

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 2

8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens service
1:00 p.m. Church Conference

Sunday, December 9

10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program

Saturday, December 15

6:00 p.m. "Sing We Now of Christmas" Dinner Theater

Sunday, December 16

6:00 p.m. "Sing We Now of Christmas" Dinner Theater

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship:
3:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m. and Communion

Tuesday, December 25

Merry Christmas! Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Happy New Year! Office Closed

Homecoming

Something in me is stirring;
I think it's the part of me
that waits in lonely exile
and yearns for a homeland.

It's the hidden part of me
that wanders aimlessly,
stumbling in the dark,
crying to be found.

O God of exiles and strangers,
find the homeless parts of me;
guide them toward yourself,
for you are my promised land.

Take the stranger inside of me
and find familiar soil for it.
Keep me mindful of the Emmanuel,
whose sojourn brought a glimpse of home.

Joyce Rupp



The Season of Giving

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported McCabe UMC this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit McCabe's website: www.mccabeumc.com or contact the church office for more information.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers:

Jim & Sharon Miller and family on the death of Jim's father, J. Quinten Miller, of Beresford, SD, on October 19, 2012.

Family & friends of Vivian Schafer, of Bismarck, ND, who died October 21, 2011.

Friends of Jennifer Bitz, of Bismarck, ND, who died, October 28, 2012.
(Vivian & Jennifer were volunteers for the SAY Yes After School program and will be greatly missed.)

James & Gail Sperry and family on the death of Gail's mother, Evelyn Brogan, of Bismarck, ND, on October 30, 2012.

Arloene Laskowski and Dr. John & April Laskowski on the death of Arloene's husband, and John's father, Dr. Edward Laskowski, of Bismarck, ND, on November 19, 2012.

Congratulations to:

Jon & Tonja (Knutson) Beach, on the birth of their daughter, Peyton Olivia, on October 3, 2012. Peyton's big sister is Harper, her grandparents are Rod & Deanne Knutson, and great-grandparents are Duane & Lois Peightal.



Open Door Blessing Trees

During Advent the Missions Work Area will have two trees designated for raising funds for the Open Door Community Center. Help us decorate the Blessing Trees by donation \$5 for a red ornament, \$10 for a silver ornament, and \$15 or more for a gold ornament.

The children and the programs of Open Door are so vital in today's world. We are asking you to help support the programs of the Open Door through your generous gifts so that their mission may continue to reach out to the children. What a glorious way to share in the joy of the birth of Jesus.

If you would like to give your gift in the name of a friend or family member, please indicate on your check. We will list all of the designated contributions in the February issue of *The Messenger*.



"Sing A Song of Christmas" Dinner Theater

The McCabe Chancel Choir will be presenting its 2nd annual Christmas Dinner Theater. The dates are December 15th and 16th at 6:00 p.m. each night. This is our best fundraiser for financing our European Mission and Performance Tour this coming May.

Our head chefs for the dinner will be Deb Martinson and Pat Vannett. If you liked last year's meal, you will love our Italian cuisine this year.

Our line-up of talent for the night will be very special as well. We will hear from the Chancel Choir and ensembles. We will tap our toes to the wonderful music of Diane and Harvey Schilling. We will have a Mother/Son duet by Linda and Austin Fisher and a solo by our own, Karen Nicholson. The Rings of Glory will also be featured in our show.

Starting November 20, you may purchase tickets from any choir member or in the church office. The price is all-inclusive: Dinner and Show- \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children ages 3 thru 12.

Doris and Ed Landerholm

Several years ago, Doris and Ed Landerholm made the McCabe Top Ten List for those who had been part of the church the longest. Today, Ed at 96 and Doris, aged 87, continue to be a vital part of our church family.



If you have admired the lovely pillows that adorn the benches around the church, you have enjoyed Doris' handiwork. She sewed multiple pillow covers, to be changed monthly according to the seasons. Ed made many wooden items, which Doris painted and turned into decorations which she used to make McCabe's library/meeting room attractive and inviting. "We were a good team," Doris said. This fall, Doris and Ed decided it was time to pass the torch; Linda Suko and her sister Beth Swanson are continuing the tradition with the Landerholm decorations.

The walls of the Landerholm living room are filled with beautiful paintings, most created by Doris. Doris said her love of art began in grade school when her regular country school teacher had a substitute for two weeks. The substitute teacher encouraged Doris and allowed her freedom in her art. "You never know," Doris said, "when a brief encounter with a young child will change your life forever."

