



PresbEnews

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The thoughts and prayers of the congregation go out to Jean McDevitt, our Co-pastors Dan and Jody and their family. Jean has been diagnosed with cancer and the family is with her this week as she faces her illness.

This Coming Sunday is a Day for Fun, Frivolity and Fund Raising!

Our Presby Cats collegiate group is holding its annual fund raising luncheon and talent show in the fellowship hall right after the 10:30 service this coming Sunday, February 12. An added attraction this year is that church member Lynn Bissell will be holding a sale of estate costume jewelry during the luncheon as a fund raiser for the Presby Cats. Plan to join us for a delicious lunch, sale and entertaining talent show with all donations going to support the Presby Cats spring break mission trip to Chicago that's coming up in March.



Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"And my God will supply all your wants out of the magnificence of His riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for endless ages! Amen"

Philippians 4:19

In memoriam of Barbara Van'tHul August 1, 1935 - February 1, 2017. A memorial service will be held on April 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Barbara was a member for many years and loved singing in the choir. Our prayers are with her family.

THANK YOU!

First Presbyterian Church

raised:

\$203 and 63 food items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 5, 2017

Clara B. Cooper
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President and CEO
Souper Bowl of Caring

Birthdays this week

2/8 *Gordon Kenney*
Tricia Thompson
Aigerim Haynes
2/10 *Joe Kolwyck*
2/11 *Cleo Jones*
2/13 *Richard Reiley*
2/14 *Annie Kolwyck*

Lion's Club Collection Box

Drop off your prescription and non-prescription eye glasses and dark glasses as well as hearing aids and cell phones in the Bozeman Lions Club collection box across from the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall at the east entrance. For more information contact Richard Reiley at 388-7840 or <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/bozemanmt> .



George Goodrich is guest leader of Adult Sunday School class

This coming Sunday, February 12, the Rev. George Goodrich will be leading the Adult Sunday School class as it continues its study of John Indermark's book, *Do Not Live Afraid*. This timely study is providing a helpful examination of all of the many ways that God provides comfort, protection and assurance as we live amidst the perils of the world. The class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the church library.

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.



The Mountains of Courage 2017 Conference has had a venue change. It will continue to occur on Saturday, February 25th but now it will meet at MSU in the Strand Union Building. NOTE: there is ample, free parking (since it is Saturday) in the new parking structure. For more information go to: gallatinvalleycircleofcompassion.org

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

I hope I am not speaking out of turn here, but our co-pastors and their family will be unexpectedly out of town this week. The health of Jody's mother, Jean McDevitt, has taken a turn and they have flown back to Pennsylvania to comfort her.

I'm sure I am like many of you in that I have met Jean during her annual forays out west, and know her to be a lovely person. Likewise, I will be lifting Jean's name in prayer along with you all. My prayers, however, will seem somewhat inadequate compared to those prayed by one of Jean's friends, Doris Miller.

Six and a half years ago I mentioned Doris in this space after Jody had met her while visiting Jean. Doris evidently has a robust prayer life, because she mentioned to Jody at the time she prayed for my daughter, Katie, every day. I was blown away. Here was a woman I had never met — whose existence I was utterly unaware of — a friend of a casual acquaintance that had been praying for my daughter every day for three and a half years. That, my friends, is the prayer life of a saint.

Those of you good at math know six-and-a-half plus three-and-a-half equals ten. I point it out because this month marks the tenth year since Katie's gruesome accident. And those of you familiar with Katie's saga know she has thrived in those intervening ten years, thanks in no small part to the prayers lifted by folks near and far.

On Sunday I asked Jody if Doris was still alive. She is. To honor Doris and to commemorate this remarkable anniversary I have updated a piece first appearing in this space in August, 2010.

Every Day

I shall never meet you, Doris Miller,
though we share a common bond.
You once heard a desperate plea,
and daily now you do respond.

Thirty-six hundred times thus far
you have crawled before our king.
There you utter a daughter's name;
your lips then brush his mercy ring.

There are others for whom you pray,
for you have run this race a while.
The gentle breeze of your whisper
hath brought comfort to their trial.

I shall never know you, Doris Miller,
until such time as heaven come.
Yet every day the sun doth rise,
I shall know where prayers come from.