



First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck, North Dakota

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All Suffer

Jacob L. Kincaid, Minister

In his famous play *The Persians*, the Greek dramatist of the fifth century B.C., Aeschylus, invited his audience to contemplate the battle of Salamis at which the Persians had defeated the Greeks. Aeschylus' aim was to have the Greeks think of their defeat from their enemies' point of view. It was a clear risk: a similar attempt only years before by another Greek playwright had resulted in a riot.

But this time the reaction was different. The audience wept for their dead enemies. Only four years earlier, the Persians had destroyed the magnificent cities of the Greeks. Aeschylus succeeded in portraying the terrible suffering of all humankind, friend and foe alike, in a way that inspired sympathy and defeated hatred in the hearts of his fellow citizens.

Perhaps, even today, some recognition that we all suffer, quite often at each other's hands, would cause us to hurt each other less often.

Welcome New Members



Keith and Judy Bjornson, 4807 Driftwood Lane, Bismarck, ND 58503, were received by reaffirmation of faith on March 24, 2009.

Karla Nordyke, 4620 S Washington Street, Bismarck, ND 58504, 226-1978, was received by reaffirmation of faith on March 24, 2009.



Deeply Appreciated

On behalf of the First Presbyterian Child Care Center Board, I want to thank the members of the congregation for generously contributing to the Special Mothers' Day Offering held for the purpose of purchasing educational and stimulating books for the infants and toddlers served by the Child Care Center. The Board deeply appreciates the continued support from our church community.

Liz Lucas, Chair

Would You Like to be a Mentor?

We would like to provide mentors for our new members. A mentor would help new members to be more familiar with our church, help them get to know other members, and learn about opportunities for church involvement. If you would like to become a mentor with the church, please contact Jerry Wilson at 255-3910 or Pastor Vicki Rucker at the church. We plan to have an orientation meeting for mentors in August. Please consider this special ministry in our church.

Carrie's Kids

The Carrie's Kids Prayer Tree is back! The tree will be in our narthex June 14-21. On the tree are cards with a specific need of homeless in our community. Please take a card (or two) from the tree and pray for that need during the week. Carrie's Kids is a non-profit organization that works with homeless people in the Bismarck-Mandan area. If you would like more information about them, please visit their web site at: www.carrieskids.com.

Hospitality Notes

Ecumenical hospitality is required to welcome guests from other church traditions that they may teach us what they can out of their particular historical experience.

(Thomas Ogden)

Shop at the Book and CD Sale

Sunday, June 14

The used book and CD sale will be held outdoors in the church parking lot (weather permitting). All books and CDs will be sold for a dollar or less. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 14, and join us to pick out some cast away treasures. Proceeds will help defray the expenses of the Louisiana mission trip scheduled for next October.

We still need your used books and CDs. You may bring them to the church before June 7. (A box will be available in the narthex.)

The Quest for Meaning

The Quest for Meaning is an eight week exploration of the topic in its many dimensions, from the problem of meaninglessness to traditional solutions, from the experience of alienation to the search for belonging, from quick answers to the life-long search for purpose. Each session will last fifty minutes and will include a video presentation and discussion.

Sessions will be held each Monday at noon in Ramstad Hall, beginning June 15 and continuing each Monday through August 3. A light lunch will be provided. Members of the community are invited. The class is taught by Jake Kincaid. To register call First Presbyterian church at 223-6091 or register on line at www.fpcbismarck.com.

Turkey Barbeque

Saturday, June 6, 2009



The congregation is invited to attend the Annual Turkey Barbeque on Saturday, June 6th at 6:00 PM. This year's picnic will be held at Sertoma Park at the indoor shelter next to the Amusement Park. Come early and enjoy the zoo, the amusement park, and miniature golf, or just enjoy the park and (hopefully) a warm spring day.

The turkey, buns, and beverages will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for attendance where you may also indicate if you will be bringing a salad or dessert to share. Please bring your own plates and utensils.

Hope to see you there.

The Fellowship Committee

PresbyReaders

June 24, 2009, 7 p.m.

The Shack
by William P. Young

Join the discussion at Mr. Delicious.

DISCOVERY CANYON

Family Bible School

Are you looking for high adventure this summer in three fun-filled evenings of Bible study, activities, music, and art projects? Then you won't want to miss Vacation Bible School, August 10-12, open to all ages with a special focus on families attending together. Discovery Canyon Family Bible School will begin in Ramstad Hall at 5:45 with a light dinner, followed by Bible stories, small group activities, and art projects (pottery making with Kim Eslinger). On Wednesday, August 12, there will be a special "cook-out" at Jeff and Kim Eslinger's home.

Sign up in the church office, online or register on July 12 or July 26 in the church parlor. Each family unit is asked to pay \$10 to cover the cost of food and materials.

So pack up your family and join us in Discovery Canyon!

Pentecost Sunday 2009



The Pentecost offering provides a way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations keep 40 percent of the offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. The offering has contributed locally over the years to our own Child Care Center, the Abused Women's Resource Center, and Clearwater Forest Camp in Minnesota.

The General Assembly's portion of 60 percent provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults, and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Funds from the offering support the denomination's Child, Youth, and Young Adult Volunteer Opportunities program, which sends volunteers to work on the Gulf Coast. A number of our congregation have participated in work in the area.