Doris explained the years of service Ed has given to the church. He was on the Board of Trustees for many years. She remembered, about twenty years ago, that a bench was in such bad shape it was going to be thrown out. Ed asked if he could give it a try, and he restored it. You will find that bench by the little chapel/music room, adorned by a music note pillow, of course. He restored a plant stand which is in the back of the church. When the offering plates were going to be replaced, Ed took them home, and with much work, managed to remove the dingy lacquer. Those offering plates are still in use. Doris herself has been a cook at the church, a Sunday school and Confirmation teacher. Children of the depression, the Landerholms have long practiced, not 'making do', but 'making better' with hard work and materials at hand. Doris doesn't accept praise easily for their efforts; she said there are many people who have done more for McCabe.

The McCabe relationship goes back many decades. Because Doris' family lived on a farm far from town, their churchgoing had been limited mainly to funerals and weddings, though her mother read the Bible to them. Doris shared that some of her early church experiences were of "Hell fire and damnation" preaching. "It was a fearful thing for me. It was very scary. What a change to come to McCabe and to have a different experience." It was after they moved to a farm closer to Bismarck that her entire family – mother, father, brother, two sisters, and she – were privately baptized together in "the old McCabe church." Doris said this was shortly before her confirmation in 1938.

Lois' brother Bernard introduced her to his friend Edwin Landerholm. Ed was a farm boy, and his early experience was similar to Doris'. He was confirmed at the Bismarck Swedish Lutheran Church which was on 7th Street. Ed was nine years older than Doris, which her mother pointed out. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, Ed joined the army. "Doris came down from the school to see me off," Ed said, "and I told her, if you will just wait until I come back, we will start from where we left." She was willing.

Ed said he was in the war from the beginning to the end. He recalled "sleeping in the hole. Even when you had a lot of [bombs] dropping on us or shooting at us, you still have to sleep." Doris prompted Ed to tell of one particular morning when he woke up in his foxhole. Ed responded with a grin, "I woke up every morning." But this particular morning, the men, in their camouflaged foxholes, woke up and realized the German soldiers had been walking among them but hadn't discovered them. "I felt good about Germany," Ed said when peace came. The civilians treated the soldiers well. "I think the girls wanted the soldiers to marry them," Ed shared, so they could go to the USA. "I could have married some nice girls out there," Ed teased, but he knew he had a special girl back home waiting for him.

Ed was in the service four years. "There is always some good in things," Doris said of those years, "because I grew up, matured, graduated from high school and had a job. I was very much a different person, but so was he. We still had that spark."

Ed became a businessman and, 65 years ago, he and Doris married in "the old McCabe Church" and eventually brought each of the three children born to them for baptism there. Their daughter is head of a special education department, their first son answered the call from God and is a minister, their second son has prospered with his computer education. They are proud of their seven grandchildren, who have followed in their

. . . . Doris & Ed Landerholm continued

parents' footsteps. With joy, Doris said they are waiting for the birth of their first great-grandchild this month.

When asked how they managed to raise successful children who in turn raised successful grandchildren for them, Doris modestly responds, "It was the work of the Lord; we just didn't have any equipment to work with to raise kids. We were just people, you know." The kids were raised "in church." She adds with pride, "They are all giving to society, not taking from it."

Doris said she and Ed have danced though life. They earned an award for 50 years of square dancing, and Doris still treats herself to a Friday morning line dancing class.

McCabe thanks you, Doris and Ed, for your decades of selfless volunteer work. You are a blessing and an inspiration to your church family.

Shepherd's Run

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Luke 2:8

The region --Bismarck/Mandan. **The shepherds**-- community service people, caregivers, providers of daily and travel necessities. **The field** -- fire and safety protection, health care, food and road services. **The flocks** -- our families, friends and fellow citizens.

As we celebrate Christ's birth at the Christmas Eve services, let us also reach out in joyful love to those who are serving our cities that evening. Your gratitude can be shared through **The Shepherd's Run**. Assemble a tray, basket, gift box, or gift bag of special treats. Bring it to the worship service you attend and leave it on designated tables in the Great Hall. **Or**--offer to be a "runner" delivering a thank you gift to one of the shepherds. Following the worship service you attend on Christmas Eve, stop in the Great Hall and pick up one of the provided treats and pick a card telling you where to deliver it. The card will include the address and phone number in case you need to call them.

