

Are You Ready?

We hear about our military, and we are hopeful for their state of readiness. There is an old commercial and the announcer bellows, “Are your READY for some football?” As Christians we also have lessons of readiness. We must be ready for Christ’s return and to stand before him in judgement.

Our BDC Committee and our MCL Construction team have been working to get ready to go to work. This past week, Marshall and our architect team attended the City Planning Board Meeting on Tuesday. With our architect team, I attended the City Zoning Board Meeting on Wednesday. This is hopefully the final step to receive our permits to begin construction. The City of Omaha says we are ready!

I know staff is ready! I know the architect is ready! I know the contractor is ready! And I am hopeful that our members are ready! Moving dirt and tearing out the south parking lot will be first on the schedule. This will allow the contractor to set up the work site and begin digging trenches for the water diversion portion along the south wall of the Sanctuary.

Then the inconvenience begins, and I hope that we are all READY to endure the construction activity for our new WELCOME CENTER and our new FRONT DOOR!

Read more from
Rock on page 4.

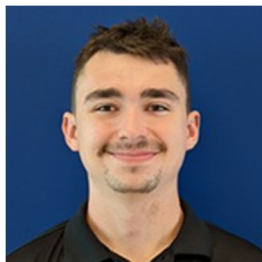


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MEET OUR MCL CONSTRUCTION TEAM



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Now Full Time



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MCL 7 years

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Moving Ahead into the Fall

I am so happy that we have moved into fall! There is so much underway –

- We're back to two worship services
- Sunday School for adults, youth, & kids is back
- Tuesday Bible Studies are back
- Cornerstone is back, including dinner, Children's & Adult Choir Practice, & Confirmation
- JHF & SHF are back
- Young Adult activities are back
- 49ers are back, as are the Friday Night Gourmets
- Music & Movement & Tai Chi are back
- Our Women's Retreat is FINALLY back
- Another New Member's Class is back
- Vesper Concerts are back
- Trunk or Treat will be back

Our Building Project continues on track – the south parking lot has been closed so that a total re-grading may be done as a preliminary first step in constructing the new Welcome Center. This fall, we will be figuring out how to do overflow parking in our yard beyond the north parking lot. Growing pains! Repeat after me: "It will be worth it. It will be worth it. It will be worth it..."

October also brings with it our annual Stewardship Season where we begin to plan financially for next year. Simply put, the amount of your returned pledges sets the limits of what we hope to do financially as a church. This month you will be hearing from various local missions we support. With your continued (and increased) support we hope to do even more. As you receive your 2023 pledge card, pray about what you would like your giving to be next year. Based on your pledges, the Session will set our new budget. At PCOC, truly every pledge counts. We need every family's involvement in order to continue our level of support. Please return your pledge card during the month of October.

Finally, let me encourage you to remain faithful in prayer for our church. Sometimes, with all we have going on, we can forget to be still before the Lord, seeking guidance, direction, and support for ourselves and others. Set aside a time each day to meet with God. Pray for our church to be effective and faithful, and pray about doing your part in that.

Pray for your own needs, and remember to place the needs of others before the Lord.

May we all sense God's presence in us and around us as we go forth into this busy fall!

Your pastor and friend,
Marshall Ziemann



The Tuesday Bible Studies

We have resumed our Tuesday gatherings in Room 15 – at 7:00 am and 1:00 p.m. from September 13 – December 13

"In the Beginning..."

Join us on Tuesdays this fall as we study the stories of Genesis 1-11. Both groups will look at the same passage each week. You know these stories - Creation, The Fall, Abel and Cain, Noah and the Flood, The Tower of Babel - we'll read them and discuss how these themes still apply to our lives today. Bring your own Bible.

- Men's Bible Study from 7:00-8:00 a.m. in Room 15 (Note this is a men's study only. If you are interested in a women's only Bible study, please refer to the information on page 7 about Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle.)
- Afternoon Bible Study from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Room 15

New Members are welcome! Bring your own Bible and an inquisitive mind.

