



October was a busy month for us at First United Presbyterian Church. Our coat drive with A Warmer Day was a great success as we collected over 350 items of winter apparel to help support their mission! Your gracious donations will get distributed to Nebraskans in need this winter.

Our Harvest Festival on October 10th started with a bake sale, and we ended the day serving soup, sandwiches, and homemade pie. We collected over one thousand dollars to support the church in future missions. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Harvest Festival.

We had several people attend our New Membership Class on October 17th with Lana Likens and we are happy to announce all of them intend to become new members.

On October 24th, Pastor Tom Osborne lead worship with a Baptism and our Congregational Meeting, where we elected our Deacons, Elders, and presented the budget for 2022.

Thank you for making October a memorable month and we look forward to a wonderful November.

God Bless!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission's Team: The Mission's Team asks for everyone to continue to support the "Can Corral" during the month of November.

Christian Education: Sunday School is going well and our children will begin practicing for the Christmas program during the Sunday School hour starting in November. They will be performing for us on November 14th and the Christmas Program is December 12th during worship.



Deacons: Thank you to everyone who graciously donated items for our Fall Coat Drive with A Warmer Day. We collected over 350 items that will go to Nebraskans in need. If you wish to continue donations, you can always drop them off with Valerie in the church office. **We will be collecting shampoo & conditioner for the Hope Crisis Center in November.**

Stewardship Team: "Provide for the Future, Serve the Present, and Honor the Past" is the theme for the 2022 Stewardship Campaign. We are very excited for this campaign, and you can look forward to seeing how we will present this campaign each Sunday. Dedication of our pledge cards will take place on Sunday November 21st, 2021. Please bring your pledge card with you that morning and place it in the basket or mail to the Financial Secretary at the church address. The Stewardship Committee thanks all of you for your support.

Thanksgiving Dinner: As a thank you for your dedication and support of the ministries at our church, we would like to invite you to a catered Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday November 21st, 2021 following worship. Please RSVP by signing up in the Narthex or call the Church office at 402-729-6129.

SPECIAL NOTES

THANK YOU to the Deacons and for anyone who baked food, donated pies, made soup, and who worked at the Harvest Festival Drive Thru on October 10th. The food was delicious, and we collected over a thousand dollars to help support future missions at the church.

THANK YOU to Christy Wendland for continuing to give the Children's Message on Sunday's and for streaming our worship service.

THANK YOU to Sue Babovec, Doris Martin, Mike Southwick, Pastor Tom Osborne, & Rev. Dr. John Schmidt for being the pulpit supply for October.

THANK YOU to Kathy Coil for being Deacon of the month and to all our greeters and ushers in October.

THANK YOU to Randy Bauer & Marsha Baumfalk for being the lay leaders for the month.

THANK YOU to Lana Likens for teaching our New Membership Class on October 17th, 2021.

THANK YOU for all the wonderful donations we received to help us with our Mission. We greatly appreciate the Deacons and our church family for doing this coat drive and helping us to be able to distribute to those in need this winter. ~ *Dave and Valerie Conde, Founders of A Warmer Day.*

THANK YOU: Ray and Barb Jantzen thank everyone for the prayers for their son-in-law Loren Schmidt. He is home from the hospital and his recovery is going well. Continued prayers while he recovers will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU for the continuous prayers for Tom Wendland. Tom is recovering from his 2 surgeries. The doctors were able to get all of the kidney stones. Please continue your prayers for Tom and his recovery.

OUR THANKS to the Funeral/Fellowship Team for the delicious lunch they provided for our family following the Celebration of Life Service for Jim Simpson on Saturday, October 16. Jim passed away on September 27, 2021. ~Marge Simpson, Rick and Darrin Simpson and families

THANK YOU to my wonderful church family for all the cards and warm wishes that I received for my 85th Birthday. What a great group of friends you all are. ~ Gerry Siemsen

THANK YOU for everyone who purchased Sonic Cards for our Playground fundraiser.

OUR SYMPATHY: To the family of **Bev Korte**. Bev passed away on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 and the celebration of life was Monday, October 25 at 1:00 pm at Gerdes-Meyer Funeral Home.