Gifts might include homemade goodies or commercially packaged treats--some agencies cannot accept homemade food products from the public. Specifically, plates of cookies, candies, selections of meats and cheeses plus crackers, cans of nuts, prepackaged snacks, fruit baskets, veggies and dip trays . . . all will be appreciated.

Cards will be prepared by the Missions Work Area offering a message of thanks for the services the recipients are providing. The notes should be attached to the package you pick.

Watch for **The Shepherd's Run** display in the Great Hall, beginning December 2nd. There will be signup sheets for participants to indicate the roles they wish to play in this mission to our community. If you have questions, please call 250-7303.

The people of McCabe have great and generous hearts. This is but another opportunity to share the love of God which is so abundantly given to each of us.

Hanging of the Greens

Advent, a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas, starts on the fourth Sunday before December 25. On this first Sunday of Advent, December 2 at the 10:00 a.m. service, we at McCabe prepare our sanctuary for the coming of our Saviour. We are enlightened with the significance of the bells, wreaths, poinsettias, etc. as the sanctuary is decorated for the season. It is the most anticipated Sunday of the year!



The Hanging of the Greens is a stunning celebration but not without the help of many volunteers behind the scenes. On the day before, Saturday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m., your help is essential to get the greens and other decorations ready. There are simple jobs for every age and ability; if you can't stand for long periods of time there are greens to be fluffed while sitting, if you can climb a ladder, there are wreaths and banners that need to be hung, trees to be put together and decorated, and many more odd jobs.

Holiday music fills the air while we work. Treats are provided to warm our tummies and give us energy as this morning fills our hearts with warm anticipation for the coming of Christmas.

Come join in this joyous preparation on Saturday, December 1, starting at 9:00 a.m.!

Mark Your Calendar for Link'n Gather

Family activities where children, youth, and adults can build friendships while having fun, growing in faith, and serving. Something different every month!

Dec. 9 Jan. 27 March 10
 Feb. 10 Apr. 7



Link'n Gather

Sunday, December 2
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Meet in Fellowship Hall

Go caroling in groups to McCabe members & others. Return to the church for refreshments.



The next Link'n Gather is January 27, 2013.

Christian Education Work Area is committed to the children and families of McCabe. Our goal with Link'n Gather is to promote fellowship among all attendees in a relaxed environment while engaging in a mission project.

The Family Link!

"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

We need your family to participate. Families are defined as: Traditional families or blended families or single folks young and/or old. You can be a family of one or a family of many. You are encouraged to participate. Please invest fifteen minutes every day and follow these simple steps:

- Socialize
- Read Scripture (verses provided)
- Talk about Scripture
- Pray
- Bless

A famous senator once said, *"And it is time for those who talk about family values to start valuing families."* Please join us on our journey to strengthen the family.

Family Link Scriptures for December

Saturday, December 1 <i>Mark 14:32-42</i>	Tuesday, December 18 <i>Exodus 33:12-17</i>
Sunday, December 2 <i>Luke 1:46-55</i>	Wednesday, December 19 <i>Luke 6:27-31</i>
Monday, December 3 <i>Psalms 119:105-112</i>	Thursday, December 20 <i>Matthew 6:9-13</i>
Tuesday, December 4 <i>Luke 12:22-31</i>	Friday, December 21 <i>Luke 1:26-33</i>
Wednesday, December 5 <i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>	Saturday, December 22 <i>Deuteronomy 11:13-21</i>
Thursday, December 6 <i>Romans 8:5-14</i>	Sunday, December 23 <i>John 1:9-14</i>
Friday, December 7 <i>Matthew 2:1-15</i>	Monday, December 24 <i>1 John 1:1-7</i>
Saturday, December 8 <i>Romans 12:4-13</i>	Tuesday, December 25 <i>John 1:35-41</i>
Sunday, December 9 <i>Luke 1:5-24, 57-80</i>	Wednesday, December 26 <i>Matthew 6:19-21</i>
Monday, December 10 <i>Psalms 126:1-6</i>	Thursday, December 27 <i>1 Peter 1:23-25</i>
Tuesday, December 11 <i>Acts 2:41-47</i>	Friday, December 28 <i>Ephesians 1:11-14</i>
Wednesday, December 12 <i>Thessalonians 5:14-18</i>	Saturday, December 29 <i>Romans 8:22-30</i>
Thursday, December 13 <i>Ephesians 2:4-10</i>	Sunday, December 30 <i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</i>
Friday, December 14 <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	Monday, December 31 <i>Luke 4:16-21</i>
Saturday, December 15 <i>Luke 2:8-15</i>	
Sunday, December 16 <i>Genesis 18:1-14</i>	
Monday, December 17 <i>Romans 8:35-39</i>	



Wholly Healthy

Greetings McCabe friends,

Rejoice! We are entering the wonderful season of Advent! Impossible as it seems, it is time for us to prepare our hearts and minds for our journey to the lowly manger scene. May we find time to reflect and prepare for this most joyous journey.

