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Adult Sunday School Explores Racism and Christian Faith

Some call it "America's original sin"—the sin of racism. How do we move towards the redemption of this sin? How is this both a systemic and a personal need? The co-moderators of the PC(USA), the Rev. Denise Anderson and the Rev. Jan Edmiston, have asked for this topic to be on the agenda throughout our denomination during their two-year term. To further the discussion, they have provided short videos in which they discuss a book, *Waking Up White*. In addition, Denise Anderson is the teacher in a series entitled *Love An Other*. Both of these resources will be the basis of discussion in adult Sunday school on **April 9, 23, 30, and May 7**. The class meets from 9:30 – 10:15 am in the church library.



Holy Week Schedule April 9-16



April 9—Palm/Passion Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

At the 10:30 service, we begin with a palm procession led by the youth and conclude with the shadow of Christ's passion.

April 13—Maundy Thursday

Seder Dinner / Communion-- At 5:45 pm, a Christian remembrance of the Passover dinner.

April 14—Good Friday

Ecumenical Worship – At 12:00 noon, First Baptist Church, 120 S. Grand

April 16—Easter Sunday

At 6:30 am, Sunrise Service at Rockhaven

At 8:30 am, celebrate the Easter message with communion.

At 9:00 – 10:00 am Easter Breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall

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Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"God, show me what you are doing today, and how I can be a part of it."

From PRAYER by Phillip Yancey

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Maundy Thursday service, April 13, 7 pm

The holiest days of the Christian year are centered around Christ's death and resurrection. Each year we remember the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, the evening before he was crucified. We gather to hear the story and obey his words, "Do this in remembrance of me." Our observance this year will follow the style of Taize, with simple songs, reading of scripture, prayer, and silence accompanying the communion meal. The service will be held in the church library following the Seder Dinner in the fellowship hall.



Seder Dinner, April 13 at 5:45 p.m.

As part of our Lenten observance for the last quarter of century, we have been celebrating the Passover meal on Maundy Thursday which falls on April 13 this year. This community meal and the remembrance of Jesus actions prior to his arrest bring special meaning to all of us as we follow Jesus through Passion Week. After the conclusion of the Passover meal, we will have dinner followed by celebrating the Last Supper as Jesus did with his disciples. Plan to join in the observance and if you have family or friends who would like to attend, please invite them!

The Passover meal will be celebrated at 5:45, followed with a full lamb dinner. Please make your reservation by returning the bottom of this form to the collection plate, or call the church office at 586-9194 or e-mail to linda@fpcbozeman.org with the number attending and if children will need the nursery.

The dinner will cost \$8.00 for adults

Helpers are needed for the dinner, please call office at 586-9194 to sign up!

Name _____ Number in party _____

Number of children in nursery _____ (If child care is not required, the nursery will not be open)

I/ we can help with (circle) prepare serve clean up

Good Friday service, April 14, 12 noon at First Baptist Church

The crucifixion of Jesus took place on a Friday at noon, and it has been a long-standing tradition for the downtown Bozeman churches to gather on Good Friday to mark this most somber of days in the Christian year. This year's observance at First Baptist Church will focus around what the gospels collectively report as what Jesus said from the cross, the "seven last words." In addition to First Baptist and First Presbyterian churches, Bozeman United Methodist, Grand Avenue Christian, Holy Rosary, and St. James Episcopal Churches will be participating. Plan to worship with our downtown neighbors, remembering the fullness of Christ's story.



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Easter Sunrise at Rockhaven, April 16, 6:30 am

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark. . .” begins the 20th chapter of John’s gospel, the Easter story of resurrection. All are invited to enter the mystery of an early morning service in the chapel at Rockhaven. The sun will be rising as we remember that the Son is Risen! A continental breakfast will follow the service.

Easter Breakfast, April 16, 9-10 am

Can you help? Please contact Linda (linda@fpcbozeman.org, 586-9194) in the church office if you can provide a breakfast casserole for the church’s traditional Easter breakfast. Signing up for this is very helpful so we can provide the right quantity of food. All are welcome to this lovely fellowship tradition, hosted by the youth of the church and their families.