No need to register – just drop in!

Dear friends,

Happy Fall! It is that time of year when we adopt our routines for the year. This year, I am thinking about how many times I will travel the DLD highway (Detroit, Lincoln, Denver) to see both of my children. (Yes, this is really the name of the old highway connecting these cities.) I am wondering how we became a two-dog family. And, I look forward to new opportunities to serve the church. As I dive into this new year, I have decided to adopt some new spiritual disciplines. This year, I am centering my spiritual discipline on gratitude.

My interest in gratitude has stemmed from looking outside myself at a world where I see accusation and insult before I read thanks. The isolation of the last two years has led us collectively to attitudes of indifference and skepticism towards one another. I find that we are willing to buy into rhetoric or conspiracy theories that cut out our humanness, and instead we believe information from unknown sources. This process takes away our humanity and turns us into automatons.

While I am aware of the impact of the impersonal and angry rhetoric on me, I have not really claimed the impact of the negativity on my life. Perhaps, I had assumed that my occupation would somehow protect me from the noise, or that friendly voices would outstrip the negative ones. Well, those things help, but I wanted to shift the narrative of the voices coming to reframe the doubt into hope and the anger into forgiveness. These are exactly the ways that God works in us, and yet, I wanted to take an even more proactive role in living into God's blessings.

So, this year I am rededicating myself to several spiritual disciplines to renew a spirit of gratitude, practice appreciation of others, and embody a spirit of thanksgiving. In writing this, I am encouraging you all to do the same. Just like learning an instrument or playing a sport, our spiritual life takes intentionality, recommitment, and practice. So, here is what I have outlined for myself. For the first goal renewing a spirit of gratitude, I am changing my daily routine. I am a news junkie, and I have found that I was beginning each day turning on a radio news channel rather than beginning my day in thanksgiving to God. I am now beginning each day with scripture reminding myself that "this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24). In practicing my appreciation for others, I plan to begin my days at work with the

question, "How will God work through God's disciples today?" As Mr. Rogers noted, there are always helpers. I plan to ask with intentionality, "God, will you help me look for the helpers?" Finally, when the day is done, I plan to be more deliberate with my evening prayers. I have always had trouble admitting that the day has come to an end and usually find myself asleep on the couch watching Formula 1 racing. While I still might do that, I plan to move my prayer time up to 8:00 when we eat dessert, making sure that I don't miss that opportunity to give thanks.

I am inviting you all to join me this fall in renewing your spiritual practices. Feel free to borrow my plan or adopt your own. In any case, you are giving glory to God and showing gratitude for your life.



Grace and peace,

Christine Dempsey
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**Living on Hope: Terminal Illness,
Chronic Pain, and Life in the Unknown**
Led by Cross Care Connections
Sundays, October 9 - December 11
10:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Living on Hope is a series of classes on living with terminal illness. The class is designed for those diagnosed with terminal disease, for survivors, for caregivers, and for all who seek understanding of the impact of terminal disease. The 10-week class will include a discussion of Deanna Thompson's book, *Glimpsing Resurrection*, as well as a number of guest speakers who can help us navigate the world of disease as disciples of Christ. Register online by October 1 using the Adult Education form.

Scan our QR code and register online



For more information about Cross Care Connections, contact Pastor Christine.



The View from My Office

This fall’s 2022 stewardship emphasis will be Envisioning Our Future Together. All members will receive an opportunity card to make a pledge to support Church of the Cross for 2023!

This fall we are changing it up a bit! Yes, you will receive a letter and yes, there will be updates throughout the month of October each Sunday.

You are welcome to complete and return your commitment at any time during October.

Together, we will complete the 2022 stewardship emphasis on Sunday, October 30. That is when all pledge cards should be completed and returned to allow the Finance and Personnel Committees to work on next year’s budget.



