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A READERS` THEATRE-STYLE MURDER MYSTERY!

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Pastor Barney Bumble has been murdered at the Hard Knox Presbyterian Church's Annual Pre-Christmas Pageant Fellowship Dinner. Everyone is a suspect as the City's Finest Detective, Sam Diamond, tries to solve the case before the killer can strike again! Be ready for wacky plot twists! The audience will get a chance to guess the killer's identity- and not even the cast members will know who it is 'til the performance!

If you'd like to be in the show:

A sign-up sheet will be circulated prior to worship on Sunday, October 4th or you can e-mail Kerry at kerrybean@frontiernet.net All ages welcome, including children as young as 8 years old. Rehearsals will begin Monday evening 10/12 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We also need folks to serve as waiters and waitresses.

If you'd like to attend the show:

Tickets will go on sale Sunday, October 11. The price per ticket is \$10.00. You can get them from Jeri Brooks or Barb Kelly or by stopping by the Church Office on Monday or Tuesday afternoons. They will also be sold at the door. A Fellowship Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30pm. The "curtain" for Act One will rise at 7:00pm. Dessert will be served during Intermission.

We hope you can join us for this evening of fun and fellowship... and foul play!

**TOP
STORIES**

- **Murder Mystery at the Fellowship Hall!**
- **The Harvest Thanksgiving Campaign!**
- **Lakota Reservation Donations!**
- **Hand in Hand celebrating 17 years!**

MEET YOUR SESSION MEMBERS!

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PASTOR'S PAGE

The Harvest Thanksgiving Campaign

I want to thank all of you who have been reading these newsletter articles and attending the congregational meetings about the financial challenges that First Presbyterian Church(USA) of Tolono is presently facing. It's never fun to talk about expenses outrunning income or the rapid dwindling of financial assets. But it is an opportunity for us to discern what the ministries of our church will look like in the months and years to come. Yes, these are hard times right now. But, no, we are not coming to the end of anything. We are on a journey of faith (as always), and it so happens that we have simply arrived at a fork in the road. All we have to do is figure out which way God is calling us to go.

That's not always an easy thing to know. Sometimes any choice we make will be a costly one. Once we make a decision, other options evaporate. Trusting God can sometimes feel that taking that famous *leap of faith*.

Our Session has decided that we- the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church- should have the chance to experience that big, bold step of faith. And so we are all being asked to participate in the Harvest Thanksgiving Campaign. This is not a complicated process, nor will it be heavy-handed.

What will happen is simply this: that between now and early November, you will receive regular mailings showing what our current missions and ministries are, and explaining the costs involved in providing them.

We'll also remind you that you have a chance to participate in the Campaign by:

- 1) making a **special donation to the church** to help us meet 2009 expenses, and
- 2) **signing a pledge card for 2010** so we can create a more accurate budget.

We will have a special service of praise and thanksgiving during worship on **Sunday, November 8th**, which will be highlighted by the receiving of the Campaign's gifts and pledges. I hope you will make every effort to attend.

It is a **Thanksgiving** service because we will be giving thanks to God for all that we have received, and for the promised blessings of the future, as well. The Harvest Thanksgiving Campaign gives us all a chance to share our blessings with others through the church.

Please pray and ask God how you can mostly wisely use your resources to support the ministries of our church.

Peace,

Rev. Kerry Bean, Designated Pastor

LAKOTA RESERVATIONS WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

Please continue to bring in winter clothing for the Lakota (Sioux) reservations in South Dakota. There are boxes in the CE Building Lobby and the church in which you can put your donations of coats, hats, boots, mittens, gloves, scarves, and sweaters for the reservation. All sizes are needed. Please make sure that the items are either new or in gently used condition (clean, no rips or tears, etc.). Donations to help cover the cost of postage are also appreciated.

HAND-IN-HAND DAYCARE/PRESCHOOL CELEBRATES 17 YEARS!

Opening the doors to the Hand-In-Hand Daycare/Preschool has been a blessing for the community and church. Thank you to all the church supporters and Daycare Board Members that have given us the opportunity to serve many families in Tolono and surrounding areas. A HUGE thanks goes to Tracy Wilson who makes sure that the daycare runs smoothly and who has been such a blessing as Director. We also cannot forget to thank all of the past and present teachers, aides, cooks, and cleaning crew!

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Birthdays!
 10-4 Deb Robeck
 10-7 Shannon Flavin
 10-10 Mary Lou Bedient,
 Staci Kamradt,
 Carol Huizenga, and
 Andy Maxwell
 10-11 Bill Maxwell
 10-22 Elizabeth Hulick
 and Dorothy Little

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Worship 10:30am	5	6	7 WYN 5:30pm	8	9	10
11 Worship 10:30am	12	13 7pm Session	14 WYN 5:30pm	15	16	17
18 Worship 10:30am	19 Friends Lunch	20	21 WYN 5:30pm	22	23	24
25 Murder Mystery 6pm	26	27	28 WYN 5:30pm	29	30	31

Anniversaries!
 10-24 Gavin & Jean Ellen Steele
 10-25 Kyle & Staci Kamradt

Lay Leaders 10-4 Cary Woolard 10-11 Bonnie Woolard
 10-18 Jeff Fisher 10-25 Susie Fisher

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Worship is every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Adult Sunday School is at 9:15am and Children Sunday School is at 9:30am.

The Quilting Group meets every Wednesday at 1pm in the church basement. All are welcome!

The Friends of the Church meet for lunch of the third Monday of each month at 11:30am at the Hometown Buffet on North Prospect in Champaign. Everyone is welcome to join!