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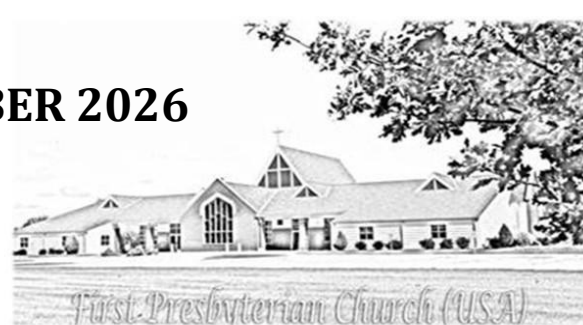
MON-THURS

11-3

Church & Home

SEPTEMBER 2026

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I have not taken a moment to soak in the sounds of summer, yet. But even as I sit in an air-conditioned office, God offered me a space to close my eyes and listen. I heard giggles. I heard splashes of water when a diver penetrated the swimming pool below. I heard squeals of youth running through a sprinkler. I heard the crackling of lightning after a boom of thunder. I heard the sizzle of a grill when fresh food is placed upon its warmed grates. I heard the hum of a tired air conditioner. I heard the tick tick tick tick sputter of a sprinkler soaking the parched blades of grass. I heard the warm breeze cut through the afternoon humidity. I heard the propulsion of training wheels on a bicycle rolling down the sidewalk. I also heard the tenacity to keep the pedals surging onward.

I heard God. In each of the movements and moments I heard, God was at work where we are. Allowing us the freedom to ebb and flow, enjoy and thirst, rest and pine. Let us pray.

Good and Gracious God, You are the Creator. The giver of life. You created the light and the dark. You created the stars and the sun. You created the peaks and the valleys. You created the dry dunes and the soaked waves. You created the flying birds in the skies and the creeping bugs on the dirt. You created the fragile fish and the mighty mammals. You created me. You made a wonderful world and placed us in it to live and do the work with You as our guide. You do not ask us to change the world but to simply follow You as we make our way. But why do we stray? Why do we try on our own? Why do we think we are strong enough without You? Why do we ask and then leave? Help us to keep our way with You. Never ignore your call. Never mistake your voice. Never doubt your nudge. You chose us. We follow You. We need You. Help us to understand. Help us to appreciate. Help us to thank. Show us all Your ways that You intertwine in our life, our being, our heart. Be with us. *Selah.*

Merciful God, You created the prophecy. You created the disciple. You created the Messiah. You created the ancestors. You created the parable. Scripture is because of You. When we read what You created, we hear You. You wrote Your words for all the generations. And to each, it means something different. Each time we read it, we understand it in a new way. Another part touches us that we did not know before. Another verse. Another phrase. Another psalm. All together they make up Your Word. When we soak in Your Word, it comforts us. It draws us in. We crave it. We want to learn from You. We see fresh details that we missed before. Were they always there? Or could we only see them this time? It took You showing us when we were ready. Your words come off the page and into our hearts. We read them over and over. We sit with Your Word. We listen for Your Word. Your words give us a concrete voice. Your words show that You are speaking to us. Your words help us to discern. Your words help guide us. Your words comfort us. Talk to us. *Selah.*

Mother God, it has always been You. Your creation. Your blessings. Your wonder. Your mystery. Your majesty. Your grace. Your love. You are always there when we need You and even when we think we are okay to stand by ourselves. We know where to find you. You bring us *home*. Every. Time. You love eternally. You love us. We will seek You in quiet time and prayer. We will seek You in Your Word. Help us to always see You. To always hear You. To always follow You. To always listen to You. Talk to us. *Selah.*

Open My Heart.

Listening in Christ,

Pastor Emily

**we are praying
FOR YOU ...**

Contact church office to be
placed on the prayer list
Printed list in worship bulletin
Names read during services

Prayer Request

Pam Ames, Justin Durboraw, Glenda Feeney,
Keaton Kloss, & Louise Steele.

Prayer Emphasis for the month:
For all to turn and follow God.

Outdoor Worship

- Sept 6 at 10 am
- Relaxed worship style
- Bring your coffee, lawn chairs if you have them



September Birthdays

01 – Michael McCrone	08 – Perry McCarthy
02 – Joyce Kohler	14 – Andrew Weitzel
Bob Barr	19 – Ellis Whitney
Mia Cauffman	20 – Danny Whitney
03 – Jane McCrone	23 – Scott Orr
06 – Jaci Whitney	27 – Leroy Hare
07 – Emily Barr	



*Bring 1 or 2
quilts to
decorate pews
for Blanket
Sunday*

Sept. 20



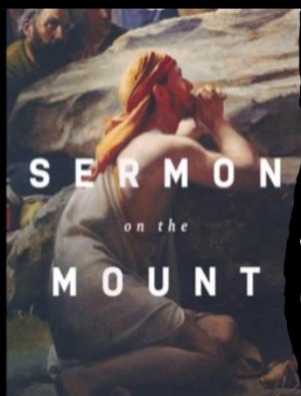
September Anniversaries

Dennis & Gaylene Lombardi – 09/27/1969
Charles & Leigh Henline – 09/13/1975
Carroll & Jackie Miller – 09/17/1988



**Blanket
Sunday**

Sept. 20
CWS blanket fund offering
\$10 for one blanket



Adult Bible Study

- Tuesdays at 10 am
- Sept. 29 - Nov. 3

Register in the office

You're Invited!

