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Here and NOW!

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"Grief"

Jacob L. Kincaid, Minister

In a little poem entitled "Grief", Lord Byron reminds us that there is something in our relationships with those we love that cannot die. It returns to us again and again, and as long as it does, the love we have known, only grows.

Byron does not exactly indicate what this "it" is, but he is sure "dark and dread Eternity" cannot destroy it. I think he has in mind, memory.

The fact is, as long as we remember those who have departed, are not really lost to us. In remembering our love for them keeps alive, even grows. The old hymn is right to speak of precious memories. Their lingering is our tribute to those we have loved.

Celebrate Creation on the Prairie; It's almost here!



By the time you receive this newsletter, the Fine Arts Festival will be upon us! Your hard working committee will be putting the final touches on the many wonderful events that await you and the public. The gallery will be hung, posters will be delivered, food purchased, musicians tuned up and the myriad last minute details will be addressed.

From the first meeting of eight people back in April of 2008 to the final product, many hours have been spent and much creative energy has been expended on producing an exciting arts event that will certainly put First Presbyterian on the map.

I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the steering committee for their dedication to this project. Thank you Priscilla Wilson, Ann Lynch, Phyllis Lindblom, Dick Weber, Kay Link, Mike Mahlum, Pinkie Larson, Gladys Cairns, Kathy Mayer, Jae Reile, Karen Ehrens, Liz Lucas, Sue Sorlie and David Nix.

I'd also like to thank the many folks who volunteered to work in some capacity at the show. NO ONE WHO WAS ASKED TO BAKE OR WORK TURNED US DOWN! And that is pretty remarkable. We're also excited to report that we have recruited a number of folks from other churches, so the festival will truly be an ecumenical undertaking.

Although we are in the midst of an economic recession, our committee has been moderately successful with fund raising. If you've ever pounded the pavement looking for a generous soul to help your cause, you know how discouraging it is to be met with a smile or perhaps a scowl indicating rejection. While the committee members, themselves, have all contributed to the festival costs, we have had very little input from you, the congregation. We thank those of you who have generously contributed and invite the rest of you to consider supporting our cause. We sincerely hope that this will be a new era for the Fine Arts Festival, but to make this happen, we need financial help from folks like you.

Now it's up to you! Grab your neighbors, call your friends, alert your relatives.

COME AND CELEBRATE CREATION ON THE PRAIRIE!

Jan Schultz
General Chairperson





Thank You To our Musicians

Song is the conquering instrument available when we are outnumbered by circumstances.
II Chronicles 20: 21-22

Evidence is growing... we as human beings are becoming so "busy" we fail to acknowledge others for time and talent offered. A simple thank you means more than one realizes.

Our church is richly blessed with those who generously contribute to the musical climate of our service. The secret of song is the church's most distinctive resource, whether sung, rung, blown, strummed or tapped.

With summer quickly escaping, I would like to take a moment to thank individuals who have provided interlude music; Jan Candee at the organ and piano; Debi Rogers and the Chancel Choir; Lael Hoerauf and the Westminster Chimes, for sharing their time and talent to enrich the summer services. We are fortunate throughout the year to have numerous musicians willing to share their music. Please help me extend a hearty thank you to all who have offered musical praise.

I encourage anyone wishing to participate in the musical life of First Presbyterian Church to contact me or the church office.

Kathy Fuhrer

Peace and Music Through Handbells

Last month the newspaper, radio, and TV news noted the 40th anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival. Much was made of the overcrowded, overmedicated, and underdressed participants of an over-amplified mud bath. What may not have been made clear was that the promoters advertised "3 Days of Peace and Music", and they did fulfill that promise. Ringing with Westminster Chimes can provide you with rehearsals of "peace" after a hard day at work and shared "music" as we worship as one choir. But unlike Woodstock, there will be no mud bath!

The Westminster Chimes, mixed adult handbell choir, will be resuming their ringing season with the first rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30 p.m.**

Anyone interested in ringing on a part-time or full-time basis is welcome and Lael Hoerauf, Director, (223-0964) is available for a private introduction to handbells for the novice.



Christian Education News

Children and Youth

Living as Followers of Jesus Christ

September 20th marks the start of a new church school year. Each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., we will learn the stories of our faith and explore what it means to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. Our pre-school class is for children up through kindergarten; Faith Village is for children in kindergarten through 6th grade; and our youth class is for youth grades 7-12.

Adult Faith

How Then Shall We Live?

"How Then Shall We Live?" The Adult Faith Formation Committee invites you to explore that question, through a combined offering of Bible studies, study series, and discussions, starting on September 20th and continuing into May.

Christians are consistently faced with life decisions, requiring the application of faith to situations which do not have readily apparent faith answers. In those instances, there may be differences, even among well-intended Christians, on the role of faith. As the focus of this year's studies, the Adult Faith Formation Committee will offer a number of opportunities to study, learn, and discuss some of these issues, which do arise in each of our lives.

We don't promise answers to every question, but we do promise an opportunity to sit down with fellow Christians to discuss, in a community of understanding and faith, the ways that we all strive to apply faith to our lives. **Watch for news on our opening series starting on September 20th at 9:00 a.m.**

If you have been part of Adult Faith discussions in the past, be sure to come back and join us. For those of you (and we know you are out there), who have been thinking about coming to some of the Adult Faith sessions but who haven't made the move yet, we would love to have you join us this year.