ONE OF MY MOTTOS IN LIFE IS, "WHEN IN DOUBT, BREATHE"! IT SEEMS WE FORGET TO BREATHE AS WE SCURRY THROUGH OUR BUSY DAYS. A LITTLE EXERCISE TO HELP US DO THIS IS TO SIT DOWN IN A COMFORTABLE POSITION, PLACE OUR HANDS ON OUR LAP WITH OUR PALMS FACING UPWARD AND TAKE IN SEVERAL SLOW, DEEP BREATHS THROUGH THE NOSE AND OUT THE MOUTH. THIS CAN BE DONE ANYWHERE AND ANYTIME AND TAKES ONLY A MINUTE. IT IS AMAZING HOW JUST STOPPING TO BREATHE CAN WASH US WITH CALM, BRING US BACK TO FOCUS AND RELIEVE OUR FEARS AND ANXIETIES. PLEASE MAKE TIME FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE ADVENT SEASON AND BREATHE IN THE RENEWING SPIRIT OF GOD.

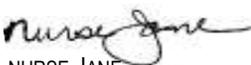
Our Faithfully Fit exercise class will be taking a little break over the Christmas season. Our last class before the new year will be Monday, December 17th and we will reunite again on Monday, January 7th at 10:00 in the Great Hall. Come and join us for fun, fellowship and fitness.

I STILL HAVE A FEW FLU SHOTS LEFT AND AVAILABLE TO THOSE 18 AND OLDER. PLEASE CONTACT ME THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE, 255-1160, IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE FLU SHOT. IF IT IS DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO GET TO THE CHURCH PLEASE CONTACT ME AND I WILL BRING IT OUT TO YOUR HOME.

Through the generosity of our McCabe family, several types of adaptive equipment such as walkers, reachers, and crutches have been donated and are available for your use. If you find yourself in need of this equipment please contact me through the church office and I will happily assist you in selecting the proper equipment. The equipment is in very good condition and may be borrowed for the time needed.

IN THE AFTERMATH OF WHAT I CALLED "GRAY THURSDAY, BLACK FRIDAY, AND CYBER MONDAY MAY I SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY OF "SERENE SUNDAY"? PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL SEASON OF GODS' LOVE. AND REMEMBER, WHEN IN DOUBT.....BREATHE!

God bless,


NURSE JANE

P.S. A little boy stood proudly in front of the congregation and sang, with great gusto, the words of his favorite Christmas hymn. "While shepherds washed their socks by night!"

MAY YOU ALL ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!!



Have you ever thought about how you can volunteer? Maybe you think you do not have enough time or that you just don't know if you know how. Well...Christian Education has a place for you.

We are looking for people to assist in a wide variety of ways from decorating for seasons, helping with Link'n Gather, join our committee, mailing post cards, etc. You name it, we can find a place for you.

Time, you say... How about if we say you pick the time and we will line up the work. Think about how you can help with your time and talents.

Contact Floramay Miller (255.1160) or Kerri Schlecht, Chairperson of Christian Education (255.4688) or at kjschlecht@yahoo.com.

Movies @ McCabe

The all-new **Movies @ McCabe** series will bring entertaining and thoughtful movies to the Great Hall the first Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Popcorn and some drinks will be available, but you can also bring your own refreshments to enjoy. Bring your family, bring your friends – everyone is invited to come and share in the fun! Here is a list of movies to be shown:

December 1: *The Nativity Story*
February 2: *Ground Hog Day*
March 2: *The Straight Story*
April 6: *A Small Act*
May 4: *Millions*

Movies range from very kid-friendly to more teen and adult oriented fare. **Parents can check reviews at <http://www.common sense media.org> to find out about each film in advance.**



