

Hilltop Highlights

A Monthly Publication of First Presbyterian Church

Please join us on Sunday, October 27th for a special worship service to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the historic Presbyterian Church at 2002 Franklin Street in Bellevue

This summer the City of Bellevue provided funds for the repair and restoration of this historic church which is believed to be the oldest surviving church building in Nebraska.

In recognition of the roots of the First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, now located at 1220 Bellevue Boulevard South, and in appreciation of the restoration work that has been completed on the historic church, we will have a "Historic Church Restoration Celebration."



- ◆ On October 27th, beginning at 10 a.m., worship service with Pastor Mike Elliott officiating. Please note the time change. There will be no Sunday School that day, also no worship service at 1220 Bellevue Blvd. South.
- ◆ At 11:00 a.m., Ben Justman, the Executive Director of the Sarpy County Museum will give a brief history of the original historic Presbyterian Church.
- ◆ Long-time church members will speak about their memories of the historic church. Legacy members will be recognized.
- ◆ THE QUESTERS thank the City of Bellevue.
- ◆ Mayor Rusty Hike will speak about repairs and restoration of the historic church.
- ◆ Pastor Mike will give concluding remarks.
- ◆ Please note: no food or drink is allowed in the historic church.
- ◆ Restrooms are available in the Masonic Lodge across the street to the North.
- ◆ Parking is available on the street, in the empty lot across the street from the church, and in the Masonic Lodge lot.

Please invite a friend or neighbor for worship that day (or anytime) and be sure to stay for the Celebration.



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We Keep in Our Prayers

- ◆ Jeanette McLaughlin who has been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in her lungs and will not be seeking treatment.
- ◆ Becky Baruth and her family as she is being treated for cancer.
- ◆ George Thompson who is suffering with Parkinson's disease.

Bakersplus.com

We just received the **Second Quarter** of 2019 rebate from Bakers for **\$217.42** this is wonderful and includes **46** households. So if you have not registered **First Presbyterian Church #HY977** under your Baker's Plus card Community partner tab, please do so. This does not affect any other rewards you receive from Baker's.

Financial Information

	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$15,347.70	\$239,716.84
Expenses	<u>\$25,049.73</u>	<u>\$235,435.10</u>
Difference	<\$ 9,702.03	\$4,281.74



Happenings



2020 Stewardship Campaign

September 29th is Commitment Sunday. You will be invited to bring your pledge card to the front of the Sanctuary to deposit in the Joash Chest, a visible symbol of people coming together to offer gifts to God. If you are not going to present Sunday please bring in or mail your pledge at your earliest convenience. See the estimated 2020 budget below.

Estimated 2020 Operating Budget	
Personnel	246,000
Administrative	27,460
Building & Grounds	62,000
Mission Giving	14,500
Christian Education	6,750
Worship	2,200
Per Capita	11,200
Membership	1,800
Other	2,300
Total Expenses	374,210

Piecemakers Local Mission Update

The Piecemakers recently donated quilts to Bellevue Together (16) and to the Bellevue Police Department Domestic Violence (15) program to help make a difference in lives of kids and adults.

Come join us Friday afternoon Oct. 4th at 1 PM downstairs craft room. We welcome all who would like to connect with others to cut fabric, layout quilt top designs, and assemble the top, batting, and backing. Most Piecemakers work on projects at home and bring them to monthly meetings to share.

We're also working on fun pillowcases for the Bellevue Together Christmas project. To donate fabric or work on pillowcases, contact Denise Seaman. Here is the link to the pattern.

<http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/instructions/RollItUp.pdf>



Happenings

Operation Christmas Child

The gift of a simple shoebox filled with toys, treats, and basic supplies will bring joy to the children and hope to their parents who can not offer their children even the simplest of gifts for Christmas.

As the 2019 Operation Christmas Child campaign draws near, will you and your church family prayerfully consider how you can help us reach more children this year?

Remember, a small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, and what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

We will have a work day to put together the boxes on Saturday, **October 5th** at 10:00 am in the Valley Vista Room. If you would like to help please email ebetino@cox.net. The empty shoeboxes will be available starting Sunday, **October 20th** and will need to be returned by Sunday, November 17th.



Free Family Movie Night- Sunday, October 6th. That night, at 5:00 PM, we will host a free Family Movie Night, with a light supper at 5:00 PM, followed by the movie "Coco" and then arts and crafts for those who are interested. It's fun for all ages to gather in Fellowship Hall and eat and watch the movie together and I hope you will consider joining us!



Join us for **Ladies' Lunch**. We are meeting on the **Third Thursday** of each month at **11:30am**. In October we are going to meet at Quick Bites in Olde Town on October 17th. Please call or email **Bev Snowden** if you plan on attending **402-291-7653** or bevsnowden2017@gmail.com.



Get out your rake, get out your gloves, shovels and clippers and join us on Saturday, October 19th for a fall clean-up.

We will begin with coffee and donuts at 9:00am and will follow with cleaning up our church grounds shortly after. Please join us for a fun morning of fellowship and an opportunity to prepare our building for the upcoming fall and winter seasons.