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, *“plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* Jeremiah 29:11

Here are five hope-filled lessons this Bible verse has taught me.

HEART OF HAPPINESS, above all, God wants us to trust him and his good plans. That is key to this verse, putting your trust in God, the true source of happiness.

DIRECTION FOR DISCERNMENT, do you have trouble making decisions or discerning decisions? Understand that God wants what is best for you and wants you to be at peace.

HOPE & HAPPILY EVER AFTER, living hopefully also includes matters of the heart.

GUIDE TO HOPE, keeping close to Jesus helps us understand that God is our tour guide to hope.

TRUST GOD WITH THE FUTURE, as the four last words of Jeremiah 29:11 attest, God promises us a future with hope. The way may not always be easy, but God will always be beside us, helping us along our personal journeys. God promises you that he has your future in his hands.

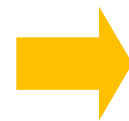
Thank you to everyone who has maintained their financial commitments to Church of the Cross. Together, we are blessed to be able to gather and enjoy the benefits of a fruitful life. I look forward to hearing from each of you this fall.

As a way of helping prepare for this important emphasis of our church, the Finance Committee has offered three seminar topics with guest speakers this fall. Our final speaker will be on World Communion Sunday. Please read the details below and consider being a part of Church of the Cross’ future.

Increasing Financial Literacy – Part 3

October 2 at noon with lunch - Composing a Legacy presented by Kyle Nolan, Ministry Relations Officer, The Presbytery Foundation: Topics will include reasons for legacy giving, theological reasons for legacy giving, composing a Christian Will and things to consider when planning your legacy, giving now and giving later, and ways to give: wills, insurance, DAFs, trusts, endowments, IRAs. Sign up by Sept. 30.

Scan our QR code and sign-up online to reserve your spot.



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Building and Grounds Committee Moderator: John Stalnaker



Important Dates to Remember

October 16	2nd Grade Bible Presentation, 9 a.m.
October 25	Matthew 25 Hand-Up for Housing Walk-a-thon
October 30	Trunk or Treat, 3 p.m.
November 20	Advent Workshop & Lunch, noon
December 4	Children's Christmas Pageant, 5 p.m.



Matthew 25 Hand-Up for Housing Walk-a-thon October 9

“Matthew 25” is an initiative of the PCUSA that calls us to actively engage in the world around us, to seek justice, to act compassionately and boldly, and to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. Hand-up for Housing works in collaboration with churches, civic groups, businesses, schools, and colleges throughout the Omaha area and surrounding communities to raise funds to assist our neighbors. Join us on October 9 to help us raise money for inCOMMON, PDA, and YES, who align with the goal of helping youth, families and adults who are experiencing housing insecurities or individuals displaced due to a crisis or catastrophic event. 100% of the funds raised will support these three worthy agencies. We hope to see you on October 9 at First Presbyterian Church located at 216 S. 34th Street in Omaha at 1:30 p.m.

2nd Grade Bible Presentation October 16

All second graders will receive their Deep Blue Bibles during worship on October 16 at 9:00 a.m. The Christian Education Committee invites the congregation to join the second graders and their families for this memorable occasion. If you have a second grader and are unable to attend worship on October 16, please let Heather know so other arrangements to deliver your child's bible can be made.



Trunk or Treat October 30

Join us on the East Lawn on Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. for fun, games, and trunk or treating. Be sure to wear your costume and bring a bucket for your treats.

This year we are encouraging everyone in the congregation to participate by hosting a trunk. All you have to do is decide on a theme, decorate your vehicle, dress up (come on, it's fun!), and provide treats or toys to hand out to the children. It's that easy and so much fun! We also need candy donations. Please place bags of wrapped candy in the bin in the Narthex.



Help us make this the best Trunk or Treat ever for our church family. If you plan to host a trunk, please sign up online!

Advent Events

Mark your calendars and sign up today!

