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

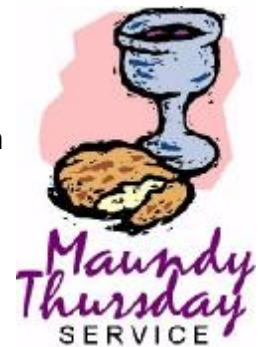
We still have room for the dinner on Thursday night if you did not get reservation in please come.

The dinner will cost \$8.00 for adults

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

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.



Holy Week Schedule April 13-16



April 13—Maundy Thursday

Seder Dinner / Taize Maundy Thursday Communion Service-- 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

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16



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.

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



Easter Morning Breakfast

All are welcome to this lovely fellowship tradition, hosted by the youth of the church and their families.



Deacon's Easter Baskets

Once again the Board of Deacons will be distributing Easter Food Baskets to needy families this year. 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.



Church Facebook page a source of up-to-date info!

Even if you're not a Facebook member yourself, you can still access the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fpcbozeman to get in on regular breaking news. If you'd like to interact with the content and others on the page, click the "Like" button at the top of the page if you're a Facebook member. Facebook—just one more way for us to interact with today's world!



FIRST FRIDAY - May 5

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, *HIDDEN FIGURES*. “Before a computer became an inanimate object and before Sputnik changed the course of history, before the Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education* established that separate was in fact not equal, and before the poetry of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech rang out over the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, a group of black women working at the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory in Hampton, Virginia, were helping America dominate aeronautics, space research, and computer technology and carving out a place for

themselves as female mathematicians who were also black. *Hidden Figures* is the incredible untold story of Katherine G. Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson - brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race, and galvanized the world. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big.”

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, 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).

Membership information gathering on April 29

On Saturday, April 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., an information session will be held in the church fellowship hall for anyone who is interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church. During that morning, we will share more details about our church's history, current mission priorities, commitments and programs, as well as our connection to the larger Christian community. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and conversation. We'll wrap up our time together with a light lunch together. If after participating in this session any are interested in formalizing their membership in First Presbyterian Church, we'll share the steps taken to that end. Please contact Linda at the church office at 586-9194 or linda@fpcbozeman.org to sign up for this opportunity.

Officers to be elected at April 23 congregational meeting

There is a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, April 23, right after the 10:30 service for the purpose of electing deacons, ruling elders, and congregational members of the Nominating Committee. Please plan to attend this brief meeting to exercise your voting responsibility.

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

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.



Registration is NOW Open for VBS June 19-23, 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

Love Personal Care Pantry List

- Body Wash
- Conditioner
- Men's Deodorant
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Dental Floss
- Kids Toothpaste

Birthdays this week

- 4/12 Maggie Kleinhans
- 4/14 Bernice Meyer

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 FESTIVAL HELP NEEDED

The Big Sky Handbell Festival will need lots of help on April 28-29. 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



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.”

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Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Hope Comes Calling (conclusion)

Hope, Augusta, and Courtney stood on a bluff overlooking the western shore of Lake Oahe where it brushes against the northeast corner of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Dawn was approaching, but the moon still glimmered brilliantly in the calm surface of this two hundred thirty-seven mile long reservoir on the Missouri River.

Matter-of-factly Augusta commented, "The eastern sky is beginning to turn pale. It won't be long now."

Hope began to quietly hum *Here Comes the Sun*. Augusta and Courtney began to sing along just as quietly. They put their arms around one another as they sang the line, "Little darling, it's been a long, cold, lonely winter."

As they sang, singular rays of light became visible beyond the eastern shore of the lake. Courtney looked at her mother and commented, "Mom, I'm glad you always drag us out of bed on Easter morning, even though it's not always to attend an organized service."

Hope smiled, "My favorite is back home on the Snake, but this is hard to beat, too." The eastern horizon was now ablaze with streaks of pink and orange. As they stood lost in their thoughts watching the brilliant scene unfolding, a pickup truck pulled up behind them and parked next to their car. Hope turned and recognized the rig as belonging to the Army Corps of Engineers. A man exited the cab and made his way toward them. Hope greeted him with, "He is risen."

The man hesitated and then replied, "He is risen, indeed." He walked up beside them, looked out at the vista before them and asked, "What brings you folks out here this morning?"

"This," replied Augusta sweeping her arm out across the panorama.

"Yep, pretty special," the man said as he turned to face them. Then a spark of recognition caused him to say, "I remember you. Hope something, right?" Hope nodded.

"You were at those early town hall meetings last fall. I always enjoyed hearing you speak. You're not coming back to cause trouble are you?"

"No, not unless you think praying is causing trouble."

"Praying? For what?" the man asked keenly.

"The same thing we always pray for — sovereignty and safety."

The man looked back down at the river and thought for a moment. "You know, we tried to be as respectful as possible. We insisted the contractors leave no trace, and it's really hard now to even see where the pipeline comes up from underneath the lake. Still, though, it's a human endeavor and things can go wrong, so I would welcome your prayers." He paused again, "You wouldn't mind if I prayed with you, would you. I'll even take you down there. You see, if that baby leaks, it's my name on the line."

Hope reached over and softly grabbed the man's arm. "We would be honored if you prayed with us. There's a lot at stake here."

As the four of them walked down a path winding from the top of the bluff to the water's edge, a meadowlark trumpeted the resurrection of the Christ from atop its sagebrush perch.

"Nice touch," the man commented.

Hope smiled and took a deep breath, "Our joy is complete." ...*The End*