

News From The News

News of the First Presbyterian Church

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UPCOMING WORSHIP/ EVENTS

October 5, 2008 – Communion Sunday

Rev. Bob Garrard – Worship Theme:

“Bearing Fruit for the Kingdom”

Scripture: Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

Exodus 20: 1-20; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

October 12, 2008

Rev. Bob Garrard – Worship Theme:

“Fakery and Faithfulness”

Scripture: Exodus 32: 1-14; Philippians 4: 1-9;

Matthew 22: 1-14

October 19, 2008

Rev. Jan Brooks – Worship Theme:

“From Little, Much”

Scripture: 2 Kings 4: 38-44; John 6: 1-15

October 26, 2008

Reception of New Members

Recognition of Memorials

Rev. Bob Garrard – Worship Theme:

“Passing on the Faith”

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Thessalonians 2: 1-8;

Matthew 22: 34-46

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Change to Church / Staff Email Addresses

Please change the email
address extension
for the church office or staff
from @qwest.net to
@qwestoffice.net .



Remember that our Vision Statement for our church is "Bringing People Together in Christ's Love." As we plan for the future let us keep this vision before us to guide us.

New member classes will be offered on Sundays, October 5, 12, 19 from 2-4 pm in the library. We already have two couples coming.

Our Shepherding team continues to look through materials to help guide us through change and prepare us for seeking a called associate pastor. We are now asking the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery to give guidance on what information is needed. Our Personnel Ministry is working on the job descriptions for Pastor and Associate Pastor as part of the informational process.

Our session and deacons will be meeting on October 18 to work on goals and objectives and learn more about leading our church through the next year.

There will be a future special meeting of the congregation to elect church officers. We will let you know in the bulletin of this date.

As you may know, our General Assembly met last June in San Jose, CA. Reports from the representatives of our presbytery are attached at the back of this newsletter so that you might get a sense of that meeting.

Confirmation Classes begin on October 5. I will be leading them in the stage room.

Our youth will be sponsoring a Hunger Fast Retreat on October 24-25. Please see the information in the newsletter.

Many thanks to all of you who led and gave to our peacemaking projects in September. The support was overwhelming!

Our Finance Ministry will be sending out Stewardship materials later in this month. Please look for them. If you do not get them, let the church office know.

Peace be with you, Bob Garrard



Presbyterian Women

We invite all Presbyterian Women to join our mission projects for this year. We participate in making quilts for Project Linus which includes cutting and tying blankets and tying quilts. We also knit and crochet baby caps for newborn babies, and blocks for afghans for the homeless as well as hemming flannel receiving blankets. You can choose to work on these projects at home or to work with a friendly group by joining us for "Stitching Times" on the following dates:

Dates: Saturdays - October 11 and November 8, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Church Parlor

These projects help local agencies and worldwide mission agencies. In Cheyenne our handy work goes to the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Hospital. Please consider helping us this year with our projects. We will provide all the patterns and materials for the items you chose to make. We hope you will join us in this worthy cause.



Interim
Associate Pastor

I was reading a story the other day about an Air Force family in Tucson, Arizona. The story goes that they didn't have a lot of money or a car. But as luck would have it, or not, some person they knew gave them an old Ford and said if the dad could get it running, they could have it. Now, their dad was not a mechanic, so he pushed the car to where just the front end was in the garage. And then he went about the task of taking the engine completely apart.

As he dismantled the engine, he would take a part and put it on the garage floor, writing instructions as to where the part came from so he would know how to reassemble it. He did this with every part in the engine, and he placed the parts he needed first nearest the car. Whatever else he did, who knows. But when he got it all back together again, he had three small parts left over and never did figure out where they went, but the car ran fine for years after that.

I think most of us are like that: we just jump right in and try to figure things out. Most of us seem to want to do it that way rather than sit back and read the directions or and have somebody else give us instructions, don't we? But if we would just seek direction we wouldn't end up with mysterious pieces left over, or driving down some road not knowing where we are.