Easter Morning Breakfast



Deacon’s Easter Baskets

Once again the Board of Deacons will be distributing Easter Food Baskets to needy families this year. There is a sign up sheet at the rear of the sanctuary for volunteers who may wish to aid in this great mission. You may help with set-up, delivery or especially donations (or all three!) Volunteers will meet at the Senior Center on April 14 at 1 p.m. to assemble and then deliver the baskets. Please contact Mike Roser at 406-580-5818 for any further information.

Ecumenical Taize Prayer Service

What: Taize prayer

When: Palm Sunday, April 9th, 7:00 - 7:50 PM

Where: Resurrection University Church, 1725 S. 11th Ave., Bozeman

Who: All are warmly welcome ! This month's prayer will be led by Christ the King Lutheran Church

Why: "We need silence to be alone with God, to speak to him, to listen to him, to ponder his words deep in our hearts. We need to be alone with God in silence to be renewed and transformed."

FIRST FRIDAY - April 7



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, *Me Before You*. “26-year-old Louisa Clark played by Emilia Clarke is a happy, outgoing woman who lives with and supports her working-class family. After losing her job at a local cafe, she is hired as the caregiver of Will Traynor played by Sam Claflin, a former successful banker and once active young man who became paralyzed after being involved in a motorcycle accident two years prior. Louisa has no experience but Will's mother believes her positivity will help lift his spirits. ...she learns that Will has given his parents six months before taking him to Switzerland for assisted suicide. He cannot deal with the pain and suffering of his disability and wishes for his old self to come back, but because this isn't a possibility, he has asked his parents to do this one thing for him. Louisa secretly makes it her mission to change his mind ...to try and prove to Will that life is worth living, despite his disability.” How do we handle the topics of love, redemption, the value of life, and assisted suicide? What do we do when the wishes of a loved one are so opposed to our own? 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 to Dakota Presbyterian Churches Seeking Participants



May 30-June 3, 2017, will mark the third mission trip of FPC Adults to the Dakota Presbyterian Churches of the Ft. Peck Reservation in northeastern Montana. In the first two years, we built relationships with people of the churches, receiving their hospitality and enjoying fellowship with one another. We learned about Dakota culture and saw many interesting sites on the reservation. Our service was always at the request of the church leaders. The first year we documented and cleared overgrowth from a church cemetery. Last year we replaced three large wooden crosses, did a significant

amount of yardwork, and provided repairs to a church building. Participants also share in daily Bible study and spiritual reflection times.

This year our service will be cemetery documentation at Red Eagle Presbyterian Church in Ft. Kipp, as well as other assignments they may have for us. Once again our trip is being coordinated by Patrick and Sudi Pipe, who were active members of our church while students at MSU and who have returned with their family to live in Poplar. The dormitory at Ft. Peck Community College will be our home for the week.

Four training sessions will prepare the group for cross-cultural learning and service, and build the team.

Dates for these sessions are: Thursday, April 6, 2:30 – 4 pm, Thursday, May 4, 2:30 – 4 pm, Thursday, May 11, 2:30 – 4 pm, Thursday, May 18, 2:30 – 4 pm.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this team, please contact Marcia Jarrett (388-6314, marci-jarrett@littleappletech.com) or Jody McDevitt (586-9194, jody@fpcbozeman.org).

Big Sky Handbell Musicians 36th Annual Handbell Festival

Free Closing Concert Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Belgrade Special Events Center on 220 Spooner Road in Belgrade. Featured in this closing concert will be “Reflections on Kelvingrove” under the direction of the composer, our weekend clinician and conductor, Jason W. Krug. “Reflections on Kelvingrove” was commissioned by *Bells of the Bridgers* in honor of founding directors Pat Dickensheets and Wanda Myers. Handbell ringers and congregations at First Presbyterian and BUMC have already enjoyed this wonderful arrangement in worship since the *Bells of the Bridgers’* World Premier in concert in 2015. Nearly 30 handbell choirs from MT and ID will be “playing our song”, and many more.