- **Advent Workshop and Lunch** is planned for Sunday, November 20. Our Senior High Youth Group will prepare and serve lunch after late worship. Then, the crafting begins.
- **Children's Christmas Pageant** will be on Sunday, December 4 at 5 p.m. By order of Emperor Augustus, all children must register! Our title this year is “Be More Than Counted.” All children will be wearing costumes and have acting parts. We are asking parents to register their children by November 1, so we know who is interested in participating and can plan appropriately.



Scan our QR code to register online for the events on this page!



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CE Committee Moderator: Matt Kahler

JHF Leaders: Jeremy Cunningham, Julie Evers, Ashley Sherlock, and John Stalnaker

SHF Leaders: Dawn & Brad Gibson, Ethan Bennett, Susan Price



Annual Outdoor Concert with Hot Club KC Gypsy Jazz Band

Bring your lawn chairs and meet us on the East Lawn! Hot Club KC plays toe-tapping gypsy jazz in the style of Django Reinhardt and the Hot Club of France. They'll perform music of Django, Duke, Basie, Bird, Wayne, Trane, The Drifters, and more. A fun event for the entire family! The concert is free and takes place on Sunday, October 9, at 4:30 p.m.

Vesper Concerts has room in our concert program for more logos from local businesses. If you'd like to see your business represented, please contact Kristi Treu at kristi@pcoc.us for pricing.

Join an Usher Team

With our return to two services, we are back to using usher teams each week. Ushers serve at one service, one Sunday every month. If you'd like to help, sign up online for one of the following Sundays.

- 3rd Sunday of the month - 3 open at 11:10
- 4th Sunday of the month - 1 open at 9:00 and 3 open at 11:10
- 5th Sunday of the month (Oct., Jan., and April) - 3 open at 9:00 and 4 open at 11:10

Questions? Contact Jayne Frederickson or Marietta Morhardt.



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Worship & Music Committee Moderator:
Jayne Frederickson



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Keep Moving on Mondays & Thursdays



Music & Movement meets at 9 and 11 a.m. in the Great Room.

Coordinator: Betty Baddley

Tai Chi meets at 10 a.m. Masks are optional. Drop in if you'd like to attend a class. Contact Paula Allen with questions.

Coordinator: Paula Allen



49ers on Tuesday, October 4 at 11:30

Our speaker for Tuesday, 4, 2022, will be Jessica Wade. Jessica is a reporter with the Omaha World-Herald covering Omaha's City Hall, transportation, and city development projects. She reached outside her city beat in 2021 to begin a series on the Genoa US Indian Industrial Boarding School. Though the school operated for 50 years as one of the largest federally-funded Indian Boarding Schools in the

US, little reporting exists on its operations and lasting impact. Through her reporting, Jessica's goal has been to gather an accurate history of what occurred at the school and to explore the legacy it left on descendants. She has also reported on local efforts to locate the school's cemetery, which has been lost for decades. She will share a behind-the-scenes look at her reporting and hopes to have an update on the search for the graves. You can find a link to her most recent article on the church website. Join us at 11:30 a.m. at Wheatfields, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room. Our speaker/sound problems are now resolved!!!! Yippee! Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join us! We will order from a special menu.

Coordinators: Judy Sundberg & Mary Ott

Congregational Life Committee Moderator:
Kristin Jacobi



♦ ♣ **Active Minds on Tuesdays** ♥ ♠

Active Minds will continue to play Pinochle for October. New players are welcome at any time. A couple of variations will be taught to those who want to learn more. Active Minds meets on Tuesdays on the lower level from 2-4 p.m.
Coordinator: Earlene Uhrig

Presbyterian Women on October 6

Come join our Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle on Thursday, October 6 at 9:00 am in Room 15. Ruth Madison will lead us in Lesson 2, Sabbath and Creation. Questions? Contact Cindy Nisley.



