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Here and NOW!

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"Getting a Grip"

Jacob L. Kincaid, Minister

In the well-known cartoon strip, Frank confesses a sentiment we all feel from time to time. He complains to Ernest: "Just when I finally got a grip on things, the handle fell off."

Life in its many forms, work, family relationships, health, and friendship, doesn't always conform to our wills. It has an almost perverse way of getting out of hand.

The secret of overcoming life's difficulties, however, may not so much be getting a grip on things, but on ourselves, determining our attitudes and reactions to the many things that befall us against our wills. Maybe we are the ones, the only ones in fact, we can get a grip on.

New Orleans Mission Trip



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

On October 3rd, the Mission Trip team leaves for a week in New Orleans to help with rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina. Please keep this group in your thoughts and prayers.

Fellowship, Food and Fun!

Join in the festivities of a Congregational Potluck on Sunday, October 18 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Ramstad Hall. Please provide a casserole, salad or a dessert to share. Beverages, buns, plates and utensils will be provided. **YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**

Hospitality Notes

"Hospitality...is not a function of being friendly to friends, but learning how to be a good host and hostesses to the strangers and the seekers who come to the church in search of something they do not have." (Reclaiming the Great Commission, Bishop Claude Payne, p. 189)

First Presbyterian Serves Community Banquet

On Thursday, October 8th, First Presbyterian Church will again serve the Banquet at Trinity Lutheran Church. Approximately 300-350 Bismarck/Mandan community members join us at the Banquet for food and fellowship! Thirty volunteers are needed from First Presbyterian Church to cook and serve the meal. If this is not possible, please consider donating a pan of bars or donating money for the purchase of food (if providing a check, please note *"The Banquet"* in the memo area of the check).

The Banquet's goal is to nourish the body with food and the spirit with dignity and respect. We listen to our guests tell their stories. We support their struggling. We encourage the weak. We are gentle to all. We are a companion to all who come. We have reached out to our brothers and sisters in need and we have responded to that need with compassionate concern. The greatest act of charity is to restore a person's dignity.

The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The Outreach Committee would love to have you join us!





Time and Talent

It is time to consider how we can give of our time and talents this coming year. This year's *Time and Talent Survey* is enclosed in this issue of Here and Now. Please begin thinking of ways you can give of your time and talents in the coming year. Please fill out the Time and Talent survey and return it to the church office.

Thank you for your past volunteering and we look forward to adding new names to our list of wonderful volunteers!

Science and Religion

Science and Religion is an eight 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. And, of course, 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, October 12, 2009, and continue each Monday through November 30, 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.

Appreciation Celebration for Child Care Center

Please join us on *Sunday, October 25th* during the 10:00 a.m. service in recognizing the hard work and dedication of our Child Care Center. Shawn Stettner, Director will give a short presentation along with introducing the child care center staff.

Please join us for refreshments as we recognize the contribution the Child Care Center has made to the community.



Adult Bible Study

"Exploring Matthew's Gospel"

Wednesday evening Bible study is back! Casey Chapman will lead a short term overview of the gospel of Matthew beginning **October 14th at 6:30 p.m.** There is a study guide for participants which will be available the first class session. The cost for the guide is \$10.00.



Peacemaking Offering

Peace is the wholeness and well-being that God wills for all creation. Although the effects of human sin wound all creation, God is continually at work offering healing, mercy, justice and peace. God's peace is offered wherever there is brokenness. On **October 4, 2009**, we celebrate world Communion Sunday and receive the Peacemaking Offering. On this day, we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the unity that we find at our Lord's table.

Our congregation retains 25% of the offering for our own Peacemaking activities. The other offering will go to the Abused Adult Resource Center and a North Dakota Program called TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors). This program supports families of our fallen service members by providing transportation and housing to the National TAPS Program. This program held in Washington, DC provides essential support to our Fallen Heroes families of all service branches. TAPS helps family members deal with issues related to the death of their loved one.

Your Peacemaking Offering in 2009 will help bring peace to lives that are broken by abuse or by military tragedy. When you give to the Peacemaking Offering, you are a part of changing broken lives. Please give prayerfully and generously.

Valerie Sturlaugson, Chairperson
Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Committee



CROP Hunger Walk

The 2009 CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 11 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the church office at 223-6091.

Statement of Activities

August 2009

Description	2009 YTD Actual	2009 YTD Budget	2009 Annual Budget
INCOME			
Offerings	298,799	302,547	448,071
Other Income	14,924	15,948	21,740
Transfers	54,391	73,008	103,575
Total Income	368,114	391,503	573,386
EXPENSE			
Personnel	208,185	224,346	336,520
Administrative	21,228	20,633	30,950
Per Capita Assessment	19,576	19,576	29,365
Missions	46,790	47,766	71,650
Food & Kitchen	2,579	2,200	3,300
Session Expense	670	1,100	1,650
Christian Education	8,960	20,466	26,700
Membership	6,673	8,536	12,805
Outreach	1,227	5,733	6,850
Property & Equipment	53,947	55,000	82,500
Stewardship	307	1,666	2,500
Worship & Music	2,198	3,933	5,900
Total Expense	372,340	410,955	610,690
Income Less Expense	(4,226)	(19,452)	(37,304)



Women's Circles

Circle 1- Thursday, October 1, 9:30 a.m.

