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Fundraising talent show succeeds

Many thanks to all who supported the Presby Cats fundraising luncheon and talent show last Sunday. The donations and contributions are a big help in supporting the upcoming spring break mission trip to Chicago. Thank you to everyone who took part in the talent show. Among the many people who, behind the scenes, made the event a success, special thanks go to Rachel Minter, Debby and George Haynes, Debbie Ernst, Brent Turner and Rob Minter. Our Presby Cats thank you!



Presby Cats romance leads to engagement



Alex Schoonen and Annie Van Voast, 2 of our Presby Cats leaders, recently became engaged to be married. Alex is from Idaho Falls, Idaho, and is in his last semester majoring in chemical engineering. Annie is from Turner, Montana, and is in her last semester in secondary education. Our best wishes to both of these wonderful young people who have been a blessing to our church during their years at MSU.



Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"The Lord has heard my entreaty; the Lord will accept my prayer."

Psalms 6:9



FIRST FRIDAY - March 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, *SECONDHAND LIONS*. “For young Walter, being stuck on his “crazy” uncles’ farm on the plains of Texas is the last place on earth he wants to spend the summer. First, shocked by their unconventional behavior, including ordering an African lion through the mail, Walter soon gets caught up in their mysterious past. The rumors

that his uncles were bank robbers or maybe even worse are hard to believe, but they do seem to have an endless supply of cash. Little by little, an amazing story comes to life. The tales not only bring him closer to his uncles, but also teach him what it means to believe in something...whether it’s true or not.” Robert Duvall and Michael Caine along with Haley Joel Osment and some charming animals make an enchanting story.

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.



Fundraising Event at I-Ho’s Korean Grill this Sunday

Join us this Sunday for a special Fundraising Event hosted by I-Ho's Korean Grill, 11am to 2pm. HRDC is proud to partner with St. James Episcopal Church, Bozeman and Montana State University School of Architecture to provide a safe and sustainable transformative housing community for Bozeman's chronically homeless, empowering them to focus on



reintegration into community living.

Our Housing First Village utilizes best practices from around the nation, based on the “Housing First” philosophy, which limits the barriers to entry into the Village, while providing supportive services, such as mental health, addiction services etc., available to residents once they have secured housed.

Birthdays this week

2/16 Randy Kleinhans

2/17 Linda Svensrud

2/18 Barney Hallin

2/20 Mary Thompson

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

I have mentioned previously that there are occasions when I am stumped for material to fill this space, when I approach our esteemed editor's deadline without a single thought in my head, when my mind is a blank slate other than random doodling in the margins. Sometimes — but not often enough — I have a moment of clarity. It is then I am reminded our God loves to hear from us.

Dear God,

Nothing much happened this week in my life. February is like that sometimes. Oh, the snow started to melt some, and the worst of this winter's brutal cold appears to be behind us. There are some places where the snow came off too fast, and so we ask you would comfort those folks dealing with flooding, especially those up in the Blackfoot nation.

Here's an arbitrary question for you, Lord: do you think Valentine's Day is kind of goofy? I mean we make such a big deal out of it, but shouldn't every day be Valentine's Day? Well, perhaps not with the flowers, and cards, and chocolate (on second thought the chocolate could stay), but certainly with the expressions of love. And not just romantic love, either, but every kind of love — especially love for people that aren't on our valentine's list.

As long as I'm thinking up far-fetched ideas, wouldn't it be kind of a good thing if every day was Valentine's Day in Washington D.C.? What if before every press conference, every debate on the floor of Congress, every confirmation hearing, and every proclamation ceremony the people in attendance had to exchange those little heart shaped candies? And the candies couldn't be red or blue; they would always be pink.

I'm sorry to burden you with all of these absurd thoughts, Lord, but I've got another one. How about if instead of calling our newspaper a newspaper, we called it a prayer guide? That way when I read through the news and learn of avalanches in Afghanistan, and tornadoes in Louisiana, and flooding in California, and a fatal car wreck in Poplar, I would spend a few minutes praying instead of rushing over to read the sports section.

Thanks for listening to me, Lord. I'll try to remember to talk to you again tomorrow.

Amen



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