



PresbEnews

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PresbEnews is late this week because our internet service was down.

ANNUAL MEEETING OF THE CONGREGATION, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place Sunday, February 5th following a luncheon in the fellowship hall after the 10:30 service. All members are encouraged to attend so please put the date on your calendar! Join us for a delicious luncheon prepared by Sally Broughton and her team with a special dish for children (\$6 donation each is suggested). You will be home in time for the Super Bowl on TV or to attend the Symphony! The annual reports will be available at the back of the sanctuary this Sunday and in the narthexes so please pick one up and be sure to bring it back with you to the meeting February 5th. The reports will also be available at the office or on line at www.fpcbozeman.org during the week.

Presby Cats Cookie Dough Fund Raiser Underway

Members of our Presby Cats collegiate ministry group are currently taking orders for Elliots of Montana frozen cookie dough and other yummy products. Like last year, in addition to purchasing for yourself, consider buying a tub or 2 of cookie dough that can be baked for our Deacons ministry of hospitality. Either bake the cookies yourself, or if you'd prefer, the Presby Cats will bake them and get them to the Deacons. Watch for Presby Cats with order forms in hand on the next 3 Sunday mornings. February 5 will be the last day to place an order. Your support of this fund raiser to help with our spring break mission trip to Chicago is much appreciated. If you'd like to call in (or email in) an order, you can contact Amy Desjardins at 541-815-1608 or amydesjardins@yahoo.com.



Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Indeed anything you ask in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name I will do it."

John 14: 13-14

Pledge envelopes for 2017 are available at the church office.
The per capita this year is \$48 per member.

Adult Sunday School class will not meet this week

Since co-pastors Dan and Jody will be at a Christian education conference this week, the adult Sunday school class will not be held on Sunday, January 29. The class will resume on Sunday, February 5, with Dan continuing the study of "Do Not Live Afraid."

Birthdays this week

1/25 Bruce Wilson
Spencer Hallin
1/27 Stephanie Breen
Evan Spoerl
1/30 Margaret Heath
1/31 Shirley Sedivy
Dan Archer

High Chair Needed

The church is in need of a good highchair for use in the Fellowship Hall. The plastic tray has broken on one we most often use so is in need of replacement. The highchairs are frequently used during our hosting of Family Promise too. Please call Judy Arkwright at 388-2347 if you have can donate a highchair for our use.



FIRST FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 3

Join us at 5:30 for a spaghetti dinner - movie - popcorn - and ice cream for dessert as we discuss the implications in our lives from a Christian viewpoint of the movie for the month, *SULLY*. "Tom Hanks stars in this portrait of airline pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, which depicts his successful emergency landing of an Airbus A320 on the Hudson River in January 2009. In the aftermath of this unprecedented and heroic feat, the traumatized pilot must endure second-guessing by investigators, the weight of sudden fame, and his own doubts about his actions that fateful day. From the start, Sullenberger wanted the film to encompass "that sense of our common humanity"... He explains: "People were wondering if everything was about self-interest and greed. They were doubting human nature. Then all these people acted together, selflessly, to get something really important done. In a way, I think it gave everyone a chance to have hope, at a time when we all needed it."

If you will be bringing children, please call the church office to arrange for a sitter and allow us to provide appropriate movies for the younger set.

Adult Mission Trip

Adult Mission Trip Planning Meeting Tuesday January 31 at 11:00 a.m. in room 204. If you are thinking of going and unable to attend on January 31, please let Marcia Jarrett (388-6314) know dates you would NOT be able to go on the trip. We are tentatively planning early June.

**MERRY MUNCHERS
OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2017**

It's time for the next round of Merry Munchers!! All adults are welcome, whether you are a church member, a friend of First Presbyterian, or visiting in the Gallatin Valley.
**THIS IS A POTLUCK WHERE EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES.
HOST PROVIDES THE MAIN DISH.**
You do not need to volunteer to be as host to participate.

Name(s) _____

Guests: CIRCLE BELOW the dates you will participate.

FEBRUARY 17 MARCH 17 APRIL 21 MAY 19

HOSTS: PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A DATE (6 guests unless indicated):

____ FEBRUARY 17

____ MARCH 17

____ APRIL 21

____ MAY 19 ALL GROUP PICNIC. All participants will gather at one house. We need one host to volunteer for the site and beverages. Everyone else will bring the food.

PLEASE LEAVE THIS FORM IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR AT THE OFFICE.
QUESTIONS: CALL Sally Broughton 585-3544 or email at hawgeemt@gmail.com.

**DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Adult Sunday School books Recycling

Have you ever wondered what to do with your Adult Sunday School study guides once we have completed that class?? The Mission and Outreach Committee is going to try something new. We are going to collect any that you are willing to part with. With 5 or 6 of the same study, we will offer them to one of the small churches in the Yellowstone Presbytery or to Ryan Mandeville's churches in Alaska or take to the Fort Peck Reservation when we go in the spring. There will be a box in the church library clearly marked. Or put them in my box near the church office. Clean off your shelves by the end of February and in early March, we will get this project underway. Call Marcia Jarrett at 388-6314 with any questions.

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

A couple of Sundays ago Cheryl McNicholas and Holly Aloise provided music during the 8:30 worship service. They collaborated on a couple of different songs, one of which I had not previously heard. Entitled *Hallelujah Christmas*, it turns out the tune has an interesting history. Leonard Cohen originally penned the words and music to *Hallelujah*, a song of Old Testament angst told through the eyes of King David. The Christian band Cloverton obtained permission two years ago to change the lyrics and transformed it into a nativity song. To my ears both versions are superb renditions and I appreciate Sheryl and Holly not only for extending the Christmas celebration, but also turning us on to a wonderful, new piece of music. My hope is that it becomes a part of their repertoire every year during the holidays.

The other song they played was an old, familiar one, *Down to the River to Pray*. This old African-American spiritual was brought into the public consciousness when Allison Krauss sang her version in the Coen brother's movie *O Brother Where Art Thou* back in 2000. We sing this song fairly regularly during summer vesper services at Rockhaven, and during at least two occasions have sung it while we actually walked down to the Gallatin River and prayed.

This winter has been a cold one, or at least the period between the second week of December and now has been cold. Much colder than average. During that time span I have recorded twenty-six days of below zero temperatures, and of those days fifteen were double digits below zero. Most of the rivers, creeks, and ponds in the valley, including the Gallatin, are thick with ice. But when I heard *Down to the River to Pray*, the ice began to melt. I was transported to a pleasant summer evening, my bare legs standing in the tepid water of the river at the base of Sheep Rock.

The work for summer camp at Rockhaven is already in full swing. Scott Thrasher, our camp director, recently opened registration on the camp's website and reports sign-ups are significantly ahead of last year's record-shattering pace. Come June, Rockhaven will once again be bustling with activity.

At the core of Rockhaven's mission is the desire to expose children from our community to the loving grace of Christ Jesus. Not all of these children come from families with the financial means to afford the fees that Rockhaven needs to charge in order to attempt to become self-sustaining. That's where you come in.

In the past this congregation has graciously stepped forward to provide scholarship funding (we call it camper-ships) for families in need. This year the Rockhaven Operations Board is once again asking you to contribute to this fund to help insure that no child is denied the opportunity meet God in this beautiful setting and to go down to the river to pray.