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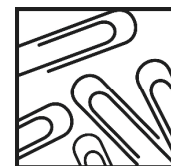


A HUGE thank you for all the donations to the Northeast Nebraska Animal Shelter. You're kindness & generosity are greatly appreciated. Faith Development Ministry

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For news of church event cancellations call the church's phone recordings, and/or go the website for US92 us92.com then click 'weather', go to 'closings and delays'. The Daily News will also have this information.



Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 10-4
 Other times by appointment
 May be out of the office for meetings or visits



Office Hours
 Mon & Wed
 8-11:30
 Tues & Thurs
 8-10:30
 Friday
 8-12



Stewardship Month Kicks Off – March 3rd with the theme, ‘What Shall We Bring?’

Jesus invites us to bring all that we are and all that we have when we become a disciple of Christ. It is a journey that is meant both to form us more into the image of Christ through the disciplines of study, worship, prayer, service, and generosity, as well as to strengthen us in becoming powerful agents for the good that God is doing in our world.

Our faithful financial stewardship is one way we are invited to respond to Christ’s invitation. Our generosity funds the mission and ministry of the church. On **Stewardship Sunday, March 24**, you will be invited to come forward and place into the offering basket your envelope containing your **Pledge Card and Time and Talent sheet**. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might express your faith by sharing your time, talent, and money through the ministries of the church.

What you give to the church is between you and God. Remember that stewardship is a journey. As I began to develop my giving as a spiritual practice, I discovered that my faith deepened and grew. God bless you on the journey.

– *Pastor Jackie*



March 6 - Ash Wednesday Worship Service

with Ashes and Communion at

Trinity Episcopal Church

March 6, at 5:30 pm.

This is a joint service with First Presbyterian, Trinity, and First Congregational Churches.

How Wide Is Your Welcome?

Ben Uzzell and Pastor Jackie met Ben and Dee Anderson at the Annual Gathering that took place at Doane University in 2017. Currently Ben speaks on exploring hospitality for those of us with disabilities.



Ben D. Anderson to speak April 7th - 10:15am

Ben D. Anderson has visited many churches as Commissioned minister of disabilities education and advocacy in the United Church of Christ.

Ben was born with cerebral palsy in 1953. His first word was 'Moo' (his family lived on a farm). In 1972, Ben graduated from Minot High, Minot, ND. In 1992, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin with a B.S. Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation. He lives in South Dakota.

He is the author of ***IQ of 63, So What, Going Beyond Everybody Else's Expectations***, and a booklet on bullying titled, ***Last One Picked, So What! We Can Turn It Around***, and ***If I Can Do It, So Can You!" Going to College***. *Ben had to cancel last fall; we are delighted he will join us.*



Volunteering at Animal Shelter

On February 24th, ten youth and adults delivered donations from the congregation and served at the shelter cuddling cats, cleaning, walking and playing with the dogs.



Ode to the Animal Shelter

Working at the shelter
Of animals is fun.
Lots of things to see there
And much that must be done.

When you step inside the place,
You'll hear the critters chatter.
They'll let you know about their needs,
And what will really matter.

Playing with the dogs and cats
Is high upon the list.
Walking dogs and petting them...
Now you get the gist.

Feeding pets both young and old
Can make your spirits soar.
You can even take on home
Like Dorothy did before!

Items needed...they are many;
You'll find the list at hand.
Donate one or more of them;
Do this and take a stand.

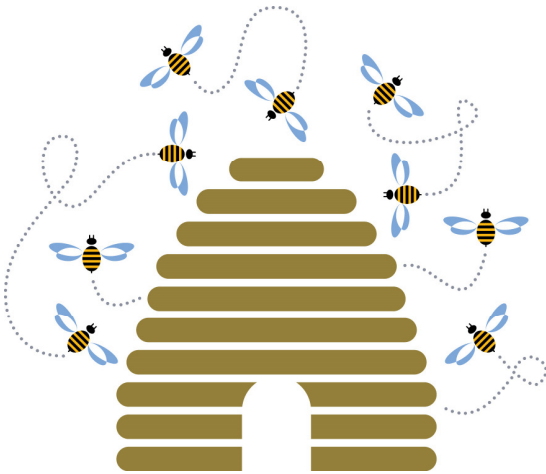
This poem has given you a peek
Inside the world of giving...
So open up your moneybags
To keep the animals living.

