

# Here and NOW!

## “Good Company”

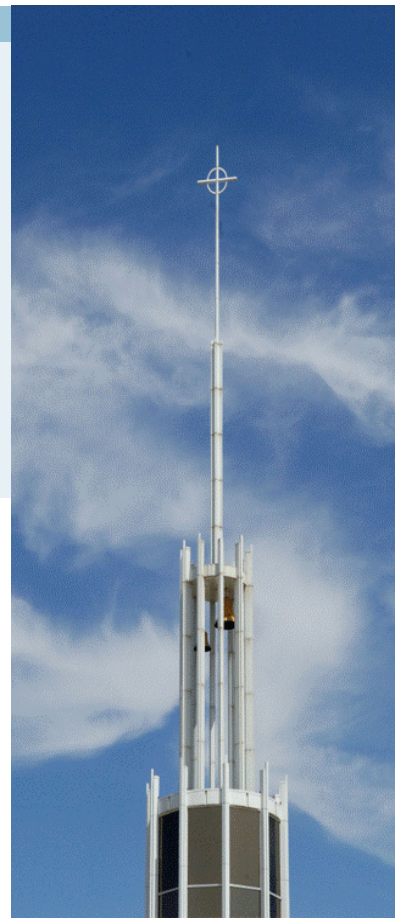
Jake Kincaid

Apparently, when he lived in New York, Theodore Roosevelt was advised to select carefully those his boys played with. He was told:

Remember this always: there are only two classes of boys, good boys and bad boys. If you choose your companions among the good boys, you need not worry whether they are rich or poor, or who their fathers and mothers are.

Here is sage advice for all who want to surround themselves with good company. Far more important than status or ancestry in choosing friends is character. It doesn't matter really what side of town someone comes from, but what side he or she takes on moral issues.

Choose friends with this criterion in mind and you will find yourself always in good company.



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## The Fine Arts Festival is Upon Us!

Literary artists, visual art, high tea, coffee house, and gift gallery! Each of these venues will celebrate *Creation On The Prairie* in its own special way September 11 & 12. If you like the sound of that, you won't want to miss the 2010 edition of the First Presbyterian Church Fine Arts Festival.

This year's event will feature five literary artists, such as Clay Jenkinson and Larry Woiwode, who will share their special topics during individual presentations. We're equally excited to offer Dr. Norman Van Alan, noted local bird watcher and writer. And, we're especially proud to present our own authors, Dr. Lorraine Dopson and David Bliss. You won't want to miss these informative, charismatic presentations. The authors' works will also be available for purchase.

This year's featured visual artists are Ric Spryncznatyk and photographer David Nix. The artists will be available in the gallery for discussion and sale of their works.

A Friday evening preview party kicks off the weekend of outstanding events and all volunteers and artists are invited for the 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. event, which will feature live jazz and scrumptious food, plus a first look at the artwork. Then on Saturday, two sessions of the ever-popular high tea will entice gallery goers to an hour of delectable goodies and tea served in our very own parlor. Not to be overlooked is the friendly atmosphere and wonderful treats of the coffee house, again conveniently located near the gallery.

Note that coffee will not be served in the parlor on Sunday, September 12. Instead, coffee will be free of charge in the coffee house and pastries will be available for purchase. The gift gallery will again feature crafts and gift items made by local artists as well as Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other products.

A detailed schedule of festival events is available for download from the church's home page at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com).



*A detailed copy of the Fine Arts Festival 2010 schedule of events can be found on the reverse side of the September calendar insert.*

### Stewardship Notes

Have you considered a charitable gift annuity as a way to make a gift to First Presbyterian Church and still receive an income for yourself or others?

# NOMINATE NOW!

The church nominating committee invites your suggestions about church members who could serve our congregation as elders or deacons. Important qualities in church officers include:

## Church Involvement

- Attendance at public worship
- Participation in church activities
- Offices held
- Services rendered

## Christian Living in Daily Life

- Within the family
- At work
- In the community

## Personal Characteristics and Skills

- Cooperativeness
- Willingness to Learn
- Ability to follow through on assignments
- Openness to new ideas
- Maturity in judgment

Please offer your suggestions below and submit this form to the church office or place it in the Sunday offering.

For Elder I suggest: \_\_\_\_\_

For Deacon I suggest: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have served previously as an elder or deacon and are interested in another term and wish to be considered by the nominating committee, please place your name below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name

## Habitat Workday

Habitat for Humanity is building a twin home in Mandan. First Presbyterian Church is assembling a work crew for Saturday, September 25. If you are interested in participating, sign up on the volunteer bulletin board.

