

OAHE CHAPEL NEWS

Fall 2015

Newsletter of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society

Pierre, SD

Second Annual Pie Social: Another Sweet Success!

The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society hosted its Second Annual Pie Social fundraiser on Sunday, September 13, and again had a very successful turnout! Our First Annual Pie Social in 2014 raised \$783 in freewill donations given by some of the 80 people who attended the event. In 2015, our Second Annual Pie Social hosted approximately 130 people and raised \$1,013 in freewill donations! All of the donations will be used by the Board of Directors for upcoming maintenance projects at the chapel.

The Second Annual Pie Social featured a number of yard games for young and old, including corn hole, croquet, and ladder golf. Throughout the afternoon, we served 20 pies of all varieties, four gallons of ice cream, and numerous root beer floats. We offered tours of the chapel and answered many questions about the chapel's history. Additionally, at 2:00 pm, local musical group Surprise Package performed a concert of sacred and patriotic music in the packed chapel. Overall, the event was a good old-fashioned afternoon of food, fun, and friends and also raised quite a bit of money for the preservation of the chapel.

The pie social was the brainchild of Rev. Susan Carr, a former board member, who envisioned the fun afternoon at the chapel as a way to raise awareness and funds for the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society. After a wonderful inaugural event in 2014, the board decided to make the pie social an annual fundraiser. Based on the success of the past two years, we are already looking forward to our Third Annual Pie Social in 2016.

This event could not succeed without so many amazing volunteers. Some donated pie, ice cream, or root beer; others offered to set up, serve food, or clean up afterwards. Local media were wonderful in helping us spread the word about the pie social, and the members of Surprise Package prepared a fabulous concert. We are grateful to everyone who helped with this event in any capacity!



Above: Visitors enjoy a slice of pie on the grounds of the Oahe Chapel during the Second Annual Pie Social.

Below: Pierre-based choral ensemble Surprise Package performs a concert for a packed house in the chapel.



OAHE CHAPEL PRESERVATION SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FALL MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

7:00 pm

Education Room

Cultural Heritage Center

900 Governors Drive

Pierre, South Dakota

OCPS members and the public are invited to attend.

RENT THE CHAPEL

Call now to reserve the Oahe Chapel for your wedding, church service, family reunion, or other special event! The Chapel is available for rent year round at the cost of \$50. Members of the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society are eligible to rent the facility for a reduced rate of \$35. Events for 2016 are being booked now. To learn more, contact the South Dakota State Historical Society at (605) 773-3458.

OAHE CHAPEL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Facebook: Search for Oahe Chapel Preservation Society
Web: <http://history.sd.gov///preservation/OaheChapel/OaheChapel.aspx>

BY THE NUMBERS

In 2015, the Oahe Chapel...
...hosted 16 ecumenical Sunday services.
...was rented for 9 weddings and 2 other special events.
...hosted 1 concert by Surprise Package.

In 2015, the Oahe Chapel Preservation Society...
...raised \$1,013 at our Second Annual Pie Social.

The Oahe Chapel holds a unique place in local history. Constructed in 1877 as part of the Oahe Mission in central South Dakota, the original location of the chapel was flooded by the construction of the Oahe Dam in the 1950s. In 1964, the chapel was moved a few miles downstream from its original location near Peoria Flats to its present location at the east end of the dam. The Oahe Chapel Preservation Society formed in 1984 with the mission of preserving and maintaining the historic building for future generations to appreciate. Your financial contribution allows the society to accomplish this worthwhile mission. You can show your support by returning the form below with your check. We appreciate your help in maintaining this piece of South Dakota's history!

Oahe Chapel Preservation Society Membership Form

Membership investment is for one year. Members will receive the annual Oahe Chapel News to keep up-to-date with current projects at the Oahe Chapel. Members are also eligible to rent the chapel at a reduced rate of \$35. Donations are tax deductible where allowed by law.

Please detach this form and mail with check payable to:

Oahe Chapel Preservation Society PO Box 7201 Pierre, SD 57501

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (optional): _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Membership \$500.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation of \$ _____ | |