OUR SYMPATHY: **Landon Livingston**, Jill McCord's brother, passed away Monday, October 18. Services were on October 23 at the Methodist Church. We extend our sympathy to Matt, Jill, and Karly McCord and their extended family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jovie Michele Sand who was baptized on Sunday October 24th, 2021. Parents are Jake and Morgan Sand, Grandparents are Lymon & Shelly Hamm and sponsors are Tyler and Mikaela Rosener. Welcome to the family of God.

CONGRATULATIONS: Delainey Stewart and Tanner Novotny were united in marriage on Saturday, October 23, 2021 with Pastor Tom Osborne officiating. Parents of the couple are Judd & Sara Stewart and Jon & Rhonda Novotny.

MINUTES– SESSION MEETING
Fairbury Presbyterian Church
September 28, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Class of 2021

Allan Black (excused)
Harlan Husa (excused)
Bruce Weise
Christy Wendland
Debbie Hellbusch – Clerk of Session
Deb Holes – Ministries Enabler (excused)

Class of 2022

Randy Bauer
Tony Likens
Kurt Ruhnke
Marsha Baumfalk

Class of 2023

Debbie Hellbusch
Mike Holes (excused)
Ethan Schroeder
Kai Wendland

Session convenes with Prayer by Pastor Leanne Masters

Quorum present

Approve Agenda- APPROVED

Devotion – Bruce Weise - “Harvest Time” Ex. 22:14-16

Approval of Minutes for August 24, 2021

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

- Approval of the Baptism for Jovie Sand, daughter of Morgan (Hamm) and Jake Sand, on October 24. Pastor Tom Osborne will be leading us in worship and has approval from Presbytery. **APPROVED**
- Change the date of the Congregational meeting to October 24, 2021, instead of October 31. Pastor Tom Osborne will be leading us in worship and has approval from Presbytery to conduct the meeting. **APPROVED**

- Approval of new playground equipment for the Preschool Learning Center. Motion made and seconded to start the process to build a new playground. Have the Building and Grounds team meet with the Preschool Board to discuss their plan and expectations. **APPROVED**
Megan Rosener requested permission to sell Sonic cards in the Narthex after church. **APPROVED**

PRESBYTERY – no report

TEAMS:

Building & Grounds: - Allan Black, Mike Holes, Kai Wendland

- **Team members are:** Richard Hellbusch, Tim McAllister, Tyler Rosener, Judd Stewart
- Security Camera System update – Left a message for Bill Harris 9-27-21. Kai spoke with Diode and emailed them.

Christian Ed: - Christy Wendland and Debbie Hellbusch

- **Team members:** Tammy Husa, Gwen Schwab, Michelle Hanson, Megan Rosener, Emily Wendland, Don Mahlman- SS Superintendent
- Sunday School is off to a great start.
- The youth sing October 10.
- 5 Star Bible Camp Garage Sale going on this week.
- Family Bible Study – looking at dates and times that will be best (Pre-K to adult study)

Evangelism/Fellowship/ Funeral: -Liaison – Deb Holes

- **Team members:** Deacons
- **Evangelism Team:** Kathy Coil, Lois Knigge, Pam Schroeder, Deb Holes
- **Funeral team** – Dee Short (Head of team) – Jan Atkins, Pam Schroeder, Kathy Coil, Ruth McCord, Lois Knigge, Cindy Rosener, Marilyn Zweifel
- Drive-thru Harvest Festival and Bake Sale – October 10
- Working on a new church brochure.
- Putting visitor cards in the pews.
- Getting coffee mugs ready to hand out to visitors in worship.
- Making a “Dinner’s On Us” basket to leave for new residents to Fairbury.
- Will be working with “A Warmer Day” and making a mitten tree later in the fall.
- We continue to collect coats, boots, etc. for “A Warmer Day”

Finance - Bruce Weise

- **Trustees are:** Mike Holes, Kurt Ruhnke
- Financial Update-Bills are paid to date
- Approval of 2022 Church Budget The 2022 budget was presented to the Session. Reviewed line items. Questions answered. The 2022 Budget was **APPROVED. See attached budget**
- Per Capita Sunday is October 31st. \$45.00 per person is owed to the Presbytery.
- Update on Patti McCord will. It was suggested we retain an attorney as we move forward meeting with her family.
- Lavon Mason’s Estate has been received. Motion to add monies to deposit funds as determined by our investment team. **APPROVED**