If you would like to help but can't pound a nail, we are also looking for a few people to provide lunch for the work crew that day. Contact Vicki Rucker at 223-6091 if you are interested.

## Volunteers Needed

The Child Care Center Board will be holding a Fair Trade merchandise sale on the corner of the church lot during the Downtowners Fest on September 17 and 18. If you can volunteer for an hour or two during those two days, please call the church office at 223-6091 or email [genas@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:genas@fpcbismarck.com). We would appreciate help with set-up, tear-down, and sales both days.



## Hayride and Hotdog Roast

Join us on September 11 for a family night of fun at Papa's Pumpkin Patch! Come as early as 4:00 p.m. and explore the pumpkins in the patch. Hayrides begin at 4:30 p.m. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Papa's Pumpkin Patch is located at 5001 Fernwood Drive, Bismarck, ND.

Please let us know you are coming and what type of potluck dish you will bring by completing the sign-up sheet that will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex or contacting the church at 223-6091.

Participants are asked to bring a potluck dish, plates, cups, silverware, lawn chairs and blanket (optional). Drinks, brats, and hotdogs will be provided.

## Shaggy Shuffle

The Central Dakota Humane Society will be holding a 50th year celebration and Shaggy Shuffle fund raising walk for the animals on Sunday, September 19 at the Capitol grounds in Bismarck. Food, fun and activities will start at 11:00 am and run until 3:00 p.m.. The Shaggy Shuffle walk registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the walk will kick off at 2:00 p.m.. For additional information, please call the shelter at 667-2020.

**Central Dakota  
Humane Society**



**Anniversary  
1960-2010**

## CROP Walk for Hunger

Do you love to walk in the crisp autumn air? Mark your calendar and join the CROP Walk for Hunger on October 10, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. on the steps of the Capitol. We walk to represent the millions of families around the globe who are forced to walk several miles on a daily basis to obtain food and drinkable water. Money raised at the Bismarck—Mandan CROP Hunger walk benefits programs and people around the globe and here in the United States. In addition, 25% of the proceeds will go to local agencies such as the Ruth Meiers Hospitality House, the Abused Adult Resource Center, AID, Inc., and the Bismarck Emergency Food Pantry. Contact Allison Germolus at 701-400-0053 to get involved. Remember: WE WALK BECAUSE THEY WALK.



## Munch and Mingle

Munch and Mingle is an adult fellowship group for singles and couples of senior adult age.

Join the group on Thursday, September 16 at noon in the Ramkota dining room. Meet new friends or catch up with longtime friends. No reservations required.



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## Fair Trade Sale

Don't like the taste of stale coffee? Equal Exchange recommends using a brewer that has a thermal carafe to preserve the coffee. If your brewer has a glass decanter, remove the coffee from the heat source and put it into a thermos at the end of the brewing cycle. A good rule of thumb: drink your coffee within one hour of brewing.

Did you know that Equal Exchange, the group that supplies our Fair Trade merchandise, works in partnership with congregations and other organizations of many other faiths? They include American Friends Service Committee, American Jewish World Service, Catholic Relief Services, Church of the Brethren, Disciples of Christ, Islamic Relief USA, Lutheran World Relief, Mennonite Central Committee U.S., Presbyterian Church, USA, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Committee on Relief, and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. In all, twelve religious groups work together on these worthy, self-development projects.

The Sunday sale will be held in the parlor on September 19. Several coffees, from a mild breakfast blend to a full roast coffee, are also available, plus chocolate bars, baking cocoa, hot cocoa mix, and drinking chocolate. We have a new supply of dish cloths available as well.

All proceeds support the Child Care Center.



## Peacemaking Offering

On World Communion Sunday, we break bread and share the cup in remembrance of Jesus. Through communion we are remembering Jesus' life and ministry and we also celebrate Jesus, the true peacemaker, who broke down barriers to bring people together.

On October 3, World Communion Sunday, the Peacemaking Offering will be collected. This offering was created to allow all levels of the Presbyterian Church to work for Christ's peace in the world. Our congregation will retain 25% of the offering to use for peacemaking within our community and the remainder will go to the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly for peacemaking effort throughout the world.

Please join us as we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Please give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.

Please indicate "Peacemaking" on the memo line of your check or on the outside of the offering envelope.

Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee

### Child Care Center Offering

September 12 will be the special offering for the Child Care Center. Please indicate your gift by writing "CCC" or on your check or envelope before placing it in the offering plate.

## Communion

The congregation will celebrate the Lord's Supper, Sunday, September 12. 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 Jake Kincaid to schedule a time, 223-6091, ext. 106.

