

News From The Pews

News of the First Presbyterian Church

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UPCOMING WORSHIP/EVENTS

October 4, 2009 – World Communion Sunday

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: “The Tough and Tender Jesus”

Scriptures: Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16

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October 11, 2009

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: “Looking into Our Souls”

Scriptures: Psalm 22: 1-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16;

Mark 10: 17-31

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October 18, 2009

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: “Jesus’ Warning Label”

Scriptures: Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5: 1-10;

Mark 10: 35-45

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October 25, 2009 – Reformation and Memorial Sunday

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Theme: “The Power That Sets Us Free”

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Romans 3: 19-28;

John 8: 31-36

Rev. Roger Rapp

It's Happening Right Here!

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**Peacemaking
Offering**



October 4, 2009



**REFORMATION / MEMORIAL
SUNDAY**

October 25, 2009



We are delighted that Lee Stover is with us as our youth director. His full-time work with our youth is already beginning to bear fruit in the new relationships he has made with our youth. He is God's answer to our prayers for a full-time youth director. Lee continues to fulfill the congregation's verbal and written expressed desire since 2005 for a full-time youth director.

Pastor

Liz Rich was indeed married to Ben Schreiber on September 5 in the Botanic Gardens. She continues to work for the school district until she leaves for Japan around Christmas.

The search for an Associate Pastor is still in the final form filling out stage. We hope the church information forms will be approved by the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery and our session by October 19. Then we can send our forms into the General Assembly in Louisville, KY. Once that is finalized, the true search will begin. Confidentiality will take place once we begin to receive information from pastors. Confidentiality is vital to protect the identity of the pastors seeking the position and to give the whole process integrity. The APNC will keep us informed as they can about the process. Please do not ask them to reveal who they have been in contact with as they search. Trusting them and God in the search while praying for them will be our responsibility while the seeking process is in place.

New Member Classes will be offered October 4, 11, and 18 from 2-4 p.m. in the church library.

We also have another ministry to consider – it is our overall ministry as committed members of First Presbyterian Church. Our Book of Order gives us a summary as a guide. Fall is a good time to review and renew these opportunities.

Membership as Ministry

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

- proclaiming the good news,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a particular church,
- praying and studying Scripture and the faith of the Christian Church,
- supporting the work of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment.

From the Book of Order G-5.0102a – i

See you in worship,

Bob Garrard



PEACEMAKING:

HELP OTHERS STAY WARM THIS WINTER!

- from Mission Ministry

In honor of this year's Peacemaking campaign, the Deacons and Elders are working together to help those in poverty by collecting warm coats and jackets for people of all ages, including children, from October 11 through October 25.

We know from talking to the local charities here in Cheyenne that these tough economic times have made life very difficult for many in our community and beyond. Hundreds, maybe thousands, will be without winter clothing unless those of us who are able help them out. Half the coats we collect will go to Needs, and the other half will go to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, the poorest reservation in the United States.



We need to donate clean coats, so if you can launder or have coats cleaned and attach a note saying "freshly cleaned," we would really appreciate it! Just hang your donations on the racks in the parlor or in the narthex, the long hall at the front of the church.

We need lots and lots of kids' coats and jackets as well as adult coats. If your children have outgrown last year's coats or if you have children's coats from years past in the far reaches of your closet, please consider pulling them out, cleaning them, and bringing them to the church so some other boy or girl can stay warm this winter!

♪♪ Notes & Church News ♪♪

NOW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

In Choosing Plan A in a Plan B World Jerry White discusses how Christians are tested every day by the lack of values and the activities of the world around us. He looks at 35 difficult choices Christians may have to make in today's secular world. How you respond to each issue can draw you closer to God or pull you further away from him. Issues covered include time, possessions, emotions, relationships, using gifts and abilities, health, retirement, and battling old age. [241.1 Whi]

Arnold Burron and Jerry Crews help us deal with stress in Guaranteed Steps to Managing Stress. Stress is all around us every day, and if allowed to continue or grow in amount, it can have disastrous effects upon us. Burron and Crews help us handle such items as financial difficulties, health problems, fear of failure, facing

unexpected tragedy, and relationships in a spiritual way. They show how we can not only cope with stress but use it to our advantage. [248.4 Bur]