We do the same thing with our spiritual lives. We have a book of directions, a book that takes us step-by-step through the process, yet we don't like to read it and we don't always like anyone else telling us what it says. Except for the parts that make us feel good about ourselves. In Romans 12, Paul talks to us about the basics of life before God. They are simple instructions on how we are supposed to act. The New Life Version reads: "Christian brothers, I ask you from my heart to give your bodies to God because of His loving-kindness to us. Let your bodies be a living and holy gift given to God. He is pleased with this kind of gift. This is the true worship that you should give Him. 'Do not act like the sinful people of this world. Let God change your life. First of all, let Him give you a new mind. Then you will know what God wants you to do. And the things you do then will be good and pleasing and perfect.'"

Why a sacrifice? When we give up those things our bodies crave, the things of this world, we can keep our bodies pure and holy for God. By giving up what we think is important to embrace that which GOD thinks is important, it becomes a sacrifice that God loves. My point is this: We must change. We must stop being like we are and become like we should be. But there is a problem. In and of ourselves, we have no ability to change. It is only through God that we can change. Just like Paul says, 'Let God change your life.'

The world tells us how it wants us to act, and we succumb to its demands. And we don't want to upset the world around us. But God wants us to change our priorities. He wants us to lean on Him instead of leaning on the world. Paul tells us to 'renew our minds.' The word 'renew' comes from the Greek work 'renovation.' God wants us to be remodeled. When we sacrifice our bodies to God, He takes them and begins to remodel us to be better and more useful. God begins by invading our hearts and changing them from the inside out. He gives us a new mind. He literally refocuses our attention from the world onto His glory.

And the more we are changed to look at God, the more we will be able to look at ourselves and see if we are really pleasing to God. Just as a child begins to learn and understand what you want from him, as he grows older, we begin to learn and understand what God wants from us as we mature in Christianity. And along with that maturity comes a longing; a longing to be like God wants us to be.

And that's when we'll know we have all the parts in the right place. - *Pastor Jan*

New Life Ministry

Welcome New Members!

This summer saw nine new members joining the church, coming from as far away as Arizona to as near as Laramie.

New members include Tobias "Toby" Salas, who reaffirmed his faith and joined our church on August 24. Toby was born in Albuquerque and, before moving to Cheyenne three months ago to marry our own Rev. Jan Brooks, lived in Arizona.

Jeffrey Clark, Jenna and Rob Evans and Sara and Shane Howe also joined on August 24. Jeffrey also joined by reaffirmation. He comes from Torrington, has lived in Cheyenne three years and works at Osco Pharmacy. He and his wife, Jessica, have a baby daughter, Cassidy Jo.

Jenna Evans was born in Powell and moved to Cheyenne from Laramie about two and a half years ago. She works for UW doing cooperative extension work. Jenna says that the choir and the friendly congregation were two things which attracted her to the First Presbyterian Church.

Shane and Sara Howe also moved to Cheyenne about two and a half years ago from Laramie, and joined our church on August 24. Both noted the Church's spiritual attitude and friendly congregation as appealing to them. Shane is a lab tech at WY Department of Transportation and Sara is a pharmacist at Walgreen's.

Jody Hayes-Siltzer moved to Cheyenne from Goldsboro, North Carolina more than 30 years ago and works in information technology. Tina Hayes-Siltzer moved to Cheyenne from Fort Collins in 1990, and is a registered dietitian as well as a mother. The Hayes-Siltzers listed the church's Christian Education program, friendly congregation, ministers and organ as things which encouraged them to become a part of our church family. They joined the congregation June 22.

We warmly welcome all of the new members to our congregation and look forward to getting to know them better as time goes by.

Congratulations!

Evelyn Johnston on her 100th birthday!

