



The Chimes

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MEET STEPHANIE UNICK

Hello! My name is Stephanie Unick, and I am the new Curriculum Coordinator at First Presbyterian. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to help mold your kids. I have previously been the coordinator at Child Evangelism Fellowship in Central Nebraska. In this job, I helped set up after school Bible clubs for kids in our public schools, and outdoor Bible clubs during the summer.

I originally grew up on a farm outside of Pleasanton, Nebraska. I went to college at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and then law school in Cleveland, Ohio. I also taught English in China for four years, and now I also work at the YMCA Child

Development Center in the afternoon.

My hope is to encourage the kids in this church to grow in the Lord and to invite their friends to come to our church. My prayer is that you will join me in this mission!

Re♦Gen

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15TH

September brings us cooler weather, Husker football, and our church class kickoff! This year, mark your calendars for the kickoff of ReGen, the new Wednesday night multi-GENerational nurture program! Join us on September 15th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for fellowship and learning stations for ages preschool through adult. In an effort to better accommodate busy family schedules, these educational stations will serve as our new children's classes. Meals will be provided when it becomes safer to eat together. Look for more information in the bulletin and during worship in the upcoming weeks. For questions or to learn how to help, contact Beth Miller at 785-307-1188. Bring your family and friends to grow in faith together!

The deadline for submissions to the October 2021 newsletter is September 15th. The editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. **Lori O'Brien, editor**

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CLINT

If we've learned anything over the past eighteen months, it should be flexibility. I was sure that by this fall, COVID would no longer be a driving consideration in our life together. I was sadly wrong. As you know, the Delta variant is now being actively transmitted in our community. This means that we need to make some adjustments to our life together. That isn't the paragraph I had hoped to be writing in the Fall of 2021, but here we are.

Session has decided that First Pres Kearney will follow both the risk assessment and protocols from the Two Rivers Public Health Department. You can check their risk assessment and locate the protocols from their web site at www.trphd.org. Over the past month, their risk assessment has risen from Low to Moderate and has now moved into the Elevated category. In the Elevated Risk category, the protocols call for:

- Face coverings anytime we are in the building.
- Maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet between family units anytime we are gathered (in worship or meetings).
- Avoiding gathering in the Narthex following worship. Neighbor nudging and parking lot committees can gather on the front entryway patio.

I know many of you are frustrated by the ongoing COVID accommodations. I join you in being disappointed that we enter Fall with COVID still a primary consideration. You can help move this process forward by encouraging people in your particular circle to be vaccinated. Should you have questions about the efficacy or safety of the vaccines,

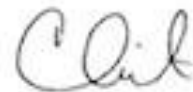
our church community is blessed with several physicians and health care professionals who can give you accurate and informed advice.

Let me also suggest upgrading your mask which can be both more comfortable and safer; something like a KF-94 mask (on Amazon for less than \$1 per mask) will be effective in filtering the virus and is more comfortable to wear than a cloth mask. If you want a reusable mask, look at some of the sport masks now on the market which are both effective and cooler to wear.

The goal of the Session is to make sure that we are as safe as possible when we gather. The protocols we will use in the weeks ahead should help us to provide a safe place to meet together for worship, nurture, discipleship and mutual support. As Two Rivers adjusts their Risk Assessment, we will adjust our protocols accordingly. We don't choose our context; we can only attempt to express our confession that Jesus is Lord in the context in which we find ourselves.

I appreciate your ongoing cooperation, support, and prayers as we journey through the 2021-2022 church year.

Grace and Peace.



Hymnals are available to check out if you would like to borrow one to use while watching the worship service on Facebook or Zoom. Contact the church office.



Bible Study for Women

Greetings ladies, Summer is still in progress but when September comes, Summer will be on the way out for 2021. I hope you have had a good Summer with plenty of cherished memories.

Our study books are in the church office and available during regular office hours for \$10.00. You may pick them up at your convenience.

We decided to cancel our fall potluck because of the elevated level of Covid-19 virus in our area.

Our mission project in September will be the School Emergency Fund. They need sweatpants, underwear, socks for young elementary students or older students, hygiene products like shampoo and conditioner, and granola bars.

Dates in September

Sept. 15 Introduction of Lesson One
with Pastor Clint 1:00 p.m. in the
church classroom

Sept. 22 Circle meeting, 2:00 in the
church classroom

“Logic will get you from A to B.
Imagination will take you everywhere.”

----Albert Einstein

**Peace and grace,
Annabelle Wells
Martha Circle Moderator**



Happy Birthday to:

September 1 st	Taylor DeLarm
September 6 th	Gayle Woodruff Alma Gaeth
September 8 th	Paul Panowicz
September 10 th	Kerri Betke
September 12 th	Susan Wallace Sally Bryson Fulton Moyer
September 13 th	Cindy Krause Madison Cobb Lakely DeLarm
September 14 th	Steven Rothenberger
September 15 th	Charlie Pickens Kay Payne Nathen Cole, Jr.
September 16 th	Patricia Hild Kelly Koch
September 21 st	Patricia Elliott
September 23 rd	Lee Sanks Sue Stehlik Vern Plambeck John McKirahan Larry Meyer
September 24 th	Tom York Molly Nicol Kennedy Cobb
September 27 th	Viola Pimper Betty Lewis-Fisher
September 30 th	Mary Kulhanek



*Anniversaries
to Celebrate*

September 7th—Leonard & Suzanne DeBrie
 September 14th—KC & Karen Diestler
 September 18th—Michael & Mary Fegter
 September 19th—Jarrett & Sydney Johnston



COATS FOR KIDS

We are pleased to announce that as a church we have donated \$1,002 to Coats for Kids. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Charlie Pickens



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Greeters: (prefer 2 persons each Sunday)

Sept. 5—Paula Lytle & JoAnn Lilly

Sept. 12—Carol Smith

Sept. 19—

Sept. 26—

Flowers provided by:

Sept. 5—Rodger & Kay Payne

Sept. 12—Lissa Woodruff

Sept. 19—Jack Hild

Sept. 26—Jon & Leslie Abegglen

Liturgists needed:

Sept. 5—

Sept. 12—

Sept. 19—

Sept. 26—

Acolytes:

Sept. 5—

Sept. 12—Fulton Moyer

Sept. 19—Rowan Miller

Sept. 26—

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

September 28

Rt 1. John and Sandy McKirahan

Rt 2. Bob and Sue Wallace

Rt 3. Carol Smith and Barb Icenogle

The church has two paid positions available each Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to Noon to staff the Nursery during worship.