Book Group on Wednesday, October 19

Join the PCOC Book Group in Room 13 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. All readers are welcome!
Coordinator: June Fettig

Friday Night Gourmets on October 14

We will dine at Outback Steakhouse, 2414 South 132nd St., at 6:30 p.m. Your hosts are Cindy and Ken Nisley and Paul and Kathy Nickel. Sign up online or at the Information Desk. **Questions? Contact Cindy or Kathy.**

Scan our QR code and sign-up online for this fellowship event!



**Especially for Young Adults . . .
 Cross Roads on October 2**

Hey young adults (ages 20-40), we'll meet on Sunday, October 2, at the circle drive doors after late worship. We will get pizza, have a sermon talk-back, and enjoy fellowship. **Led by Pastor Christine.**



**College Bible Study
 Every Sunday**

Every Sunday at 8 p.m. on Zoom. It's a great chance to bond, learn how to live a life of faith in a new environment, and keep connected with our church friends. Zoom link is in your weekly emails from church. **Led by Pastor Christine.**



**Piecemakers Celebrate 21 Years
 – With a Sabbatical!**

The Piecemakers fellowship group at Church of the Cross was formed in January 2001, and they have enjoyed prolific quilt making since the beginning. The mission of the group is to make unique baby quilts to welcome newborns into our church family. In the years since they began, they have delivered 216 baby quilts to families in the church. Meeting weekly from September to May each year, they have gathered in Room 11 of the church to enjoy each other's company while working together on 5-10 quilts in progress.

Their additional quilting projects have included donating quilts to Camp Calvin Crest for their fundraising auctions, making appreciation quilts for retiring staff, making seasonal banners for the Sanctuary, donating 40 full-size quilts to the church camp of our partner church in Gnozdo, Russia, and making 100 tote bags for Bible School students in Gnozdo.

The group has always welcomed novices as well as advanced quilters. They provide tasks in the quilting process to match each person's ability level and teach the quilting process at the same time.

In Fall 2022, with an inventory of 10+ completed quilts on hand, Piecemakers have decided to take a well-deserved break from meeting every week. The quilting will continue with a new format. ALL quilters in the PCOC congregation are invited to participate in a new process to ensure we continue to welcome newborns to our church family with handmade quilts. You will be invited to use the patterns, fabric, and even equipment available in Room 11.

If you are interested in joining this new Piecemakers process, please contact Linda Miller, Judy Arms, or Karen Morey for the details.



- 1 Betty Woodhull, Mary Johnson, Andrew Jones
- 2 Karen Metzger, Eileen Wright, Sarah Koch, Piper Mooney, Cadence Fritz, Spencer Evers, Roger Utman
- 3 Susan Jones, Liz Huliska
- 4 Tom Searson, Christian Fritz, Brem Bremers
- 5 Larry Keating, Bobbi Dyer
- 6 Loren Penkava, John Stalnaker, Sam Rennick
- 7 Polly Wyatt, Melissa Rock
- 8 Brad Gibson
- 9 Susan Emmert
- 10 Donna Wilhite, Adam Luke
- 11 Donna Adams, Rachel Foehlinger
- 12 Brody McGuire
- 13 Mike Morey, Robert Wyatt, Amen Sekle
- 14 Bruce Hendrickson, Carrigan Innes
- 15 Kathleen Cain, Lori Pirnie, Teresa Thorson
- 16 Kenneth Penney, Barb Stuedemann
- 17 Velma Juarez
- 18 Reagan McNeel, Jennifer Spann, Tammie Will, Jenn Luth, Lindsey Woods
- 19 Sue Jenkins, Eliza Lewis
- 20 Linda Rathman, Philip Holubeck, Stanton Weyand
- 21 Nancy Buda, Landon Polzin
- 22 Linda Miller
- 23 Don Miller, Tina Morgan, Barrett Ballou, Hallie Ballou, Karen Saunders
- 24 Callen Moore, Barbara Wolpa, Dave Woods
- 25 Laura Jones, Mason Downes
- 26 Bridget Ayika, Dianne Witmer, Beckett Friesen
- 27 Pat Vint
- 28 Deb Schmadeke, Avery Fuller
- 29 Sally Hansen, Karen Schumacher, Becky Zieman
- 30 Doug Larson, Wendy Chapman
- 31 Laura Falcone



Lou Harrison August 29, 2022
A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 10.