Science and Religion

Science and Religion is a ten week study of what one authority calls "two of the most potent forces that have shaped-and continue to shape-human civilization." The course will explore how these forces have related through time, often in conflict. Several historical episodes such as the church's reactions to Copernicus and Galileo will be considered. Various views on the relationship of faith and reason will also be covered. Attention will be given to the understandings of science and religion on the origin of the universe, on the theory of evolution, and their understandings of miracles.

Classes begin Monday, September 14, 2009, and continue each Monday through Monday, November 16, 2009. Each session will be held at noon in room 202. Please bring a light lunch. The course will be taught by Jake Kincaid. To register call the church office at 223-6091 or register on-line at www.fpcbismarck.com.

LOGOS



LOGOS is an exciting program for children in grades 1 through 6. Each Wednesday from 5:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., children gather to sing, eat, learn about God, make a cool craft, and meet new

friends. There is a small fee to cover meals and supplies.

There will be a parents' meeting on Wednesday, September 16th. LOGOS begins September 23rd. Watch your mail for more information.

Presbyteens

Presbyteens is for youth grades 7 through 12. Throughout the year we do explore different



topics, do mission projects, and manage to have some fun and fellowship. There is a small fee to cover meals.

There will be a parent's meeting September 16th. Presbyteens begins September 23rd. Watch your mail for more information.

Confirmation

Confirmation, held every Wednesday from 5:15p.m. – 6:15 p.m., is for 9th grade youth. This is an opportunity to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and a member of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. There will be an orientation meeting for parents and youth on Wednesday, September 23rd.

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a system of gentle physical exercise performed in a series of slow, graceful movements. Tai chi is great for stress reduction, increased flexibility and agility, and improved balance.



If you want a great way to reduce stress and improve your balance, come join us each **Thursday at noon in Ramstad Hall. The first class begins September 3rd.** The class is led by Bonnie Torrance with a small fee of \$8.00 per session. Tai Chi doesn't require any special exercise clothes or equipment. Newcomers are welcome. **Come check it out!**

Lay Preachers

Are you looking for a way that you can become more active in the church? Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith and at the same time help others grow in theirs?

The Lay Minister's group at First Presbyterian Church may be the place for you. Our members conduct services in the Glencoe church each Sunday as well as filling the pulpit at other area churches as needed. We also meet the first Saturday of each month, except for the summer, for breakfast, a time of fellowship and a stimulating study led by Rev. Ben Dove.

This year's study will focus on the book "The Good Book" by Peter Gomes. Our first meeting of the fall will be held on Saturday, September 5th at 8:30 a.m. Please come and check us out for breakfast and study. You are under no obligation to join.

For more information, contact Don Bigwood at 258-6750.



Hospitality Notes

When you entertain strangers, you bring honor and glory to yourself. "Showing hospitality brings honor and glory to God".

Statement of Activities

July 2009

Description	2009 YTD Actual	2009 YTD Budget	2009 Annual Budget
Income			
Offerings	267,261	266,166	448,071
Other Income	14,865	15,636	21,740
Transfers	47,265	59,367	103,575
Total Income	329,391	341,169	573,386
Expense			
Personnel	183,431	196,304	336,520
Administrative	15,788	18,054	30,950
Per Capita Assessment	17,130	17,130	29,365
Missions	40,942	41,796	71,650
Food & Kitchen	2,204	1,925	3,300
Session Expense	650	963	1,650
Christian Education	7,530	11,908	26,700
Membership	6,555	7,470	12,805
Outreach	1,057	1,954	6,850
Property & Equipment	50,233	48,125	82,500
Stewardship	36	1,458	2,500
Worship & Music	2,113	3,442	5,900
Total Expense	327,669	350,529	610,690
Income Less Expense	1,722	(9,360)	(37,304)



Women's Circles

- Circle 1- Thursday, September 3, 9:30 a.m.
- Circle 2 -Thursday, September 3, 1:00 p.m.
- Circle 5 - Thursday, September 3, 1:30 p.m.
- Circle 3 - Saturday, September 5, 8:30 a.m.



Acolyte Training

Training will be offered for seven-year-olds and older who wish to serve as acolytes for Sunday services at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9th, 2009 in the sanctuary. Please contact the church office to register.

September Acolytes

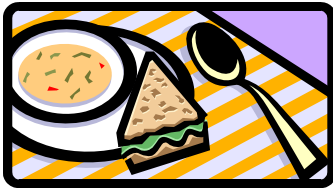
10:00 AM	
6	Mark Jensen
13	Olivia Bachmeier
20	Riley Quick
27	Emily Ehrens

Home Communion

The congregation will celebrate the Lord's Supper, September 13th. 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.



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, September 9th, at noon in the Ramkota dining room. Meet new friends or catch up with longtime friends. No reservations required.

Family News

New Baby

Joseph Cameron Ruzicka, son of Brian and Helen Ruzicka Ruzicka, was born July 27, 2009 at Lakenheath AFB in England.

Grandparents are Wayne and Judy Ruzicka.

Here and Now Deadline

The Here and Now deadline is the 15th of every month. If you have anything to submit for the publication, please send via email to Janell Rath at janellr@fpcbismarck.com.



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Sunday Worship Schedule
Regular Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. 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	Janell Rath
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

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A Vision

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