



# PresbEnews

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A mid-week newsletter of First Presbyterian Church - Jody McDevitt & Dan Krebill, co-pastors

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## 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.



## 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](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org) to sign up for this opportunity.

## