



First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck, North Dakota

# Here and NOW!

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## Yesterday

Jacob L. Kincaid, Minister

They are the lyrics of a popular song from a time gone by:

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away.  
Now it looks as though they're here to stay.  
Oh, I believe in yesterday.

No doubt, today may not seem as happy and hopeful as yesterday. But the answer to today's troubles is not as the lyrics above suggest to dwell on yesterday. In fact, the opposite is true. And that is to think about tomorrow.

Not only is tomorrow the only day that can bring what's better, focusing on yesterday is a sure formula for missing any happy prospects. Hold yesterday in memory, but work on tomorrow. Indeed, as the lyrics to another song suggest:

Don't stop thinking about tomorrow.

Especially, when today is not as good as yesterday.

## 2008 Pledge Payments

All 2008 pledge payments must be received before 5 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2009 and dated December 31, 2008 so they can be recorded on your 2008 statement. Any 2008 pledge payments received after January 2, 2009 will appear on your 2009 statement as a postpaid pledge. If you wish to pre-pay your 2009 pledge in year 2008 indicate Pre-paid on the check memo.

**Reminder:** Payments to Child Center Endowment, Phase II Capital Campaign and the General Fund must be separate checks because they are deposited at separate banks.



## Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, January 25, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in Ramstad Hall. Both corporate and congregational



business will be transacted, including election of at-large members of the 2009 nominating committee, review of 2009 budget, and review of ministers' terms of call. Light refreshments will be served. If you have never attended please consider attending this year.

## Flower Schedule

The 2009 flower schedule is posted on the narthex bulletin board. If you would like to sign up to give sanctuary flowers you may call Vickie in the office or write your information on the posted schedule. The cost is approximately \$29.00 (more for special request flowers).



## Office Staff Reduction

Barb Schulz has resigned her position as financial assistant to accept another position with the GED program. We are glad to report she will continue her work with Membership Services. In light of budget constraints and in an effort to improve efficiency, a decision has been made to not fill the financial assistant position at this time. Financial responsibilities will be shared by Vickie Haas and Beth Lipp. Vickie will be preparing the payment vouchers and researching billing questions. Beth will be preparing payroll and month-end reports. Questions about your contributions/pledges may be addressed to either Vickie or Beth, 223-6091.

## We Care Program

The First Presbyterian Child Care Center continues to participate in the "We Care" Program through the Bismarck/Mandan Central Market stores. This program allows non-profit organizations an opportunity to earn 1% of the stamped receipts total. If you shop at Central Market, please consider giving the receipts to the Child Care Center. (Be sure to ask to have your receipt stamped with We Care.) Bring your stamped receipts to the Child Care Center office or the church office. Thank you for your support!

## New Member Meeting Scheduled

A new member meeting has been scheduled for January 11, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the church conference room. Anyone interested in attending, may call the church office, 223-6091, or contact Pastor Kincaid at [srpastor@btinet.net](mailto:srpastor@btinet.net).



## Cross Collage



The Property and Equipment Committee is calling on the congregation to help create a Cross Collage to hang in the Narthex. Please consider donating a cross or crosses to this permanent display. Your donation can be dropped off in the office by the end of January 2009. If you have any questions please call Sue Sorlie at 222-0396

## Stewardship Update

Thank you to all who have made their 2009 commitment. Thus far we have received 196 pledges totaling \$348,688. We are still waiting to hear from 50 households. Please let us know your intentions as soon as possible. You may telephone the church office, 223-6091, to make your pledge.

### Hospitality Notes

*"Hospitality is the way in which God's people do more for the stranger than they might do for their dearest friends. For God often comes to us in the guise of the stranger."*

## A Note from Francisco

Dear Friends,

Maybe you don't remember me, but I've been to Bismarck in October 1996 when Rev. Mark was the Pastor of the Church, and I preached a sermon in your Church. For 40 days I got together with you. I played music on a saw. Someone whose name I don't remember took me to see Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills. Mr. Al and Mary (Golden) hosted me in their farm. I loved it. Remember me all the brothers and sisters that can remember me and know who I am. I'm still a Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. My church is a small one, the 3rd Presbyterian Church in Colatina-ES and I still love you all.

In Christ, Francisco

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## Offering Envelopes

Your 2009 offering envelopes, adult or children, are available in the office workroom. If you would like envelopes but don't see your name, sign the request envelopes form in the workroom.

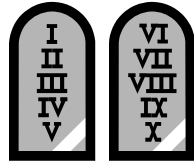
### January Acolytes

10:00 AM	
4	Mark Jensen
11	Isaac Blake
18	Mark Jensen
25	Olivia Bachmeier

## Adult Faith Formation

### Variety in January Sunday Mornings

We have a variety planned for Sunday mornings in January. We begin January 4 with a presentation by the New Orleans Mission Team. They will share with us the work they did, the people they met, and the impact it made in their faith.



We round out the month with a discussion on the "Ten Commandments: Should they be displayed in public?" and a movie, "God on Trial."

Join us downstairs Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

### Communication with Your Child or Teen Wednesday Evenings

Parents are invited to participate in this five-week video discussion class that aims to help parents become better listeners and model good communication techniques in the home. We'll talk about barriers to good communication, learning your child's communication style, and ways to foster good communication. The last session of this class includes a presentation by a Youthworks Social Worker who specializes in anger management in families.



This class begins January 14 at 7:00 p.m. and is led by Becky Murphy. If you would like to participate in this class, please call the church office or register online at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com).

## Discovering the Bible Mondays

Ever wondered what the Bible says? Even more been puzzled by what it actually means?



Discovering the Bible is an exploration of the New Testament with these very questions in mind. The class will meet on Monday, beginning January 5, 2009, at noon in room 201. Workbooks will be available.

Participants are invited to bring bag lunches. Guests are welcomed. To register, contact the church office at 223-6091 or register online at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com). This class is led by Pastor Jake Kincaid.

## Church School Resumes

Church School resumes January 4th at their new time, 9:00 AM. There are classes from pre-school through adult. If you haven't yet discovered church school, now is a great time to start!

## New Resource for Parents

Check out our website for a monthly newsletter designed for busy families. Titled *Heartfelt*, each edition will have information for parents and for children around a timely topic, activities for your family to do together, a Bible study, and much more. To find this newsletter, go to [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com) and click the link for *Heartfelt*.

## Nominating Committee

Presents Classes of 2011

Session Members  
to be Ordained/ Installed

### Class of 2011

Keith Magnusson, Installed  
Tammy Millner, Ordained  
Alice Nix, Installed  
Patty Sandness, Installed  
Jerry Wilson, Installed

They will be joining the following classes.

### Class of 2009

Will Beachey  
Bruce Bishop  
Neva Carlisle  
Kathy Fuhrer  
Jan Gilchrist  
Kristin Hedger  
Dale Hoerauf

### Class of 2010

Chris Henriksen  
Jerry Lindblom  
Elizabeth Lucas  
Paul Ronningen  
Valerie Sturlaugson

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Board of Deacon Members  
to be Ordained/Installed

### Class of 2011

Ron Barks, Ordained  
Mary Bradford, Installed  
Gladys Cairns, Ordained  
Adele Koenig, Ordained  
Jay Schultz, Installed  
Elizabeth Sundberg, Ordained

They will be joining the following classes.

### Class of 2009

Lynne Bigwood  
Dustin Bitz  
Ann Gallup  
Audre Goll  
Becky Mahlum  
Carol McCullough  
Paul Millner

### Class of 2010

Allen Hoberg,  
James McEvers  
James Rambo  
Dennis Rosenkranz  
Nate Schroeder  
Carole Watrel  
Priscilla Wilson

## Presbyteen Fundraiser Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation to Suzie Pearce and her family for allowing us to sell concessions at Papa's Pumpkin Patch in October. We had inclement weather on two Sundays, but still managed to raise nearly \$5,000 again this year.

A big thanks goes out to all of the members of the congregation who stepped up to help again this year! Many of you baked wonderful goodies to donate and some of you came out to help sell concessions on those busy days even though you weren't a parent or a Presbyteen! Thanks also to the volunteers who picked up products and delivered them to the Patch. We want to thank Penny House and her family for scheduling workers and picking up the extra shifts when needed.

Presbyteen Volunteer Fundraiser Co chairs,

Tammy Gallup Millner    Gail Christianson  
Penny House                Jan Gilchrist

## Munch 'n Mingle

Munch 'n Mingle is an adult fellowship group for singles and couples in the senior adult age range. Join the group on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at noon, in the Ramkota Dining Room. Meet new friends or catch up with longtime friends. No reservations required.

## Home Communion

The congregation will celebrate the Lord's Supper, January 4th. The pastors, elders or deacons will be glad to serve communion at home, hospital, or nursing home to anyone who is unable to worship with the congregation. Please call Pastor Kincaid to schedule a time, 223-6091 ext. 11.



# Statement of Activities

November 2008

Description	2008 YTD Actual	2008 YTD Budget	2008 Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Offerings	392,119	399,863	435,350
Other Income	21,196	23,537	24,050
Transfers	132,162	132,607	132,298
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>545,477</b>	<b>556,007</b>	<b>591,698</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Personnel	300,417	303,439	331,024
Administrative	24,906	26,904	29,350
Per Capita Assessment	23,642	23,642	25,791
Missions	73,057	73,057	70,698
Food & Kitchen	2,647	3,208	3,500
Session Expense	926	1,513	1,650
Christian Education	25,301	29,600	29,200
Membership	13,791	15,299	16,690
Outreach	7,601	7,583	8,000
Property & Equipment	71,899	75,625	82,500
Stewardship	1,790	2,500	2,500
Worship & Music	4,251	4,746	5,150
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>550,228</b>	<b>567,116</b>	<b>606,053</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>(4,751)</b>	<b>(11,109)</b>	<b>(14,355)</b>

## Memorial Fund

In memory of Jeannette Abrahamson  
Given by Lois Erickstad  
Given by Don and Lynne Bigwood

In memory of Jean Burbach  
Given by Dr. and Mrs. O.V. Lindelow

In memory of Thelma "Perk" Hornstein  
Given by Edith Melhouse

In memory of Joan Fay  
Given by Robert and Linda Tonolli  
Given by Fran Koppang  
Given by Sigrid Bucklin  
Given by John Sakariassen

In memory of Robert "Booty" Boutrous  
Given by Dorothy Norton  
Given by Keith and Mary Magnusson  
Given by Muriel Peterson  
Given by Elizabeth Brostrom  
Given by Joseph and Helen Linnertz

## Child Care Center Mission Fund

In memory of Jeannette Abrahamson  
Given by Otto and Janet Reile

In memory of Jeannine Christy  
Given by Kim and Juanita Hocking  
Given by Letha Lewis

In memory of Joan Fay  
Given by Jerry and Phyllis Lindblom  
Given by Casey and Linda Chapman  
Given by Barbara Larson  
Given by Elizabeth Lucas

## Christian Education Fund

In memory of Joan Fay  
Given by Don and Kathy Henriksen

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

## Music Fund

In memory of Jeannette Abrahamson  
Given by Vern and Barbara Johnson

In memory of Jeannine Christy

Given by Doris Potter  
Given by Marilyn Seira  
Given by Roberta Green  
Given by Robert Orr  
Given by Gary and Jan Gilchrist  
Given by Richard Kulhavy, Sr.  
Given by Claire Ann Holmberg  
Given by Vivian Barth  
Given by Ruth Fry  
Given by Mrs. Matt Kraft  
Given by Nancy Bohl  
Given by Nils and Joanne Pearson  
Given by Imogene Murphy  
Given by Vicki Hertz  
Given by Margo Helgeson  
Given by C. G. and Delores James  
Given by Barbara and Allen Jirges  
Given by Shirley Wagner  
Given by C. Grause  
Given by Kent and Jacque Ellis  
Given by Charles and Linda Chapman  
Given by Richard Weber  
Given by Clare Angell  
Given by Family and Friend  
Given by Robert and Linda Tonolli  
Given by Julia Barth  
Given by Otto & Jae Reile

In memory of Joan Fay

Given by Jerry and Priscilla Wilson  
Given by L.A. Vern and Barbara Johnson  
Given by Carol McCullough

## Board of Deacons

In memory of Joan Fay

Given by Pamela Helbling

# Family News

## Deaths

Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who have died:

Sarah Kleinschmidt, December 2008

## New Baby

Laken David Gratz, son of Darren and Denise Gratz, was born December 8, 2008. Proud grandparents are Dennis and Becky Rosenkranz.

## Circle Meetings

Circle 1 will meet Thursday, January 8, in the church parlor beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Circle 2 will meet Thursday, January 8, in Ramstad Hall, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Circle 5 will meet Thursday, January 8, in the church parlor at 1:30 p.m.

Circle 3 will meet Saturday, January 10, 8:30 a.m., in the church conference room.



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## New Sunday Schedule

Begins January 4, 2009

Church School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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#### Sunday Worship Schedule

Regular Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Education Hour: 9:00 a.m.

**Office Hours** Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Our Staff

Pastor-Head of Staff	Rev. Dr. Jacob L. Kincaid
Associate Pastor for Program	Rev. Vicki J. Rucker
Administrative Assistant	Beth Lipp
Secretary	Vickie Haas
Organist	Jan Candee
Choir Director	Debi Rogers
Bell Choir Director	Lael Hoerauf
Custodian	Lloyd Fischer
Child Care Center Director	Shawn Stettner
Parish Nurse	JuLann Wiseman
Membership Services	Judy Lentz Barb Schulz

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### Mission Statement First Presbyterian Church

We are a community called to love God  
Through worship and prayer,

Receiving and serving our neighbors  
With the compassion of Christ,

Open to new beginnings  
And the spiritual growth  
Of children, youth and adults.