Where faith is nurtured, 
curiosity is encouraged, 
diversity is welcomed, 
and all are loved.

First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.

We praise God through worship
We strengthen faith through study
We live our beliefs through mission
We nurture a diverse community

Sunday 3/8/20 Schedule
8:30 am - Worship / GH
9:30 am - Activity Time & Kids Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study / 105
10:00 am - LOFT Sunday - Intergenerational w/ B-Fast / FH
11:00 am - Worship / Sanctuary
12:30 pm - Sudanese Nuer Worship / GH
5:30 pm - Youth Fellowship / YR, FH, Kitchen

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On the Church Calendar
Dates & times subject to change.

Church Sponsored Events for the Week of
March 9 - 15

Monday 9:
5:30 pm - Shift Task Force / 106

Tuesday 10:
7:00 am - Men's Breakfast / HeBrews 211
6:00 pm - Property Meeting / 106

Wednesday 11:
12:00 pm - Men’s Lunch Group / Stauffer’s Café
5:30 pm - F3 (Food, Fellowship & Faith) Everyone Welcome/ FH
6:00 pm - The Bible for Real People / HeBrews 211
7:15 pm - Choir Rehearsal / CR, S

Thursday 12:
9:00 am - Sewing Group / FH
5:30 pm - Stewardship & Finance / 106

Friday 13:
10:00 am - Moving in the Spirit / FH
6:00 pm - Sudanese Women’s Bible Study / GH

Saturday 14:
8:30 am - Stephen Ministry / FH
3:00 pm - Family Pray & Food / FH

Sunday 15:
8:30 am - Worship / GH
9:30 am - Deacons / 106
9:30 am - Activity Time & Kids Choir
9:30 am - Adult Bible Study / 105
10:00 am - Children/Youth Sunday School
10:00 am - Faith & Theology Class / 107
11:00 am - Worship / Sanctuary
12:30 pm - Sudanese Nuer Worship / B11, GH
3:00 pm - Therapy Dog Level 2 Class / EE
3:20 pm - Bell Rehearsal / S
5:00 pm - Sudanese Youth Choir / GH
5:30 pm - FPC Youth Pizza & Bible Study / TBD

Mission Statement:
First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.
Join with Presbyterians worldwide in answering God's call.

Consider setting aside something each day of Lent (we used to use the fish banks, remember?) as a way to mark the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. The Offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

Worship Engagement Bags

We are now offering "Worship Engagement Bags" for our children attending worship. These bags contain age appropriate and scripture related activities to help kids engage with the scripture and message of the day. These bags are located in the narthex outside the north doors of the sanctuary and inside the entrance to Great Hall.

There are two colors of bags; the green bags are for non-readers and the blue bags are for readers. At the end of the worship service please return the bags with their contents (you may keep your artwork and the children's worship bulletin) to the Worship Bag rack.

Tour of Nebraska Educational Television studios

Sand Dollars is sponsoring a tour of the Nebraska Educational Television studios, 1800 N. 33rd Street, on Mar 13 at 2 pm. The free tour will take about an hour. This is an opportunity to discover the wonderful facility which everyone in our state should be proud to cherish and appreciate. You may also want to join us for lunch at 12:15 pm at Valentinos, 3535 Holdrege Street, prior to the tour. If you would like to join us, reservations are necessary because we have a limit on the number of persons who may take the tour. Please call Barbara or Keith at 402 438-0344 to confirm your spot.

McPhee Splash!

Coming up April 30th is McPhee Splash, so be watching and looking for books for our McPhee Elementary School friends this year.

You can drop off your books in the front office or Welcome Center of the church.

Next Sunday Morning at FPC

Sunday School Classes for All Ages

Traditional Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults meet in their respective classrooms

Children - Rooms 105 & 106
Youth - Rooms B-11 & b-14
Adults - Rooms 205 & 207
ASH WEDNESDAY CROSS

The cross which carries the chains that we placed upon it during our Ash Wednesday service is now in the East Entrance.

Beside the cross there is a basket with strips of paper. I invite you to look deep inside yourself. Find those things that separate you from God – those thoughts and sin that hold you back from accepting God’s gift of grace. Write them down on the strip of paper and as you do so -- release them to God.

Tuck the paper into the wire or loop it into the chains on the cross – the chains of sin from which only God can free us. ---Pastor Jane

Let’s Dine Out Supper Club

The Let’s Dine Out Supper Club will meet again on Sunday, March 15. We will dine at The Normandy, 2785 S 17th Street, directly after the 11:00 am service. This is an opportunity for fellowship and you don’t have to cook or bring anything, but you still get to eat. Of course, you do have to pay for your own meal. We want to invite anyone in the congregation or friends of the church to join us for our first visit to this location. This is a come when you can group, so if you are available on the 15th, please consider this your personal invitation.