Family Link Scriptures for January

Tuesday, January 1 <i>Psalms 119:1-8</i>	Friday, January 18 <i>2 Corinthians 4:6-12</i>
Wednesday, January 2 <i>Jeremiah 29:1-7</i>	Saturday, January 19 <i>Psalms 32:6-11</i>
Thursday, January 3 <i>Revelation 2:1-7</i>	Sunday, January 20 <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-27</i>
Friday, January 4 <i>1 Kings 17:17-23</i>	Monday, January 21 <i>Psalms 139:1-18</i>
Saturday, January 5 <i>Psalms 31:14-24</i>	Tuesday, January 22 <i>Matthew 18:10-14</i>
Sunday, January 6 <i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>	Wednesday, January 23 <i>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</i>
Monday, January 7 <i>1 Corinthians 13:8-12</i>	Thursday, January 24 <i>Titus 3:3-7</i>
Tuesday, January 8 <i>Psalms 143:1-11</i>	Friday, January 25 <i>Genesis 39:1-23</i>
Wednesday, January 9 <i>Revelation 21:1-7</i>	Saturday, January 26 <i>John 10:14-16</i>
Thursday, January 10 <i>Genesis 1:26-28</i>	Sunday, January 27 <i>Psalms 121:1-8</i>
Friday, January 11 <i>1 Corinthians 3:5-11</i>	Monday, January 28 <i>Genesis 18:1-15</i>
Saturday, January 12 <i>1 Corinthians 13:1-7</i>	Tuesday, January 29 <i>Ephesians 2:1-10</i>
Sunday, January 13 <i>Colossians 3:1-4</i>	Wednesday, January 30 <i>Genesis 1:1-5</i>
Monday, January 14 <i>2 Corinthians 6:1-2</i>	Thursday, January 31 <i>Job 2:11-13</i>
Tuesday, January 15 <i>Matthew 5:38-48</i>	
Wednesday, January 16 <i>Psalms 103:8-13</i>	
Thursday, January 17 <i>Matthew 25:31-46</i>	



Christmas: Our December 6 Unit Meeting will be at noon. Lunch, provided by unit officers, will feature a delicious turkey casserole, fresh cranberry sauce, coleslaw and desert. We

will have a Christmas program and hear about the Salvation Army here in Bismarck/ Mandan. The business portion of the meeting will include installation of 2013 Officers and approval of our 2013 budget. Guests are always welcome!

2013 McCabe UMW Directory: Edna Boardman and Sharon Miller are working on our McCabe United Methodist Women's Directory for 2013. This booklet is such a great resource for everyone in our UMW and at McCabe, so be sure to let them know of changes and additions.

Our 2013 Officers will be President- Bonnie Elefson, Secretary - Edna Boardman, Treasurer- Sharon Miller and Secretary- Edna Boardman. The search continues for a Vice President.

Dates to Remember: December 12: UMW Executive 10:00 a.m. Circles will meet as arranged. Look for more dates in your new UMW directory.

January 2013: Our United Methodist Women will serve as Greeters and Ushers for service at McCabe. This is our way to say thank you to our church and to get to the know people who are here.

Personal: My two year term as your President has been rewarding. Our group faces the same challenges of most organizations in our changing times; we struggle to maintain our membership and cannot do everything that we used to do. I am encouraged and have been continually amazed by the friendship, financial support and love you show our fellow members, our church family and everyone we touch in the world through our mission.

UMW Purpose: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

For McCabe UMW, Marlette Pittman



Thank you to all the people who brought "Meals for Celebrating" to go with turkeys distributed by Community Action Program for Thanksgiving meals. Extra items will go into their pantry for Backpacks for Kids and community use.

Thank you to the McCabe Still-in-rehearsal Players for putting on a play for church school children and attendees of the 9:00 brunch on Nov. 4. The play was "Rahab and the Spies". Cast members were Mike Briggs, Parrell Grossman, Andrew Holen, Ben Holen, Kyle Joersz and Tina Mitchell. Steve Miller did lights.

Thank you to the McCabe Players who put on the skit, "Putting Baby to Bed", at the three worship services Sunday, November 11. They were Marvia Boettcher, Dave Hagler and Jackee Rohrich.