Memorial/Stewardship –

- **Team members:** Debbie Hellbusch, Becky Beasley, Marsha Baumfalk, Roger Starck
- Stewardship theme: “Provide for the Future, Serve the Present, Honor the Past”
- Stewardship letter with budget will be sent the week of October 31.
- Minute for Missions will be done in November.
- Catered meal following worship on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Our pledges will be dedicated during that service. Bill and Jeanette Warnke will cater a Thanksgiving meal. Motion to approve funds for the catered meal. **APPROVED**
- Jed Vaughn will be pouring concrete in October to start our prayer garden.

Missions: -Tony Likens, Ethan Schroeder

- **Team members:** Terry Likens
- Peacemaking offering – received October 3
- Our church will support A Warmer Day. This is a non-profit that provides winter apparel to those less fortunate. Motion to approve this mission. **APPROVED**

Nominating: -Christy Wendland, Marsha Baumfalk

- **Team members are:** Linda Bauer, Don Mahlman, Tim McAllister, Lymon Hamm, and Sara Stewart (deacon)
- Approval of elders, deacons, and nominating team. The following people have agreed to serve as elders-Madi Black, Tim McAllister, Harlan Husa and Christy Wendland. The following have agreed to serve as deacons-Jan Slater, Terri Black, Amy Hammer. The team has a call out to another possible deacon. The nominating team-Motion to accept list of nominees to be voted on at the congregational meeting on October 24th.

Personnel: -Debbie Hellbusch -

- **Team members:** Jeff Hammer, Julie Knigge
- Discussed office equipment and church logo. A copy of several logos were looked at by the Session. Will continue conversation.
- Request approval of purchasing a shared drive, side by side monitor and a laptop for the office. Motion made and **APPROVED**.

Worship: - Marsha Baumfalk, Harlan Husa, Randy Bauer

- **Team members are:** Jan Atkins, Deb Holes, Bobbie Likens, Cara Simpson, Jlee Yantz
Paraments – Lois Knigge
Audio Visual Members – Tony Likens, Kai Wendland, Jlee Yantz
- PULPIT SUPPLY:
10-03-21 – Rev. Sue Babovec
10-10-21 – Doris Martin
10-17-21 – Mike Southwick
10-24-21 – Pastor Tom Osborne
10-31-21 - Unsure as of 9-23-21
- COMMUNION: 10-03-2021, Will need 6 Elders to distribute the elements if choir is singing.
- Marsha will prepare. Tony, Kurt, Mike, Randy Bruce and Marsha will serve.
- Lay Leader for October – Randy and Marsha will share this job.
- Thank you to Harlan and Tammy Husa for running the projection screen so Jlee could have a break.
- We are very fortunate that Dave Conde has agreed to fill the pulpit during our Advent services, including Christmas Eve.
- Web page continuing to be updated, with the help of Valerie Conde.

Pastoral Report and Concern: Deb Holes, the deacons, and members of the congregation continue to visit, call, and send cards to members of our church family.

Unfinished Business: Discussed Leaderwise leading us in a Healthy Congregation session/s. Motion made to not move forward with this training. **APPROVED** We discussed if a grant was available for the PNC.

New Business: Put together a list of shut-ins and elderly so the deacons and elders can serve communion as an extended table. Within a week or so after we serve communion, we are allowed to take communion to these people,

Next Meeting: **Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021
 Time: 7:30 pm
 Devotion – Mike Holes

Adjourn with Prayer at 8:55 by Leanne Masters

**MINUTES – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Fairbury Presbyterian Church
October 24, 2021
11:40 a.m.**

Pastor Tom Osborne opened with a prayer at 11:40 a.m.