Dennis Rainey says that in many busy families today the marriage partners are moving toward isolation and loneliness. In Lonely Husbands, Lonely Wives he talks about how a couple can move from such isolation to greater intimacy. He covers seven threats to marriage unity which are the economy, viewpoint of society, family difficulties, challenge of raising children, changes in types of recreation, level of religious life, pattern of authority, effects of women working and marriage expectations. He talks about improving communication and building a team that not only prevents isolation but becomes an influence in the community. [248.8 Rai]

COLLEGE STUDENTS (and families)

The Christian Education Ministry would like to keep in touch with members who are attending college either away from town or here in Cheyenne. So if you or any of your kids are a college student, (full or part time) we would greatly appreciate it if you would let us know by sending the student's name, address and email address for the current school year and name of school to George Barnes via one of these means: email george.kay.barnes@att.net, snail mail 322 West 7th Avenue, Cheyenne WY 82001, or by phone: (307) 778-7445. (If no one is home, leave the information at the beep, or leave a message and I'll get back to you pronto.) Or leave the information at the church office. Many thanks.

From Your Finance Ministry

Dear Fellow Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

Your Finance Ministry is keeping you up to date on the financial condition of the church. This is our report as of August 31, 2009.

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| This is the money we anticipated coming into the church to date: | \$357,714.24 |
| This is the amount of money we received: | <u>\$316,166.52</u> |
| This is the resulting income deficit: | (\$ 41,547.72) |

We thank you for the generous support you have given so far. As you can see, we need even more of your financial help to sustain our ministry of "Bringing People Together in Christ's Love."

Sincerely in Christ,
 Your Finance Ministry
 Brenda Wilson, Chair
 Deb Sanchez
 Clint Jessen

Women of First Presbyterian Church

Submitted by Kay Barnes

MISSION NEWS FOR WOMEN

Two more Saturday stitching workshops will be held October 3rd and 17th to make items for mission projects. We'll gather in the parlor and library from 10 a.m. to noon to cut and tie fleece blankets for the Linus Project, tie quilts for Safehouse, knit or crochet baby hats for newborns in Africa and work on afghans for several groups, while we enjoy a time of fellowship. There is something to do for every skill level so we hope you'll join us. For more info contact Ann Lembke (634-4677). If you prefer to work on blankets or quilts at home, call Ann to arrange to get materials. If you wish to knit or crochet, contact Kay Barnes (778-7445) for materials and patterns.

We still collect Campbell soup labels and Box Tops For Education. Ann requests you leave the soup label whole or cut them very carefully so the UPC bar code and bar code numbers are preserved. If those numbers or part of the bar code are missing the label can't be used. Labels and box tops may be placed in the marked container on the card table in the parlor.

Safehouse has indicated that they presently need food and personal items but not clothes, books, games or puzzles. They greatly appreciate our help. Items can be placed in the laundry basket on the floor in the parlor.

A reminder: If you wish to donate to the Living Waters for the World Project we learned about from Norm Soden at our September 11th meeting, you should make the check out to First Presbyterian Church and put "Living Waters" on the memo line. The church will forward our donations.

We will be having a "warmth tree" again this December so keep this in mind as you shop and find good prices on caps, hats, socks, mittens, scarves, etc.





THANK YOU!
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- Dear Friends,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for me and my family in the loss of my brother, Dr. Donald Mason. Your calls, cards, and concerns are truly appreciated.
Myrtle Forney

- Dear Church Family,
Thank you to everyone and to Bob Garrard for the huge bouquet of flowers and all the Happy Birthday wishes. I really did appreciate everything and the birthday party my son hosted for me!
Evelyn Johnston

- Dear Church Family,
From the bottom of my heart, I wanted to thank all of you for all the prayers and condolences on the passing of my uncle. He was in pain for so long, that while his presence will be missed, we are all so grateful that he is in a better place.
Thank you again!! Dave Haring

- Thank you all so much for the wonderful college scholarship that you so graciously provided. I appreciate your support, the same support I have always felt from my church. You have helped me take the next step to becoming a youth minister. You have all been so amazing. Thank you!
God bless you all, Matt Woodard

- We are so thankful for Rev. Bob Garrard and Rev. Roger Rapp for performing the baptism of our Emery Anna Schnick on September 16, 2009. It means so much to us to have her special ceremony at our home church and to have the congregation embrace Emery into the First Presbyterian Church family. We are also so appreciative for the gifts we received from the Christian Education Department, the Presbyterian Women, and Ike Bowling to commemorate such an important event. We are eternally grateful to all for making Emery's baptism so wonderful.