HANDBELL FESTIVAL HELP NEEDED

The Big Sky Handbell Festival will need lots of help on April 28-29. This is a very large festival and involves not only the choirs but also help from the churches and communities. I have been asked to find helpers who are willing to be available at the vendor’s tables to “sell their wares”. These mostly include handbell supplies and memorabilia. There is also a need for people to put out snacks for the ringers during a morning and afternoon break on Saturday. These helpers could volunteer for an hour or longer. They could also “listen in” on the rehearsals if they wish to do so, which can be quite entertaining. If you would like to help please contact Jill Brauss, 586-0476, Pat Dickensheets, 388-3423 or any handbell choir member you know.

Thank you for being willing to help make this year’s Big Sky Festival a success! Pat Dickensheets

Family Promise Needs You



Our next hosting week for Family Promise will be April 16-23 and if you are able to help with a meal we certainly would appreciate it. Just contact Nancy Rote at 219-3154 and she will be happy to give you details. In addition, we are in need of more volunteers who are willing to spend the night in a classroom on comfortable air mattresses. Those who have not gone through the training and have questions about how you can volunteer, please call Judy Arkwright at 388-2347

Birthdays this week

- 4/5 Sandy Archer
- Tyler Martindale
- 4/7 Rena Easton
- Gerri Lewis
- 4/9 Bill Anderson
- 4/11 Vern Bandy

Giving to First Presbyterian Church

In addition to traditional methods, First Presbyterian Church offers the option of making financial contributions to the church electronically via the web or by texting. Contributions via the web can be made from the online giving link on the church’s website, www.fpcbozeman.org or by scanning this QR code with your Smartphone. To give by text, simply text the amount of your gift and any designation to 406-278-6267.



Spring Splash for First Families and Presby Kids!

Families with kids are invited to a swim-and-pizza party held at the Holiday Inn on Sunday, April 9, from 12 noon – 2 pm. Come splash in the pool or soak in the hot tub with your church friends. RSVP so we can order the right amount of pizza to Jody McDevitt at 586-9194, 551-3262 (cell), or jody@fpcbozeman.org.



Registration is NOW Open for VBS 2017!

[Child Registration](#) for children 4 years old, up to those entering 6th grade, Fall 2017.

[Youth Assistant Registration](#) for youth entering 7th up to 12th grade, Fall 2017.

[Adult Volunteer](#) for adults of all ages!

(To get hyperlink highlight the registration and click on open hyperlink)



This downtown ecumenical Vacation Bible School is where our larger Christian family can come together to learn about and celebrate the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

Our VBS is an experience of God's love, grace, and joy for over 150 children, and 150 youth and adult volunteers. It is where our larger Christian family can come together to learn about and celebrate the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

Our main program is for children four years old through those entering sixth grade in the Fall or 2017. (Childcare during VBS activities is provided for volunteers' children, infants through three years old.)

Youth entering 7th-12th grades are part of our Youth Assistant Team; and Adults of all ages are Adult Volunteers in our many areas.

Both Youth and Adults serve as:

- **Small Group Shepherds**
- **Games Gurus**
- **Craft Wizards**
- **Snack Gatherers & Servers**
- **Carpentry Creators**
- **Theater Nerds**
- **Decoration Fairies**
- **Music Makers**



Suzanne Bratsky helps with VBS last year

First Presbyterian Joins 8 Local Congregations to Sponsor Climate Change Webinar

Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, a climate scientist from Texas, will present a webinar hosted by Resurrection University Catholic Parish on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 pm. Dr. Hayhoe's impressive credentials are found on the flyer below. She was a speaker at the Parliament of World Religions in October 2015, and gave one of that event's most memorable presentations. Her evangelical Christian faith and her scientific knowledge are united in a call to action on behalf of all living things on Earth, with hope and confidence that God has given us all we need to address this most pressing problem. Plan now to join other Christians in learning more about why climate change is the #1 moral issue we face, the "hole in the bucket" which is draining our ability to deal with world hunger, economic justice, women's empowerment, disease, and international conflict. Expect to be challenged to take action, and encouraged by our faith.