Quorum was present

Marsha Baumfalk presented the list of candidates for:

ELDER – 3-year term

Madi Black

Harlan Husa

Tim McAllister

Christy Wendland

DEACON - 3-year term

Terri Black

Amy Hammer

Jan Slater

Cheryl Trimm

NOMINATING TEAM 1-year term

Linda Bauer

Lymon Hamm

Don Mahlman

Sara Stewart

Deb Holes-Deacon

Christy Wendland-Elder

Tim McAllister-Elder

No nominations from the floor

Motion to accept slate of officers as written APPROVED

List of candidates approved as listed

Installation of officers will be scheduled for January 2022

Bruce presented the 2022 Session Approved Budget - no questions or discussion

Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Happy Birthday

- 2 Elizabeth Firmanik
- 3 Wilma Knippelmeyer
- 4 Sally Judd
Baily Meyer
- 6 McKinley Hanson
- 9 Landon Trimm
- 10 Lester Messing
- 11 Mike Hanson
- 14 Roger Starck
- 15 Jayden Tracy
- 16 Janice Slater
- 21 Tony Likens
Heather Ramsey
- 22 Mike Holes
- 23 Elliott Vernon
- 24 Thayne Tatro
- 25 Kevin Slater
- 26 Justin Stelling
Jordan Ruhnke
Payton Firmanik
- 27 Gail Cross
Vernida Messing
- 29 Linda Bauer
- 30 Hannah Knigge

Happy Anniversary

- 4 George & Elizabeth Firmanik
- 13 Steve & Diana Frazier
- 18 Bill & Rhonda Talkington
- 26 Mike & Deb Holes

Ushers

- 7 Bruce & Janelle Weise
- 14 Megan Rosener & Marlys Hanson
- 21 Mike & Marsha Baumfalk
- 28 Bob & Jan Atkins

Greeters

- 7 Lois Knigge
- 14 Jan & Mike Slater, Mildred Kerwood
- 21 Wade & Kim Vernon
- 28 Kim Schroeder

Pulpit Supply

- 7 Julie Robinson
- 14 Kai Wendland
- 21 PW Group
- 28 Dave Conde

Sunday School Teacher

- 7 Megan Rosener
- 14 Michelle Hanson
- 21 Kristen Banahan
- 28 Megan Rosener

Deacon of the Month

Deb McAllister



Financial & Attendance for October 2021		
3	\$1,198.00	74
10	\$1,945.00	71
17	\$2,918.00	86
24	\$1,325.00	102

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, AND COMFORT

Pastor Nominating Committee, Tom Wendland, Phylis LeBlanc, Don Mahlman, Jerry Holtmeier, Paula Sauter, Karen Arend, Sylvia Cross, Mildred Kerwood, Janis Kenning, Lloyd & Geri Garber, Debbie Hellbusch, Ginny Ough, Galen Napier, Rod Coil, Karen Parks, Terri Wendlandt, Susan Witt, Connie Dux HineLine, Karen Mruz, Rhiannon Corbin, Jim Schroeder, Marge Grone, Lucas Weise, Elizabeth Jardine, Addilyn Moreno, Fritz Wrigley, Lawrence Junker, Amanda Snook, Dan Sydow, Kirby Ruhnke, Bella, Layla.

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30pm - Worship Team Mtg 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	4	5	6
7 9:00am - Sunday School/ Christmas Prog Practice 9:15am - Women's/Men's Group 10:30am - Worship	8	9	10 5:30pm - Christian Ed Meeting 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	11 10:00am - Presbytery (ZOOM)	12	13
14 9:00am - Sunday School/ Christmas Prog Practice 9:15am - Women's/Men's Group 10:30am - Worship (Youth Singing)	15 5:00pm Deacons Meeting	16	17 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	18	19	20
21 <i>(Bring your pledge Cards)</i> 9:00am - Sunday School/ Christian Prog Practice 9:15am - Women's/Men's Group 10:30am - Worship 11:30am - Thanksgiving Dinner	22	23 6:45pm - Trustees Meeting 7:30pm - Session Meeting	24 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	25	26	27
28 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> 9:00am - Sunday School/ Christmas Prog Practice 9:15am - Women's/Men's Group 10:30am - Worship	29	30				

COVID Vaccine Booster Clinics are now being scheduled by JCH&L. Clinic dates are Fridays, Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th at Fairbury Presbyterian Church. For an appointment please call: 402-587-5188