In Christian love, Melissa, Justin, Connor, and Emery Schnick

Thank You!
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Submitted by Peggy Williams



HYSTERICAL HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

More information about John Calvin as the Reformed world celebrates the 500th anniversary of his birth.

DID YOU KNOW: Calvin felt that congregational singing is a foundational element of worship, "like a spur to incite us to pray to and to praise God, to meditate on his works, that we may love, fear, honor, and glorify him."

This information was taken from a recent issue of Presbyterian Today and the PCUSA web site.

Before the Protestant Reformation the singing of the Psalms was generally done by a select group of performers, not by the entire congregation. John Calvin understood that the entire congregation was to participate in praising God in the worship service. Already in his famous work *Institutes of the Christian Religion* of 1536, he speaks of the importance of the singing of Psalms. Later in Articles for the organization of the church and its worship in Geneva, January 16, 1537, Calvin writes the following: "it is a thing most expedient for the edification of the church to sing some psalms in the form of public prayers by which one prays to God or sings His praises so that the hearts of all may be roused and stimulated to make similar prayers and to render similar praises and thanks to God with a common love." For this reason he wanted to create a song book in a form easily accessible to the people.

After being forced to move away from Geneva in 1538, Calvin settled in Strasbourg. He joined the Huguenot Congregation there where he also led numerous worship services. It was in Strasbourg where he got familiar with the German versification of the Psalms written by Martin Luther and others. Calvin took these songs to his French congregation for which he wrote some metrical versifications himself. His own versions of the Psalms were apparently not of sufficient quality and he turned to the French court poet, Clement Marot who already versified most of the psalms in French during the first part of the sixteenth century.

This information was found in Wikipedia on the Internet.

Don't forget to put your pennies in the Pennies for Stained Glass jar toward the rear of the sanctuary. We aren't able to empty the Penny Jar very often but when we do, we usually find \$100.00 or so. We need to continue saving our pennies as this fund goes toward any maintenance or cleaning needed on our beautiful windows. Try putting your age in pennies every year on your birthday.

If you are interested in serving on the Archives Committee or just helping with some of our projects, please contact any of the following members.

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| Paula Qualls | 638-8805 | Ralph DeWyke | 632-8210 |
| Mel Qualls | 638-8805 | Glen Oslund | 638-8884 |
| Frances Creech | 638-3787 | Peggy Williams | 634-0147 |

**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

Love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy; it has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. This is what love looks like.

– Augustus of Hippo (350-430)

Call, write, speak—make today a day of caring...and then spend the rest of your life duplicating today.

– Lloyd John Ogilvie

Dear Father, we thank Thee for food and rest, for work and play. Make us mindful of those who hunger. Help us to be sensitive to our neighbors' needs and teach us to share both our blessing and ourselves. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

– Dr. James R. Carroll

Make this a Day of Caring For:

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| Sharol Acheson | Robert Drummond | Margret Jones | J.O. Reed |
| Stacy "Skoumal" Adams | Pat Fairbanks | Roshni Joseph | Midge Reed |
| Meryl Adams | Glen Flyr | Jim Kleine | Noah Roberts |
| Lil Barbour | Adam George | Mary Jane Larson | Doris Rogers |
| Richard Beauchamp | Rev. George | Ann Lembke | Patti Sandison |
| John Bishop | Joan Gray | Alice Mabie | Nelson Santiago |
| Betty Brown | Dianne Grimm | Richard McCleery | Celia Schadel |
| Delbert Brown | Marydee Hartsook | Kevin McMIndes | Allan Schultz |
| Jay Brown | Pam Haswell | John Metzke | Jean Marie Seitz |
| R.J. Brown | Pat Hawk | Hal Miller | Susan Sexton |
| Bonnie Carley | David Hettler | Carol Moench | Dorothy Wagner |
| Eric Case | Marv Hoflund | Kari Pace-Murdoch | Bruce Whearty |
| Luz Chavarria | Karen Hruby | Joe Norris | Allen White |
| Scott Coulson | Marcy Jacobsen | Linda Norris | Margy Will |
| | | Sherry Popham | B.J. Wise |