Happenings



Crossroads Connection ministers to current inmates at Omaha Work Release Center and provides social services to former inmates who are transitioning to outside life. They conduct a weekly Sunday evening worship service attended by inmates, former inmates, sponsors and volunteers. Providing the meal and worship service is an outreach that our congregation has participated in for many years. Our next event is on Sunday, October 20th.

This is an excellent outreach to volunteer for because you decide what level of participation interests you.

- We need salads and desserts for the meal. These can be prepared ahead of time and delivered to the church on the day of the event.
- We may need help preparing the meal. The time commitment varies based upon the meal.

Please call or email Mary Bond if interested in helping. Thank you for your support of this ministry over the years and in the future!

Trick or Treat Around the Church

This was such a fun event last year seeing all the kids from the community come out in costume to enjoy each and every table that the congregation sets up as well as the carnival games the youth create and run.

If you are interested in being a part of this fun event on October 30th at 5:30pm and want to host a table please sign up on the sheet in the library. You can come in costume if you would like it is always a treat for everyone to see people in costume.



**Sunday,
November 3rd
2:00 am**

Troop 467, the Boy Scout Troop that meets at our church on Thursday nights, has a treat for you...**a chili and soup feed!** The event will take place on Sunday, November 3rd at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. This is a fundraiser for the troop to help raise money for camping equipment and fees. Thank you for your support!

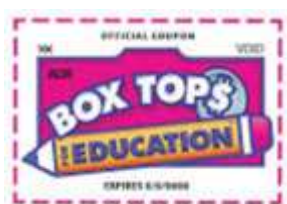




News from Welcome School

News from Welcome School: School is back in full swing! The kids are having so much fun with their teachers and classmates. September has really gone by fast. Students are learning about friends, sharing, farms, dinosaurs, camping and much, much, more! I see painting, rolling, pouring and hammering! In October, we look forward to a visit from our local Bellevue Fire Department; trucks and all!

I wanted to thank you all for your support in collecting box tops for us. Last year, we were able to earn \$138.00! The Box Tops for Education program is making some changes to how the box tops are collected. Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Top clip to the new Box Tops label. Going forward, instead of clipping from packages, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt using the new Box Tops mobile app. If you still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, make sure to bring them in before they expire. Please download the Box Tops app on your phone to continue helping us earn money to buy supplies for Welcome School.



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Children's Ministry



Linda Reffert

I keep being reminded, by people's questions, that I write longer newsletter articles than a normal attention span. So, in this article, I want to say a few key things upfront.

#1 Trick or Treat Around the Church is coming up before you know it! It is Wednesday, October 30th from 5:30 to 7 PM. We need congregation members of all ages to staff tables up and down the entryway, hallway, narthex and Library. The Renners will be out of town this year, so I am also looking for someone who might have a lot of Halloween décor that would be willing to host the Cry Room. All table hosts need to bring wrapped candy (or other fun treat) for 100 in some kind of bowl. Optional items are tablecloths, decorations and costumes. I'll be dressing up but you don't have to! The sign up sheet is out. If the cost of treats will be a burden, please let me know. I'll have extra on hand.

#2 Family Movie Night is coming up on Sunday the 6th. We will begin with a kid-friendly dinner at 5 PM, then show the Disney movie *Coco* and for those who are interested, have crafts available after. The whole evening is free and guests are welcome. Thanks to the Tablers and the Matthews for their help in making this night possible.

#3 We are still looking for a Children's Music Director. If you know any music teachers or former music teachers who might like a 5 hour per week, paying job, please talk to them. I can give more info. Meanwhile, I am soliciting volunteers to lead ONE time per month in WOW. No musical ability or training required because we are leading from DVDs, for now. Liane Kirmis and Cindy Reilly are on the schedule. Talk to one of them or me if you

would consider helping from 6 to 7 PM on one Wednesday night per month. There will always be another adult in the room for help and support.

Our school year is off to a good start. We have new kids in both Sunday School and WOW and as always, our kids have been really good about being friendly and welcoming. You would be proud!

The kids will sing with the adult choir in worship on Sunday, October 6th. Liane Kirmis and Tom Blazek are working with them to prepare their portion of a song. The children will also be involved in the special worship service at the old church at 10 AM on Sunday, October 27th. They will sing a joyful song about Jonah and the whale and asking God for help in times of trouble.

Plans continue to gel for the Intergenerational Women's Retreat, God & The Girls 2, which will be held on Saturday, November 2nd from 9 AM to noon. Women ages 9 and up are invited, and we will gladly welcome guests. Our theme will be Gratitude and my hope and prayer is that all ages will walk away with a smile on their face and joy in their hearts. It'll be a morning packed with food, fellowship, music and fun. Cost is \$10 per participant with scholarships available on request.

It was a delight to present Bibles to six 3rd graders in September! Bibles were purchased with funds from the Virginia Puls Sones Memorial Fund for the 34th year. Our 3rd graders this year are: Gabbie Emsick, Alivia Erickson, Madelyn Kellner, Jack Reilly, Lauren Routt, and Daniel Rose. I'm not sure which one of the kids was most excited but my prayer is that these Bibles are well-used and that they provide years of encouragement and faith nurturing.