Written by Kay Neuharth
February 10, 2019



Looking forward to spring and March? Well, March has a **5th Sunday**, so . . .POTLUCK! This time, let's plan on a breakfast/brunch potluck. IF you can, bring a breakfast casserole that can bake while we worship, or some fruit, or IF you make any type of muffins or breads, those would be good, too. I personally don't drink juice, but if you do and you want to bring some juice, yay! We'll make the coffee, put on the water for tea, and you can plan on sharing brunch after worship. OK? Ok. See you then! Jane and Steve Uzzell, hosts

Sending a big thanks
for all those who showered me with cards and blessings on my milestone birthday. Such a blessing you are! – *Bonnie Dewell*



March book club is reading about bees. Henry (Hank) Scott said he would love to come and talk to us on the **13th of March** at 11:00 AM. He will also bring with him Honey Bears full of honey to sell. He raises bees and harvests their honey. **He will have quarts available for \$12, pints for \$6 and honey bears for \$5.** If you are interested, please join us! Honey can be ordered by calling the church office before March 12.



	Birthday
3rd	Charlene Fosdick
4th	Ron Barritt
14th	Nina Bahm
18th	Rita Woodard
19th	Steve Uzzell
28th	Erik Gamerl

Fellowship Work Committee

March

Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Betty Morrison Terry Hamilton

April

Dorothy Hull

Charlene Fosdick



March 3

Communion: Vicki Staab, Susan Surber, Dorothy Hull, Charlene Fosdick

Ushers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

Greeters: Barb Koenig and Dorothy Hull

Reader: Cole Uzzell

Leader: Tom McConnell

Flowers: Charlene Fosdick

March 10

Ushers: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Greeters: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Reader: Vicki Staab

Flowers: Gene and Darlene Korthals

March 17

Ushers: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Greeters: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

Reader: Dorothy Hull

Flowers:

March 24

Ushers: Rita Woodard and Susan Surber

Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Reader: Karen Allyn

Flowers: Tim Ernst

March 31

Ushers: Tom McConnell and Ed Lindsay

Greeters: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Reader: Kay Neuharth

Flowers:

April 7

Communion: Jeff and Evonne Burkink, Scott and Lori Williams

Ushers: Gene and Darlene Korthals

Greeters: Mike Synovec and Ed Lindsay

Reader: Tom McConnell

Leader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers:

April 14 Palm Sunday

Ushers: Verletta Olson and Bonnie Dewell

Greeters: Terry Hamilton and Charlene Fosdick

Reader: Randy Neuharth, Verletta Olson, Jane Uzzell

Flowers: Palms

April 21 Easter

Ushers: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Greeters: Susan Surber and Suzan Podliska

Reader: Cole Uzzell

Flowers: Lilies

April 28

Ushers: Jane Uzzell and Terry Hamilton

Greeters: Bonnie Dewell and Rita Woodard

Reader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers: Erik and Katie Gamerl

From 2/1/19 through 2/28/19

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 5,438.43
Defibrillator	\$ 150.00
O'Neill	\$ 300.00
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 8,997.05</u>
Subtotal	\$14,885.48
Salary	--\$ 6,186.85
Church Maintenance	—\$ 980.95
Office Expenses	—\$ 849.33
Worship Ministry	——\$ 28.95
Substitute Minister	——\$ 125.00
Substitute Organist	——\$ 140.00
O'Neill	——\$ 300.00
<u>Conference</u>	<u>——\$ 344.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 5,930.40



TREASURER'S REPORT

▶ March 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 2
7 Card Group

3 4 5 6 7 8 9

9 PM Sunday School
10:15 Worship

Sue in Lincoln
Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30

LifeLine Screening 9-5
Fellowship Hall
Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30

5:30 Ash Wednesday
@ Trinity
Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00

Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30

12 Delphians
7 Card Group

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

9 PM Sunday School
10:15 Worship

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

9 PM Sunday School
10:15 Worship

Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30

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Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00

Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

9 PM Sunday School
10:15 Worship
Dedicate Stewardship

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9 PM Sunday School
10:15 Worship
Breakfast potluck

▶ April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	7 Card Group	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship Ben Anderson					12 Delphians 7 Card Group	Egg Hunt
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 Maundy Thursday		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:15 Worship						
28	29	30				
9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship						



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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service