Les and Jan Schippers – 50 year wedding anniversary

John and Stacey Child Broda birth of their son, Gage John on August 30, 2008. Gage is also the grandchild of Wayne and Glenis Child.

Matthew Woodard was elected Homecoming King at East High School.

Ashley Oslund was elected Homecoming Queen at Laramie High School.



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- To Our Church Family
Our sincere thanks to everyone for the many visits, calls, flowers, cards, gifts of food, and transportation provided. Most of all, thank you for continued prayers.
Sincerely, Ruth and Bob Hale
- Dear Church Friends,
Thank you for the cards, prayers, and support you provided at the time of my sister's death.
Jody Hickerson and the Hewitt and O'Malley Families
- Thanks to Cheyenne Interfaith Volunteers!
The Cheyenne Interfaith Hospitality Network (CIHN) and CIHN board member Greta Morrow would like to thank the following members (and friends) of the Presbyterian Church who teamed with members of First United Methodist in hosting families during July/August and September. A mom and dad with an 11-month-old were the guests during these two sessions.
Volunteers during the week of July 27 to Aug. 3 include Sherry Lovato and Mary Jane Larson, Pete and Ruth Arnold and Sam and Erin Barkley, Jim and Linda Woodard, Lori Andrews, Sheryl Ode, Lisa Jeremiah, Greta Morrow and Sue Riske.
Volunteers during September include the Lain family, Mary Lou and Shane McMIndes, Marilyn Ham, Michael Bennett, Ellen Rech, Jory Kaufman, Liza Mackey, Rose Burrows, Patricia Bennett, Ike and Katherine Bowling, and Sue Riske.
Special thanks for Dave Waterhouse of First United who kept people informed about the activities and welcomed the Presbyterian volunteers to his church.
- Thanks to the following people for helping with Sunday Fellowship in August.
August 3 – Deacons, Mary Lou McMIndes, Bert Trimble, and Marcy Helser served ice cream and cake in honor of Laura Perry who resigned from the Youth Director position of our church. George Barnes also brought cookies.
August 10 – Deacon, Marcy Helser, assisted by Mary Jane Larson and Audrey Simon served. Mary Jane furnished a lemonade cake and Audrey brought cookies.
August 17 – Deacon, Bert Trimble, was in charge of the picnic. She was assisted by Deacon, Mary Lou McMIndes. The picnic was held at the church and not at Mylar Park because of the weather.
August 24 – Deacons, Jory Kaufman, Jennifer Kaufman, and Marcy Helser, assisted by Ann Lembke and Carrol DeWyke served. Ann also provided refreshments.
August 30 – Deacons, Pat Johnson, Liza Mackey, and Sally Sato, with the help of Pam Mason, Charles Mackey, Madeleine Sato, and Rachel Sato served. Pam also brought cookies.
Marcy Helser
Fellowship Committee Co-Chairman



**HYSTERICAL
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ARCHIVES**

Submitted by Peggy Williams, Archives Chairperson

This is the history of the Pattison Window located in the West foyer:

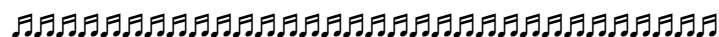
The beautiful stained-glass window which was dedicated on October 13, 1957 was a gift of the people of this Congregation to honor the Reverend and Mrs. John M. Pattison, natives of Ireland and minister of this congregation for 28 years.

The window was designed by the D'Ascenzo Studios of Philadelphia from data obtained by the Deacons from various sources in Northern Ireland and England.

The two principal figures are St. Paul and John Knox. These represent the origin of the Church and the guiding figure of the Presbyterian system during the Reformation. The shield to the left of St. Paul contains the Red hand of Ulster, and to the right the Shamrock of Ireland. The shield to the left of Knox contains the Thistle of Scotland, and to the right the Geneva Cross for Switzerland.