The Normandy does have a limited menu of either crepes or quiche for Sunday brunch. Since it is a small restaurant, we would like to give them notice of how many will attend. Please call Barbara or Keith at 402 435-0344 for a reservation so we can allow them to have tables set up for us.

Blanket Blitz and Brown Bag

Our fellow Presbyterians at Good Shepherd here in Lincoln are in the midst of cutting and tying 101 no sew fleece blankets for victims of the spring floods last year. Some of them are just now getting back into (or near their properties) and are realizing all that they don’t have/need. Many have been sleeping on couches and floors of relatives and friends and don’t even have a blanket of their own.

We are invited to join the party on Saturday, March 14th from 9 am to 3 pm to complete the rest of the 101 blankets already promised and needed! The coordinators promise no skills necessary, “just a heart for Mission!”

Drop in anytime or stay for the day. Snacks and drinks provided. The church is located on S. 84th Street, at 8300 E. Pointe Rd.

Mission Outreach and Social Justice Committee

Rebuild

Missouri River Valley Presbytery (MRV) PDA Team has invited the Homestead Presbytery to participate in on-going work mission trips to the flood damaged areas of Valley, Nebraska and Pacific Junction, Iowa.

The overall theme is to:

REBUILD

Houses, Lives, Communities

“Celebration of Resilience & Recovery”

Tammy Rikle, of Good Shepherd Church here in Lincoln, is on the planning team working with MRV on this task. Currently there are 4 work week mission trips being planned during the Spring and Fall of 2020.

The first work week starts soon. March 15-21st in Valley, NE & Tuesday, March 17th & Wednesday, March 18th

Volunteers will carpool together from Good Shepherd to Valley. Please contact Nancy Field if you have questions. Deadline for this first work group is this weekend, March 7-8.

— Mission Outreach and Social Justice Committee
Food Safety & Fellowship

Our church has done a wonderful job identifying vegetarian, gluten free and peanut/no nut options when we bring food to share. We are adding dairy to our list of labeled foods we do bring so people with special diets can safely choose.

We also have a person with an allergy that is new to us, so it will take a change in our habits. As much as many of us love those flavorful crunchy bell peppers in their variety of green, red, yellow and orange colors, we have a person with a very severe allergy. They literally cannot breathe when even in the same room as a bell pepper.

Please do not bring bell peppers in relish trays and baked recipes to church activities. Chili peppers are not a problem, so feel free to add a little heat. Thank you for your continued consideration as we work hard to provide fellowship and activities for all.

Thirteenth Annual Spring Fellowship Trip
May 15-17, 2020

Over the past 12 years of Spring Fellowship Trips, we’ve always enjoyed our travels through the Nebraska Sandhills. So, for our 13th Anniversary Spring Fellowship Trip, we’re planning another amazing adventure in the Sandhills! This trip will be to the central Sandhills in the Stapleton/Thedford/Mullen area. We’ll stay at the Roadside Inn in Thedford and visit with ranchers, historians, conservationists, and others as well as ‘tank’ down the Middle Loup River, view another sculpture garden, take a quilt barn tour, and share in fellowship throughout the trip. We will also climb bare sand dunes, walk on a fen, visit with land owners about development and conservation issues, identify native plants and birds, and learn about the history and culture of African Americans in the Sandhills. As always, we’ll see some of the most picturesque scenery in Nebraska, especially if you like rivers and lakes, grassland landscapes with prominent dunes and wet meadows, and ranch headquarters.

Late spring is the ideal time to visit the Sandhills because of warm days and cool nights, relatively few bugs, green hills and meadows, and active ranch schedules (including calving, branding, and moving cattle to summer pastures). We will leave around 12 noon on Friday, May 15 and return by late afternoon on Sunday, May 17.

Please contact Walt Schacht (wschacht@unl.edu; 402-326-0086) and complete the registration form below and return it to the Church Office by May 1 if you would like to be part of this adventure. The trip is limited to 50 people. Detailed trip information will be on the First Presbyterian Church website and we will announce the date of the pre-trip information and meal sign-ups meeting soon.

BIRTHDAYS
March 9 - 15
Lydia Van Meter - 10
Christine Abraham - 10
Sammi Motschenbacher - 11
Kuothathin Gony - 11
Norm Braaten - 11
Phil Waldron - 13
Jacob Diedrichsen - 14

Please Wish these members a Happy Birthday!

Our 11:00 Sunday church service is broadcast on Lincoln’s Spectrum Channel 1302 (Thurs.-8:00 PM & Fri.-1:00 PM).

To learn more about First Church visit us at www.fpclincoln.org.

Bulletins now available online.