## A Musical Riddle

What instrument has 61 different sounds, needs 24 hands to play it, and yet makes beautiful music? If you guessed a 5-octave handbell set like the one our church owns, you are correct! It is not joke, however, that this beautiful set of bells—and their ringers—has made musical contributions to worship since 1973. Let's continue that tradition!

Adults interested in making beautiful music with a fun group are welcome to join the Westminster Chimes handbell choir. Rehearsals are from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 8. Creative scheduling enables people to work around their busy lives by committing to as little as three weeks at a time. Feel free to call director Lael Hoerauf at 223-0964 for more information or for a private introduction to handbells.

## Adult Bible Study—Acts of the Apostles

When Luke finished the Gospel, which bears his name, he didn't set his pen down. Instead, he also gave us a story of the early years of Christian faith, from the resurrection of Christ to Paul's final journey to Rome. A Bible study of that story, Luke's "Acts of All the Apostles" (also known simply as "Acts"), will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., starting September 22, and continuing for a total of six weeks. Study facilitators will be Kim Hocking and Casey Chapman.

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In Acts, Luke examines a fledgling Christian faith, which was confronted with many of the same questions that continue to challenge the faithful in the 21st Century. There is the path of faith in front of us. How do we start to step in the right direction? There is a world searching for answers to life's questions. What do we do to help the world find those answers in faith? Within the ranks of Christianity, there are differences in questions of theology. How do we resolve those questions as faithful Christians?

Join us on Wednesdays as we chart the course of the early church and try to discover insight for a modern church which still faces challenges. Copies of the study book are available for \$10 in the church office.



## Christian Education News

“Fall” into the groove with church school. We are never too young or too old to expand our knowledge of God. The Christian Education Committee has something for everyone, ages 3 to 103, so don’t miss the excellent opportunities this fall. Church school begins at 9:00 a.m. on September 19. All our classes are held downstairs.

The pre-school class, for children through kindergarten, will explore Bible stories and learn what it means to live as a child of God. Faith Village, for children in kindergarten through 6th grade, will begin the year with “The

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### How to Register

You may register yourself or your child/youth for any upcoming class or event that requires registration by visiting the “Calendar of Events” page of the church’s website at [www.fpcbismarck.com](http://www.fpcbismarck.com).

Simply click “News and Events” at the top of the home page, then “Calendar of Events” and select the class or event listing you are interested in to read the details and fill in the registration form.

You may also register by calling the church at 223-6091 or emailing us at [genas@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:genas@fpcbismarck.com).

Great Escape: Exodus and the Ten Commandments,” followed later in the fall with “The Parable of the Talents.” The youth class, for grades 7 through 12, looks at various topics throughout the year.

The Adult Faith Formation class will begin September 19 with a session highlighting some of the actions of General Assembly. The series “Enough” begins September 26. This series explores the Bible’s wisdom on financial practices and what it means to live joyful and generous lives.

Please consider growing in faith by participating in these classes.

## Confirmation

Confirmation is an opportunity for 9th graders to explore their faith and learn what it means to be a member of the Presbyterian Church. Confirmation meets Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. There will be an orientation session for parents and confirmands September 22.

## Wednesday Night Programs

The PresbyAdventure Club (PAC) is an opportunity for children in grades 1—6 to grow in their relationship with God and with one another.

Each Wednesday beginning September 15, the PAC will gather from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. for a meal together, a Bible story, games, crafts, activities, music, and other adventures.

The PAC depends on parents and church members to function. We have opportunities for parents to serve as table parents, Bible story leaders, kitchen help, table decorators, dessert makers and more.

The cost for PAC, which covers food and materials is, \$35 per child per semester and \$25 for each additional child. Scholarship help is available.

PAC orientation is September 15 at 5:45 p.m. We know there are many activities that compete for our children's time and we hope you will consider the PresbyAdventure Club as a positive way for your child to learn and grow in faith. If you have any questions, please call Vicki Rucker at 223-6091.

PresbyTeens are back!! Join us beginning September 15 at 5:45 p.m. for another year of fellowship, study, service and fun. PresbyTeens is open to all youth in grades 7—12. There is a \$35 fee per youth per semester for PresbyTeens. This fee covers the cost of food and materials. Please note the new meeting time.

Please register your child or youth for PAC and/or PresbyTeens by calling the church at 223-6091, by emailing [genas@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:genas@fpcbismarck.com), or by going to the "Calendar of Events" page of the church website. Registration deadline is September 12, 2010.



## Staff Position Filled

We are pleased to announce that Paul Murphy has accepted the position of part-time Member Services Coordinator in the church office. Paul will begin his new position in September.

