



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will meet Monday, March 10th, at 4:30 p.m. in the church parlor for a pot-luck supper and fellowship. All women of the church and guests welcome.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!





First Church Warren's Table at 5:00 p.m. on March 4th, see Fran Martin or Ardyth Orwen if you can help.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. for pancakes in Fellowship Hall and then the Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We welcome Geoffrey Driggers and his wife, Mary Potts, to First Presbyterian. He will be leading the singing during worship .



MONDAYS-IN-LENT SCHEDULE

March 10 - St. John Lutheran, ELCA - Rev. Dr. Pax Baptista, Book of Ruth

March 17 - First Presbyterian - Fr. Bob Schlismann, Paul of Tarsus

March 24 - Christ Church Episcopal -Pr. Doris Martin, Mary Magdalene

March 31 - Centenary UMC - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler, Deborah

April 7 - First Christian DOC - Fr. Joseph Faulkner, Daniel

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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