**Climate Change:
Facts, Fictions, and our Faith
with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe**

**Tuesday, May 2nd, 7- 8:15 p.m.
at
Resurrection University Catholic Parish**

Event is Free and Open to All Members of the Public

Join Katharine Hayhoe at her Carbon-Friendly Webinar as she untangles the complex science behind global warming and highlights the key role our faith and values play in shaping our attitudes and actions on this crucial topic.

Named to *TIME* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World list for 2014, Katharine Hayhoe is an atmospheric scientist who studies climate change, one of the most pressing issues facing humanity today. But Katharine may be best-known to many people because of how she's bridging the broad, deep gap between scientists and Christians— work she does in part because she's a Christian herself. Together with her husband Andrew Farley, a professor of applied linguistics, pastor of Church without Religion, and best-selling author, Katharine wrote *A Climate for Change: Global Warming Facts for Faith-Based Decisions*, a book that untangles the complex science and tackles many long-held misconceptions about global warming. Her work as a climate change evangelist has been featured on the Emmy award-winning documentary series "Years of Living Dangerously" and "The Secret Life of Scientists and Engineers." In 2012, she was named by Christianity Today as one of their "50 Women to Watch," while in 2014, she was awarded the American Geophysical Union's Climate Communication Prize, and named as one of Foreign Policy's 100 Leading Global Thinkers and "20 Women Making Waves in the Climate Change Debate."

Photo by Arlie Limmer



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Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Hope Comes Calling (continued)

Hope, Meredith, Augusta, and Courtney huddled in the parking lot of Energy Transfer Partners. The sun had burned through the clouds and mist of earlier in the day. Moisture, though, still lingered in Meredith's eyes, "I know I have a long battle ahead of me, but I also know whenever I feel weak, I can look back on that special moment on the river today and I can draw strength from your prayers."

Hope reached over and brushed the hair back from Meredith's face, "It's good to hear you're taking a leave of absence. You'll have your hands full enough without the stress of work on top of it."

As they spoke, a young man in a suit and tie cautiously approached. Meredith turned to greet him, "Randall, thanks for coming down. I want to introduce you to Hope Comes Calling and her daughters Gus and Cort."

Randall appeared outwardly intimidated in their presence but managed a less than firm handshake with each of them. "Meredith has told me a lot about you, ma'am; it's a pleasure to meet you."

Hope nodded, puzzled. Meredith explained, "Randall's also an attorney in our department. He's going to pick up a lot of my work load. He's also going to be your new contact."

Randall smiled, "I guess I'll be your new Deep Throat."

Hope replied with alarm in her voice, "In broad daylight?"

Randall motioned his head toward the corporate office, "Don't worry, they already know. There's actually some good people in that boardroom. And smart, too. I guess they look at this as public relations. They realize the protests aren't going away any time soon."

A wry twist of comprehension curled across Hope's face. "Then let's go up to the boardroom right now."

Meredith laughed, "Whoa there, Nellie, baby steps. It takes time to change corporate culture. But like Randall said, these are smart people. They've seen the steady progress alternative energy has made. They also recognize there's money to be made there and eventually that's the direction they'll head. The current administration won't be in power forever. It's a cinch the next one will include some actual scientists and folks with just plain common sense. So there is, well, hope. But in the meantime I don't see too many of us driving around in hovercrafts, so they still have to placate our demand for dinosaur juice."

"Texas tea," Augusta chimed in.

"Black gold," added Courtney.

Then in an improbably silly moment, the five people gathered in the parking lot of a multi-billion dollar oil conglomerate began to sing an off-key rendition of the theme song from the Beverly Hillbillies. Augusta even accompanied them by pantomiming a banjo player. When the laughter subsided Hope managed to say, "On that note we'd best be hitting the road. Randall, I look forward to working with you." She blew a kiss in Meredith's direction.

"Where to next, Hope?" Meredith asked wistfully.

"Back to Standing Rock. We've got some unfinished business." ...continued next week