Circle 2 -Thursday, October 1, 1:00 p.m.

Circle 5 - Thursday, October 1, 1:30 p.m.

Circle 3 - Saturday, October 3, 8:30 a.m.

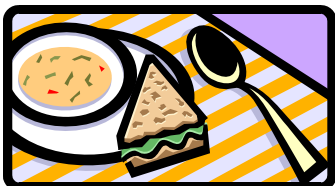
Membership Services Coordinator

The Administrative and Personnel Committee has employed Elise Hocking as Membership Services Coordinator. Elise began employment on September, 2, 2009.

October Acolytes

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

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, October 14th, 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, October 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.



Family News

New Baby

Bennet Charles Henriksen, son of Jeremy and Jen Henriksen, was born August 13, 2009 at Farmington, MN. Grandparents are Kathy & Don Henriksen.

Deaths

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

John D. Carlson, Bellevue, NE, brother of Clare Angell passed away on August 28, 2009.

Henry Betts, Elk Grove, CA, brother of Ann Gallup, passed away on September 1, 2009.

Annette Zietz passed away on September 1, 2009.

Jennie Moum passed away on September 3, 2009.

Burdette Burt passed away on September 14, 2009.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this time of great sorrow.

New Addresses

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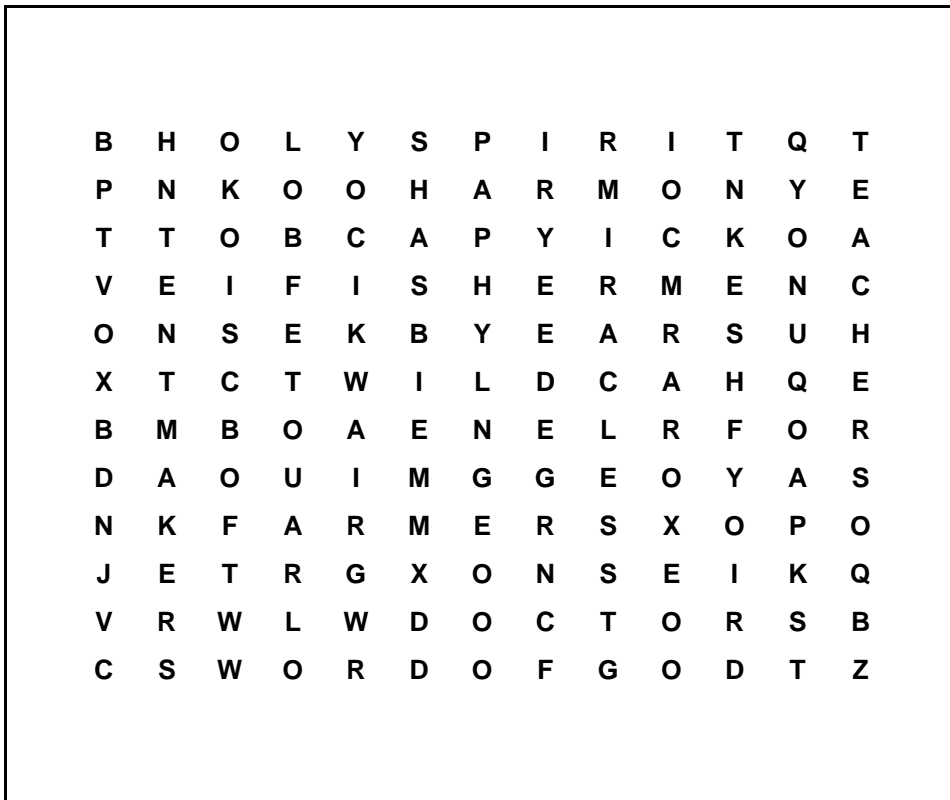
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THE WORD OF GOD - THE BIBLE

The words in bold letters in the paragraph below are hidden in the puzzle.
 Words can be across, down or diagonal. Can you find them all?

The **Bible** is truly a **miracle**. There are a total of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New **Testament**. The bible was written by over 36 different people, and over a period of about 1500 **years**. The authors came from many different backgrounds and professions. There were **fishermen, farmers, politicians, teachers, doctors, tentmakers** and even **kings**. It would be mathematically impossible for so many different people over so many years to write with such **harmony** and accuracy, if it were not for the **Holy Spirit**. God told these people what to write. The Bible is the **Word of God**.



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Sunday Worship Schedule

Education Hour: 9:00 a.m.
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
Membership Services	Elise Hocking

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A Vision

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