Thank you for your donation to help us move forward after the flood of 2011 which decimated Faith. We have had services in our new church for one month. Praise the Lord! Blessings, Minot Faith United Methodist

THANK YOU. McCabe sent 273 shoe boxes to the Spirit Lake Ministry Center so that the children on the reservations might have a merrier Christmas along with learning the story of the birth of our Savior. 184 of those boxes came directly from McCabe people and the other 89 were from someone we refer to affectionately as the "shoebox lady." What a gift of love from all and we are most grateful for your response. May we all feel the love and gratitude in our hearts of those children.

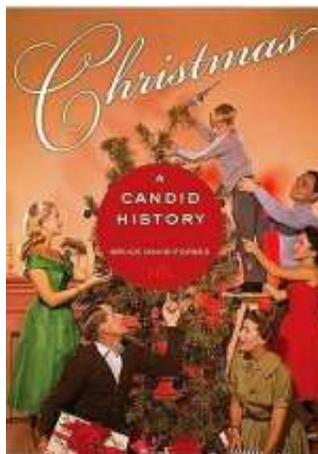


Link'n Gather

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2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Meet in Fellowship Hall

Watch the bulletins for more details.

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Christmas Celebrations

Join Pastor Ray for a discussion about Christmas Celebrations. Our source will be: *Christmas, A Candid History*, written by Pastor Bruce Forbes. Bruce is a pastor from the Dakotas Conference and a professor at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA.

Wednesday: November 28 - December 19, at 6:45 p.m.
Sunday: December 2 - 23, at 9:00 a.m.
The office will order 10 copies of the book. Cost \$20 each (paperback.) Purchase the book or just join in the discussion.

Written for everyone who loves and is simultaneously driven crazy by the holiday season. *Christmas: A Candid History* provides an enlightening, entertaining perspective on how the annual Yuletide celebration got to be what it is today. In a fascinating, concise tour through history, the book tells the story of Christmas--from its pre-Christian roots, through the birth of Jesus, to the holiday's spread across Europe into the Americas and beyond, and to its mind-boggling transformation through modern consumerism. Packed with intriguing stories, based on research into myriad sources, full of insights, the book explores the historical origins of traditions including Santa, the reindeer, gift giving, the Christmas tree, Christmas songs and movies, and more. The book also offers some provocative ideas for reclaiming the joy and meaning of this beloved, yet often frustrating, season amid the pressures of our fast-paced consumer culture.

DID YOU KNOW

For three centuries Christians did not celebrate Christmas?

Puritans in England and New England made Christmas observances illegal?

St. Nicholas is an *elf* in the famous poem "The Night Before Christmas"?

President Franklin Roosevelt changed the date of Thanksgiving in order to lengthen the Christmas shopping season?

Coca-Cola helped fashion Santa Claus's look in an advertising campaign?

(Taken from amazon.com)



Christian Ed Notebook

Visit McCabe's Bibleland Children's Department

Upstairs in the Education Wing
Accessible by stairs or elevator

Advent Sundays December 2, 9, and 16

Advent is the perfect time to come and see the newest murals in McCabe's Bibleland Children's Department. Room E5 depicts the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, our Savior. From the quiet village set amongst fields to the nativity setting of a stable, to the shepherds on a lonely hillside to the three magi astride camels coming from afar, it is all there. We thank the North Dakota Painting Club for giving their creative talents and long hours to creating this beautiful setting.



Room E5 is the setting for Springboard Station, the place where Sunday morning kids kickoff the weekly lesson with snack, music, a video visit to Leaper's Point and a Bible story. This takes place under the leadership of Travel Guide, Justin Balzer and Conductor, Mick McGrath at 9:00 and 10:00 each Sunday. At the half-hour the children break into two class groups and go to separate rooms for more activities and discussion.

Refreshments will be served in the Bibleland hallway. Look in at the other five rooms with murals depicting Creation, Noah's Ark and stories and incidents from the life of Jesus.



What's Happening?

Dec. 2 is Hanging of the Greens. Youth and children take part in this special worship service at 10:00.

In the classroom 2&3's—4th Grade will be learning about the angel's messages regarding the birth of Jesus. All classes will have Advent rings and litanies.



Dec. 9 at 10:00 worship children and youth will present *Christmas Hope*. From a modern family to the ancient times of Jesus' birth, everyone hears the message of that special night.