The position requires taking an online Safe Gatherings Training, which is paid for by the church. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older.

Interested persons should contact Kit Alff, Personnel Chair, at 308-440-5898 or alff.kit71@gmail.com



MISSION IN MOTION SEPTEMBER PROJECT

For September we will host the “TICKET TO RYDE” drive. For \$20 you allow our church to purchase a 12-ride punch ticket for the RYDE bus. Head Start will oversee their student’s punch ticket and make sure that as they get on or off the bus for school, the ticket is punched. That gives each student six days of rides to and from school. Look for the school bus display in the narthex.

SAVE YOUR BEST CHOICE UPC CODES

Please save your UPC codes from Best Choice products (available at Apple Market and Boogaarts). When we collect 1,000 UPC codes, the company will send us \$30. **We currently have 769 labels.**



The collection box is in the church office, or you can put them in an envelope and leave them on the table inside the front door of the church.

Thank you!



Thank you to the lawn crew who keeps the property looking so nice. They include:
Lynn Shaffer for her countless hours caring for the trees, flowers, bushes, etc.
Gary Feind for coordinating the mowing crew, which includes himself and:
Zak Nicol, Kason Nicol, Bob Scriven, Mike Vollmer, John & Barb Icenogle, Larry Meyer, Bob Byrn, Pete Peterson, Ethan Kinney, Jack Hild, and Rodger Payne.
Dwayne & Jill Hibbs for spraying weeds
Barb Friskopp for the beautiful flowerpots at the front doors, the flowers around the mailbox, and taking care of the garden.
Judy Rothenberger for weeding in the front area.

Thank you all for your dedicated work! 😊

SAVE YOUR FAMILY FRESH RECEIPTS

The Deacons are collecting Family Fresh Receipts. When we have collected \$150,000 worth of receipts, the company will give us \$1,000, which we can use toward a project. **We currently have \$42,000 in receipts!**

Please drop off your receipts in the pink box just inside the front door. **We need the entire receipt**, especially the “Direct Your Dollars” portion that indicates the amount earned.

THANKS from the HEART

My dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that Paula Lytle delivered. They always brighten my day. I always have such a good visit with Paula. I am getting better all the time so that's good!

Blessings, Vi Pimper

Thank you for the many prayers for my daughter, Shalaine, during her recent heart surgery. We appreciate your concern

and the many kindnesses shown to us during this time. **Thank you, Barb Lewison**

Many thanks -
Jovie
Larson

Jella
Kriegel

Liam Silas
Stencel

Brynn
Johnson

Jackson
Babcock

ZAVION
mariah
Dutton & Jay

Thank you so much for your hospitality -
Blessings!
Pastor Todd

Dear 1st Presbyterian
church

From the bottom of
our state (and our ❤️)
we want to thank your
congregation for letting
us stay at your church
on our way to Colorado.

Youth From Jackson Lake
and Faith Lutheran churches
MN



JULY TANKING TRIP

Eleven persons enjoyed a tanking trip down the Calamus River on Saturday, July 31st.

Jack Hild arranged the trip, which included five youth and six adults. They enjoyed the day.

If you are interested in tanking next summer, let Jack know!



Gary and Avery



Lorraine Feind, Mary Strayer, Jack Hild, Gary Feind



Rev. Will Ratcliff, a member of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska, has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Though the prognosis is hopeful, he has a lengthy journey in front of him. His 27 days of radiation treatments are over, and things are going well.

Will's only income is his disability coverage. He and his wife, Bonnie, and their 1-year-old son, Thomas, are prayerfully doing their best to discern God's will in this situation as they move forward with Will's treatments.

First Presbyterian Church of Kearney is hosting a "Walk for Will" on Saturday, September 18th at Yanney Park. Registration fee is \$100, which walkers can pay, or obtain 10 sponsors @ \$10 each, with all proceeds going to the Ratcliff family. Children and leashed dogs are welcome. Check-in is 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.



Raffle tickets are also available at the church office. They are \$2 each or 6 for \$10.

To register, or ask questions, please contact:

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308-234-4543



Event Page



Run Sign up



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

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| 1 (5) x 3 = | 6 (6) x 6 = |
| 2 (7) x 4 = | 7 (9) x 3 = |
| 3 (4) x 6 = | 8 (3) x 8 = |
| 4 (2) x 10 = | 9 (10) x 4 = |
| 5 (9) x 5 = | 10 (11) x 8 = |

KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of _ _ _ _ _ .

Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 am Worship Service

Minister: Every Member of this Church

Pastor Clinton Cozier, Senior Pastor

Lori O'Brien, Administrative Secretary/Bookkeeper

Stephanie Unick, Curriculum Coordinator

Barb Lewison, custodian

Sandy McKirahan, Music Director

Clayton Moyer, Chancel Choir Director

Angela Wright, Bell Choir Director

Connie Moon & Susan Wallace, Organists

Susan Wallace & Beth Mattingly, Choir Accompanists

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

8:30 am to Noon, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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