In the predella under St. Paul is the shield of the Government of Northern Ireland, and the two flanking shields show the banners displayed in the supporters thereof. The inscription here is "A faith to live by." In the predella under John Knox is the Shield of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne, and the Shield at the left the Coat of Arms of Ballymena. The Shield at the right contains the Arms of County Antrim. The inscription is "A work to live for."

In the tracery above the window, the Seal of the Presbyterian assembly of Ireland, and the Seal of the General Assembly of the U. S. A. At the left is the Fish and Anchor, emblem of Christ, and on the right is the Cross and Orb, symbolic of the world conquest of his gospel. The Vine (I am the Vine) originates at the base and grows throughout the window.



We would like to encourage anyone having information on past or present members, any documents concerning the same or any of First Presbyterian Church activities, or any items concerning First Presbyterian Church to contact one of the members of this committee. Copies can be made to place in our records and the originals returned to the owner.

If you are interested in serving on this committee or just helping with some of our projects, please contact any member of the committee.

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| Paula Qualls | 638-8805 | Glen Oslund | 638-8884 |
| Mel Qualls | 638-8805 | Peggy Williams | 634-0147 |
| Frances Creech | 638-3787 | Colleen Osborn (out-of-town member) | |
| Ralph DeWyke | 632-8210 | | |

Remember, It is important to know where we have come from as we journey forward making our own history.



Deacon's Beacons

Submitted by Jane Nelson

Prayer is not a string of words, it is a divine piece of work.

– Ruth Paxton

Prayer for others is profound sharing. It focuses our concerns about people in the heart of God. We share God's nature when we talk to Him about people, and one of the greatest gifts we can share is to pray for them.

– John Lloyd Ogilvie

Prayer is releasing the energies of God. For prayer is asking God to do what we cannot do.

– Charles Trumbell

Send a divine piece of work to God for:

Stacy "Skoumal" Adams	Adam George	Margret Jones	Midge Reed
Meryl Adams	Myra George	Kevin Keller	Doris Rogers
Lil Barbour	Emily Graham	Jim Kleine	Cecilia Schadel
Bob Bennett	Joan Gray	Brianna Lutz	Allan Schultz
Jay Brown	Dianne Grimm	Rex Mauch	Joe Strike
R.J. Brown	Mary Gunn	Keith & Janet McIlroy	Bob Sullivan
Scott Coulson	Bob Hale	Kevin McMIndes	Sharon Tuck
Rena Crisp	Mary Hardway	Hal Miller	Lorna Walkley
Jon DeWyke	Marydee Hartsook	Alice Norfleet	Patty Walkley
Robert Drummond	Dan Herman	Colleen Osborn	Margy Will
Glen and Sheri Flyr	Marv Hoflund	Sherry Popham	Greg Wirfel
	Marcy Jacobsen	Tom Price	B.J. Wise

♪♪ Notes & Church News ♪♪

Ushers Needed

The Presbyterian Ushers would like to extend an invitation to the women and men in our congregation to join our ushers at the Sunday morning worship services. Ushers help make those attending comfortable and to feel welcome. If you would like to be an usher, please contact head usher, Ralph DeWyke (632-8210).

New Additions to the Library

In 10 Secrets for Success and Inner Peace, Dr. Wayne Dyer gives helpful ideas to use in your daily life including meditation, having an open mind, and the value of silence. Throughout the book Dyer's deep faith in God is evident. [248.42/Dye]

Simply Understanding the Bible, by Irving Jensen, gives basic information about each book of the Bible such as purpose of writing, author, theme, key verses, important passages, an outline, an overview and key words, etc. The book also contains helpful charts, lists and maps. [220.6/Jen]

The Ten Commandments For Grandparents, by Caryl Waller Krueger, is an excellent source of practical suggestions to help you create and maintain a good relationship with your grandchild. Also included in the handbook is a list of good resources on grandparenting. [306.8/Kru]

Remember that the newest additions to the Library are on the top two shelves above the videos. These 3 books will be displayed on the top shelf at the beginning of October. Help yourself!