Youth Fellowship (YF) News



*"I can do all this
through him who
gives me strength."
Philippians 4:13*

It was great to get back to our regular schedule and welcome the new 7th

graders into the group. I think our new Sunday School and Illuminate curriculum "Relationships" is a great start to the school year and getting to know each other plus think about our relationships with our peers, classmates and church family. It is great that the youth are so free to share their opinions and ideas. We've had some great discussion so far.



Our 1st trip to Open Door Mission was a Rose/Dart event. We are hoping with the new day, we've moved to the second Sunday, we will be able to have additional participation this year. It really is a great experience and we are hoping some parents will get involved too.

October will hopefully bring some beautiful fall weather so we can enjoy being outside before the snow starts to fall. I am currently working on a day to go to Vala's so that will be announced in the weekly e-mail and bulletin so please keep your eyes open.

We kick off October with a Family Movie night Oct 6th. We start dinner at 5pm then the movie Coco will be enjoyed followed by crafts and coloring. Bring your family and friends or just bring yourself and enjoy a fun night with your

church family.

It's hard to believe that Halloween is right around the corner which means Trick or Treat Around the Church. The youth will run games in the Fellowship Hall so we need everyone to come and help. You can dress up or wear church/mission trip t-shirts but come ready for a fun night. I need the youth to arrive by 5pm to help set up the games and I will have pizza and salad for them to eat before the kids arrive.

In preparation for our ever popular cake walk we will begin collecting Little Debbie immediately. You can give the to me or drop them off in the office. Thank you in advance for your support. The Youth Council of our Presbytery is hosting a retreat at Calvin Crest Nov 2-3. This is open to all Youth 7th-12th grades. We will begin with dinner at 6pm Friday night and end Saturday after lunch. The cost is \$20 per person. Our retreat leader is Bryce Wiebe and the theme is "To Whom Does Your Church Belong?" It will be a fun weekend to meet new friends and catch up with old friends, play games, eat food and there is a campfire and midnight hike. These are always great fun so I hope many of you will come.

I hope you enjoy the crisp Fall weather and take a little time to see the beauty of God's coloring book on all the trees!

Be a Blessing. Shelli

October Youth Events

- Oct 6** 5:30pm Family Movie Night
- Oct 27** No Sunday School - Special worship at the Historic Church at 10am
- Oct 30** 5:30 Trick or Treat around the church

****Donate Little Debbies for the Cake Walk****



~ October 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30a Staff Meeting (CR) 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	2 5:30p WOW/Illuminate 7p Choir Rehearsal	3 7p Troop 467	4 1p Quilter Group	5
6 Pantry Sunday 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Deacons Mtg (VVR) 5p Family Movie Night 6:30p Boy Scout Committee Meeting (VVR) 7p Venture Crew 26	7 1p Women's Bible Study (CR)	8 5:30p Christian Education Mtg (L) 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	9 9a P.E.O. (VVR) 5:30p WOW/Illuminate 6p Building & Grounds Mtg (CR) 7p Choir Rehearsal	10 6:30p Membership (VVR) 7p PW Bible Study (Holbert Home) 7p Troop 467 7p Worship Mtg (CR)	11	12
13 Undie Sunday 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service	14 <i>Columbus Day</i> 10:30a PEO (FH/VVR)	15 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	16 5:30p WOW/Illuminate 7p Choir Rehearsal	17 11:30a Ladies Lunch (Quick Bites) 7p Session (VVR) 7p Troop 467	18	19 9a Fall Clean-Up
20 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Fellowship Mtg (VVR) 5p Crossroads Connection	21 1p Women's Bible Study (CR) 7p Venture Crew 26	22 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Troop 499 Committee Mtg (VVR)	23 5:30p WOW/Illuminate 7p Choir Rehearsal	24 12p Newsletter Articles due 5:30p Presbytery Meeting (Carson/Oakland) 7p Troop 467	25	26
27 Next Sunday Panty Sunday No Sunday School 10a Worship Service at Historic Church 11a Historic Church Restoration Celebration	28	29 7p Bell Choir Rehearsal	30 5:30p Trick or Treat Around the Church 7p Choir Rehearsal	31 <i>Halloween</i> 7p Troop 467	Notes:	



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October Birthdays:

3 Flossie Flora	17 Margaret McGinnis
3 Ruby Baruth	17 Maggie Blazek
5 David Sanborn	19 Brigit Rose
5 Sue Tabler	22 Linda Glenn
7 Julie Daughtery-Braun	23 Jane Hink
7 Audrina Urwin	23 Paulette Serrano-Robertson
8 Bill Warnes	28 Quentin Warren
10 Anne McDaniel	30 Isabel Griffin
12 Suzy Drap	30 Beth Urwin
12 David Oxtoby	31 George Graham
12 Mike VanRyckeghem	31 Roger Webster
14 Lorraine Jeffus	31 Tanya Kochera
16 Elijah Warren	



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