Reminder: Call the church office when you or a family member is hospitalized. 402-333-7466

Find the Power of Prayer

Find prayer request cards in the pews. Just complete the card on Sunday and leave in the offering plate. Or, you can use our easy online form on the announcements page of the church website. Prayer requests are confidential and shared only with members of the prayer team.

Prayer Team

Prayer Team Coordinators:
Julie Buehler and Judy Arms



Invite a Neighbor to Church

Do You Know Someone Looking for a Church Family?

If so, invite them to church and pass along the date of our next New Member Class. We will meet on Sunday, October 9 after late service in Room 15. A light lunch will be provided. Sign up online or call the church office.

Membership Committee Moderator:
Pam Otto



October Updates from Agape for All

Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m. in Room 15

Join Kathy and Patty to discuss social justice experiences you may have had over the summer and share ideas for Agape for All as we move forward. We'll have some sweets and beverages, so let us know if you can join us. Email Kathy Moore.

Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center

This is the third in a series of East - West Courageous Conversations titled, "YOUR VOTE - YOUR POWER." Topics include important ballot issues dealing with an increase in Nebraska's minimum wage and the requirement for voter identification when casting your ballot. Both sides of those issues will be presented by speakers from the League of Women Voters, Nebraska Appleseed, Civic Nebraska, and the Douglas County Election Commission. Patty Ritchie and Kathy Moore are on the planning committee, and flyers will be distributed soon!

Do you want to get more involved in the electoral process?

Look for activities such as:

- Become a poll worker - call the Election Commissioner's office
- Volunteer for the party or candidate of your choice - call or email their office
- Join a small, informal group of women sending postcards to African American Democratic Women over the age of 55. See attached flyer from Diverse Women Lifting our Voices (DWLOV)

What's Cookin' During Cornerstone Dinner

Stop by the What's Cookin' Table and join us for Cornerstone dinner conversations about whatever is on your heart and your mind!

Civil Rights Tour Video

We share gratitude for Staci Voss, Anna Sumner, and Kathy Moore for their September presentation on the summer Civil Rights Tour with Preston Love. We also share gratitude for all the church staff for their expertise and encouragement. You can watch the presentation online on the Agape for All page of the church website at:

<https://churchofthecrossomaha.org/agape/>



Book Review for Agape for All

The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Submitted by Patty Ritchie

Recently I had the great good fortune to read this historical fiction. It is timeless in its insights into the human heart.

We travel through the early decades of 1900, with a young African American woman named Belle, who denies her true identity in order to protect herself and her family from racial persecution. It is a compelling, important story which sheds light on many aspects of how we navigate both societal norms and our own hopes and dreams.

Belle's life experiences are unique. Her skin tone and that of her family is very light, enabling her to "pass" as white. Her well-educated, loving parents are in disagreement about the best path forward for their family, after the important Civil Rights Act of 1875 is struck down in our country. Her opportunity to work for J.P. Morgan and his burgeoning art and manuscript library as head librarian is a monumental social climb.

At what cost? As readers we are asked to consider our own lives, as we ponder the often dangerous balancing act she must achieve. While I applauded her courage, her dedication to excellence and her work ethic, I also cringed at her desperation, loneliness, and fear. I wonder who hides their true identities today and why?

This book is an excellent choice for book clubs, and includes thoughtful questions for discussions. Our PCOC library is waiting for you!

Find the list of available social justice books on our church website:

<https://churchofthecrossomaha.org/agape/#library>.