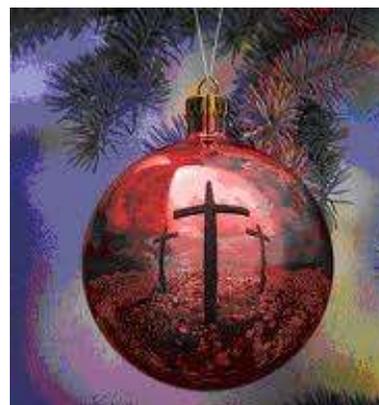
Dec. 16 will be a day when classes do "Following the Star" as they retell the story of our Savior's birth and celebrate Jesus' birth day with parties in their rooms.

Dec. 23 & 30 NO CLASSES. Have a blessed vacation from regular routines to spend more time as a family.



Family Link

Keep up your Family Link sessions even if you are traveling or have company. Invite the others with you to take part in creating a special time to share and pray.



Christmas Hope Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 9,
2012, 10:00 a.m.

Children and all youth take part; singing, reading, or acting parts in the nativity scene.



**Coming Sunday,
February 3, 2013**



The Heifer International
Mission Fair

Put on by church school classes



Decorate an Animal!

Individuals, families, groups, friends - anyone, everyone - can participate!

Pick up a blank cut-out of one of the eleven animals that children's Sunday classes will be buying for Heifer International and using any art medium create the animal as realistically or as whimsically as you choose.

Be creative. Use paints, markers, glues, papers, stickers, fibers, feathers, fabrics, "bling", etc. to help your animal raise money for McCabe's Heifer International goal at the Heifer Mission Fair is on Feb. 3.

Pick up an animal cut-out at the church starting in December and return it, decorated, no later than **Jan. 25** to be displayed.

Heifer International supplies animals to families in need around the world. It teaches them how to care for the animals. The family then gives the first off-spring with instructions on care to another family who does the same. Each family keeps the original animal to start their own herd or flock.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 2,
10:00 a.m. worship service

All children, ages 2 through 6th Grade are invited to carry poinsettias into the worship service. Meet in the Narthex area before worship begins. Children in 9:00 and 10:00 classes will come directly from classrooms.



Welcome Bags for the Homeless

"Whenever you helped any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

Matthew 25:40



Save from travels or purchase personal-sized toiletries for Welcome Bags that provide new arrivals at local shelters with basic personal care necessities.

Every day over 375 people are homeless in the Bismarck - Mandan area. **Items most needed** are small deodorants and combs. Other items collected are:

Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Lotion
Deodorant	Comb	Soap
Shampoo	Conditioner	

Needed:

Copier for the Education Department. If you have a used copier that you would like to donate, talk to Floramay Miller.

Funds for Students

Student Assistance Grants are made available to post-secondary individuals to be used in college, university, vocational, or technical programs.

The Committee is now accepting applications until December 1st for the 2013 spring semester. If you wish to apply, contact the church office for an application form.

Make Wednesday Evenings A Family Event

Youth Handbells	3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Adult Handbells	5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Nursery	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
TGIW Supper	6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Family Link	6:30 - 6:45 p.m.
UMYF	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Rusty Staples	6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (1 st & 3 rd Wed. of month)
Confirmation	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Celebrations	6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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Monday – Friday
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Worship

Saturdays (Sept.-May)
5:00 p.m.

Sundays (Sept.-May)
8:00, 10:00, & 11:15 a.m.

Sundays (June-Aug.)
8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.

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Sundays 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
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Saturday

<p>2 Hanging of the Greens 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Church School 9:00 am Christmas Celebrations Class 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Church School 10:00 am Teen Link 11:00 am Youth Choir 11:15 am Worship 1:00 pm Church Conference 2:00 Link'N Gather 6:30 pm F.L.Y.</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Faithfully Fit 11am-1pm Parish Nurse Hours 3:15 pm SAY Yes 6:15 pm AI-Anon 7:00 Young Adult's Group 7:30 pm AI-Anon</p>	<p>4 7:00 am Sojourners 9:00 am Tuesday Workshop 3:15 pm SAY Yes</p>	<p>5 3:45 pm Youth Handbells 5:30 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm TGIW Meal 6:30 pm Family Link 6:30 pm UMYF 6:30 pm Rusty Staples 6:45 pm Confirmation Celebrations 7:00 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Faithfully Fit 12:00 noon UMW Unit 7:00 pm Adult Dominos</p>	<p>7 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at N. Perkins 10:00 am Prayer & Meditation 6:30 pm Children's Program Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 9:00 am Hanging of the Greens Preparation 10:00 am Worship Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Movie Night</p> <p>8 9:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship Band Rehearsal 5:00 pm Worship</p>
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