The Pentecost Offering is relatively new, begun in 1998. Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million dollars since the inception of the offering, providing funds that benefit younger members of God's family.

Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering, which will be received on May 31.

Clearwater Forest Summer Camp

Don't miss out on the experience of summer camp. It's not too late to register for camp at Clearwater Forest. Space is still available in camps the week of July 12-18. Other weeks are open as well. The church office has the registration forms or you can register online at www.clearwaterforest.org. First Presbyterian pays 1/2 of the registration fee for our campers and there are also scholarships available from Clearwater Forest.

Financial Aspect of the Fine Arts Festival

You have been hearing about the special events we have planned for the arts festival in September. I would like to talk to you about the financial aspect.

An art event can not be held without financial support unless someone underwrites the entire event, which is seldom. Our major expenses for the festival are publicity and printing; awards to artists, including ribbons; musicians and judges for the show; and special events, which include a preview party, high tea, and a coffee house. There are a number of other expenses which total almost \$10,000.

The church has graciously given us \$3,000 for the festival. We need to raise additional funds from our church membership and the Bismarck-Mandan community. We ask our church members, who have already donated close to \$1,000, to help us financially with these costs. Please consider a gift of \$10, \$25, \$50 or whatever you are able to contribute. Checks may be made to First Presbyterian Church. Please note art festival in the memo.

We are aware of the difficult financial times as well as other requests from the church since January. Please give this request your consideration to assist us. Your support financially or as a volunteer is appreciated.

We all grow with exposure to the arts. God has blessed many in our community with incredible talent and we want this show to give them the opportunity to display and sell their fine works.

Dick Weber, Chair of Finance
Festival of the Arts

The "Marks of Membership"

A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of his church. Such involvement includes:

1. Proclaiming the good news,
2. Taking part in the common life and worship of a particular church,
3. Praying and studying Scripture and the faith of the Christian church,
4. Supporting the work of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
5. Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,
6. Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
7. Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
8. Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
9. Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment.

Wanted Bakers!

The High Tea committee is looking for people willing to bake dainty tea cookies for the event scheduled for September



12. If you are willing to help, please contact Pinkie Larson at 223-4977 or

leave your name at the church office.

Statement of Activities

April 2009

Description	2009 YTD Actual	2009 YTD Budget	2009 Annual Budget
Income			
Offerings	158,274	157,024	448,071
Other Income	10,040	10,157	21,740
Transfers	27,097	30,941	103,575
Total Income	195,411	198,122	573,386
Expense			
Personnel	107,093	112,174	336,520
Administrative	9,003	10,317	30,950
Per Capita Assessment	9,788	9,788	29,365
Missions	23,395	23,883	71,650
Food & Kitchen	1,805	1,100	3,300
Session Expense	274	550	1,650
Christian Education	4,137	7,234	26,700
Membership	3,581	4,269	12,805
Outreach	817	1,117	6,850
Property & Equipment	28,631	27,500	82,500
Stewardship	0	833	2,500
Worship & Music	1,938	1,967	5,900
Total Expense	190,462	200,732	610,690
Income Less Expense	4,949	(2,610)	(37,304)

Winning the Race

Boy Scout Troop 6 (sponsored by Bismarck’s First Presbyterian Church) participated in the first ever Scout Milk Carton



Boat Race Spring Camporee. Mark Zimmerman, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 6, organized the event which brought together over 270 Scouts and adults from 20 Boy Scout Troops

and three Cub Scout Packs. They came from as far away as Williston and Minot. Scouts camped at Lake Nelson, near Center, ND, and spent Friday night and most of the day Saturday building their boats. Boats could be made of any material, but the flotation of the boat must be accomplished with the use of either half-gallon milk cartons or one gallon plastic milk jugs. Troop six turned in the best time of the day with their boat that sported a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle theme.

Per Capita Update

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all who have paid their per-capita apportionment for 2009. You have contributed over \$9600 so far to this campaign. This year’s assessment as set by the Presbytery of the Northern Plains is \$41.95 for each confirmed member so our church’s share is about \$29,000. Anyone who still wishes to pay their per-capita assessment may do so by writing a check with “Per Capita” on the memo line and mailing it to the church or dropping it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Munch and Mingle

Munch and Mingle is an adult fellowship group for singles and couples in the senior adult age range. Join the group on Wednesday, June 10, 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, June 21st. 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.



Mission Online

Visit the church web-site at www.fpcbismarck.com/inspiration to see our newest addition, the Mission Yearbook online.

Sunday Sale

The Sunday Sale of Fair trade merchandise will be held, June 21, 2009 in the parlor. Remember, if you need this excellent coffee, tea, chocolate or dish cloths between the monthly Sunday Sales, they are all available whenever the church office is open.

Family News

Deaths

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

Kathryn Perry, May 10, 2009

New Babies

Kyle Thomas Watson, son of Sommar and Brian Watson, was born March 21, 2009. Grandparents are Cindy and Don Cross. Great-grandmother is Joyce Dettmann.

New Address

Michael Buscemi, 5919 Centerville Rd Apt 257, St. Paul, MN 55127-6834

Jessica M. Meyer, 316 Willow Lane, Bismarck, ND 58504



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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 and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Our Staff

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

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A Vision

To be a welcoming, serving,
worshiping, and nurturing community.