BURM Conference Oct. 6-8

The BURM Network is meeting IN PERSON Oct. 6-8 in Green Bay, WI. Learn history, the current climate, and actions being taken in Eastern Europe. Help us engage with Christian partners and devise next steps. Find details and register online via the church website.



Siena Francis House
Servers Needed
Sunday, October 9
4:15 to 6:15 p.m.
Sign up online
on the church website!

Volunteers Needed for ROC Ministries

PCOC is signed up to host another evening session on Thursday, October 27 from 3:30 to 7:15 p.m. We'll get to know the kids, be a friend, play board games, and help them build self-worth. Mission coordinator Rob Bailey is looking for more volunteers to assist. You can carpool with Rob from the church at 3 p.m. or drive on your own (1427 Silver St. in Ashland NE 68003). Sign up on the church website/type your name next to Rob's on the list. Questions? Contact Rob Bailey.

Pantry Sunday is October 16

Heartland Hope Mission (HHM) is a faith-based charitable organization founded to put 'Love into Action' by providing food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities to needy people of all ethnic backgrounds. HHM provides more food distributed directly to clients than any other pantry in Nebraska. PCOC members participate in stocking the HHM pantry by hosting our own "Pantry Sunday" on the third Sunday of each month.



Mission Committee Moderator:
Karen Morey

The most needed items are listed below. Bring your donations to worship with you on Sunday, October 16 or drop them inside the circle drive doors anytime.

Food Items:

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meat
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter

Hygiene Items:

- Baby Diapers (all sizes but the biggest need is sizes 4-6)
- Baby Wipes
- Full-Size Shampoo and Body Wash
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste

You can also support HHM by attending their annual fundraiser dinner on October 6 at 6 p.m.. John Bennett will have a table for 10. Please contact him if you are interested in attending this annual event to learn more about HHM's important and meaningful work in our community.

HHM is always looking for volunteers to help at their pantry, too. Sign up online on the church website.

Want to Volunteer for One of These Mission Activities?

Scan our QR code to sign up for the mission activities mentioned on this page.





Presbyterian Men Project Day

Several Presbyterian Men volunteered at Camp Calvin Crest on August 26 to finish the composite decking for the shelter next to the pool we started last year. They were Gary Lippstreu, Larry Frederickson, Jim Conway, Frank McMullen, and Jon Boomgaarden. We worked with Bob Tokorny, the maintenance man, and his sidekick Tad. Later we ate lunch together with staff: Bob, Tad, Executive Director, Craig Huffman, and Bookkeeper/Registrar, Nancy Rix. Thank you volunteers for your contribution; you made the camp better by serving in mission

- Coordinator, Jon Boomgaarden



MISS *Amazing*

Meet Our New Mission Partner . . . Nebraska Miss Amazing

Nebraska Miss Amazing is a 501c3 non-profit that supports girls and women with disabilities in achieving their goals, building confidence, and making long-lasting and meaningful friendships.

They have more than 10 different events each year. The biggest and most impactful event is the annual week-long Amplify event. The days are filled with friendship, confidence-building, interview practice, self-reflection, and communication practice. The evenings consist of girls and women courageously showing off their beauty and talents on stage. They are each celebrated individually by what makes them amazing.

This year's Amplify event will be held on October 29-30 at Westside High School, and they need more than 200 volunteers to make this event a success. Men are needed to escort the girls and women down the stage during evening wear. They also need buddy volunteers that partner up with a participant to cheer them on throughout the day. Hair and makeup volunteers help the participants glitz & glam for the final event. You can change the life of a girl with disabilities.

Other events include a spaghetti dinner, holiday parties, summer picnics, and more. We are excited to be a partner with Miss Amazing and hope Church of the Cross members will want to volunteer at an event.

For more information, contact them by email at ne@missamazing.org, or check out their Facebook page Nebraska Miss Amazing. You may also contact Sandi Stuckey for more information.

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