"Ring of the Bells Across America" to commemorate
the signing of The Constitution in 1787.

Sept. 17th at the Lincoln County Court House





**Sunday School is beginning soon
at First Presbyterian Church!**

This year, we will gather on Sundays, 9:15-9:45.

Madi McEntee will be leading our classes this year, to help her gain some children's ministry experience before she heads to college next June. She would appreciate one parent or grandparent to assist her in the classroom each Sunday.

(if you are not able to assist on your Sunday, Leigh Henline can fill in! 308-530-2601)

Date:	Assisting:	
August 30	Marcia/Nick Henline	(Madi is also preaching this Sunday!)
October 4	Jill Dolan	
November 1	Angela/Dan Stinman	
December 6	Christmas Program Practice All parents would be appreciated!	
December 13	Christmas Program	
January 10	Joy/Robert DeVoe	
February 7	Marcia/Nick Henline	
March 7	Jill Dolan	
April 4	Angela/Dan Stinman	
May 2	Joy/Robert DeVoe	

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!



Blessing of the Backpacks 2026



Grace Ministries Food Pantry

September 2026

July Figures:

Households served: 165

Number of people in those households: 459

Pounds of food given out in July: 12,361

Number of households with children under 18: 110

Emergency assistance: 13

Donations:

Kay Almond

Lynda Wilkinson

First Methodist Church

Co-Directors :

Tammy Miller 530-8406

Francine Mckenzie 530-0436

Leigh Henline 530-2601

July was a record-breaker! We were not expecting that, so thankfully we were prepared with a good supply of food and WONDERFUL volunteers! We served 165 households, which was the highest number ever recorded. And 12,361 is a LOT of food, to say the least! A month like July reminds us of the importance in keeping our food pantry well stocked at all times!

We continue to get one order from the Food Bank in Omaha each month, with 2000-3000 pounds of food. We try our hardest to get as much frozen meat as possible, as that is so costly to purchase. We continue to get weekly deliveries from Fresh Foods, always milk and eggs, and usually much, much more. They have been wonderful to work with, giving us the best prices they can. And, they've been donating our brown sacks AND plastic sacks, which saves us a large amount of money. Very thankful for Fresh Foods!

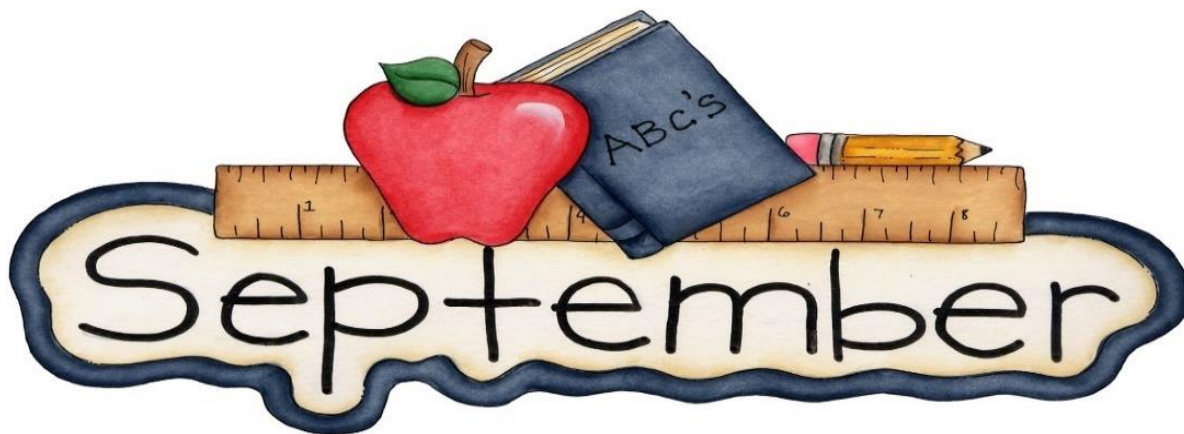
Some changes in North Platte have begun, with Hope Esperanza now open 5 days a week for families in need. At this time we do not know if they limit how often families can come for food, or, how much food they can take. Hopefully we will have more information about that by next month's newsletter. The Mobile Food Pantry which had been operating monthly from the North Platte High School parking lot is now also at Hope Esperanza, and currently, they are offering that EVERY Wednesday at 1pm. Hope Esperanza is now receiving food from the Food Bank in Omaha, getting weekly deliveries.

Again, we thank you for your support, your prayers, and our awesome FPC VOLUNTEERS!

Grace Ministries Food Pantry operates at 114 East C St.

PHONE NUMBER : 308-520-7458 (Answering during operating hours only)

We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-3pm, except holidays.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Joe Conger Funeral 2:00pm	2	3	4	5
6 10am – Outdoor Worship Communion	7 Office Closed! 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts	8	9 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC	10	11	12
13 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org	14 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts	15	16 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC Gerald Finke Funeral 1:00pm	17	18	19
20 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org Communion Blanket Sunday	21 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts Committee Night 6:30pm	22	23 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC	24	25	26
27 10am In-Church Worship Live Streaming at www.fpcnp.org Session meeting	28 9am Ladies Sewing 6pm Scouts	29	30 9am Men's Coffee @ FPC			

In Church Worship Service on Sundays at 10am