## Choir Schedule

Choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, September 8.

Westminster Chimes handbell choir at 6:30 p.m., and Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.



## A Special Thank You

The Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions over the past year to our church's special offerings. As our Lord and Savior himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We, as a congregation, have responded to this calling. Below is a list of the special offerings and the dollar amounts received over the past year.

- Peacemaking Offering—\$1,563
- Christmas Joy Offering—\$1,695
- One Great Hour of Sharing—\$4,193
- Pentecost Offering—\$345
- Crisis Ministry—\$918

1 John 3:17-18 reminds us that giving changes the lives of others. We offer a huge thank you for contributing to each of these offerings throughout the year so that we can continue to change lives both in our community and around the world.

## Lay Preachers Invitation

Have you ever felt that you would like to learn more about God's Word, but lack the motivation to study on your own? Or, do you feel that you are being called to communicate the Good News to others? In either case, you will want to look into joining the lay preachers group. We meet the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, a time of fellowship, and a stimulating study led by Pastor Ben Dove. This year's study will focus on the excellent book *The Good Book* by Peter Gomes, which discusses how the Bible relates to contemporary problems in our society. Lay preachers conduct services in the Glencoe church each Sunday as well as filling the pulpit at other area churches as needed. Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 2 at 8:30 a.m., in the church parlor. Come and check us out for breakfast and study. We would love to visit with you. You are under no obligation to join. For more information, contact Don Bigwood at 258-6750.

## September Acolytes

September 5, Gage Stephens

September 12, Seth Quick

September 19, Mark Jensen

September 26, Hailey Massey

Please arrive 30 minutes before the worship service and report directly to the pastor.

<b>Statement of Activities July 2010</b>			
Description	2010 YTD Actual	2010 YTD Budget	2010 Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Offerings	279,418.36	251,780.60	464,057.00
Other Income	17,002.52	11,712.20	20,078.00
Transfers	18,091.65	21,291.70	36,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>314,512.53</b>	<b>284,784.50</b>	<b>520,635.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
Personnel	190,908.42	199,091.45	341,299.00
Administration	16,411.63	16,437.85	28,179.00
Benevolences	43,752.53	43,878.38	54,245.00
Christian Education	6,281.71	13,976.25	23,959.00
Membership	1,006.65	2,320.55	3,978.00
Outreach	4,115.91	5,038.90	6,138.00
Property and Equipment	47,793.12	45,349.10	77,094.00
Stewardship	0.00	1,414.60	2,425.00
Worship and Music	2,176.35	3,338.55	5,723.00
Other Expense	1,557.51	2,801.20	4,802.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>314,003.83</b>	<b>333,646.83</b>	<b>547,842.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>508.70</b>	<b>-48,862.33</b>	<b>-27,207.00</b>

### Lay Preacher Schedule

#### September 5

Vernon Kersey in Glencoe.

#### September 12

Jim Skaret in Glencoe.

#### September 19

Nancy Legerski in Glencoe and Jim Skaret in Hazelton.

#### September 26

Betty Day in Glencoe and Casey Chapman in Hazelton.

### Acolyte Training

Training will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8th for seven-year-olds and older who wish to serve as acolytes for Sunday services. To register your child for training, click on Acolyte Training on the "Calendar of Events" page of the church's website, or contact Gena in the church office at 223-6091 or [genas@fpcbismarck.com](mailto:genas@fpcbismarck.com).

## Church Communications

Would you like to receive church communications and the monthly newsletter by email?

Do we have your email address? Send us an email!

Don't miss a church event! Go to the "News and Events" page of the church website to view our "Calendar of Events."

## Family News

### Births

Congratulations to Dale and Georgene Lantz on the birth of their granddaughter, Elleigh Kennedy Meyer, born to Erica (Lantz) and Dustin Meyer, and big sister Grace, on June 18, 2010, in Stewartville, Minnesota.

### Marriages

Congratulations to Karen Tipton on the marriage of her daughter, Erica Tipton, to Christian Cole Johnson-Gerpheide of Moses Lake, WA, on August 7, 2010.

### Deaths

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

Mary Lommen

Our sympathy is also expressed to:  
Genevieve Voegele, upon the death of her brother.

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### Sunday Worship Schedule

Education Hour: 9:00 a.m. (Begins September 19, 2010)  
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

### Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

### Church Staff

Pastor-Head of Staff	Rev. Dr. Jacob L. Kincaid
Associate Pastor	Rev. Vicki J. Rucker
Business and Finance	Vickie Haas
Program and Communication	Gena Schwartz
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	Paul Murphy

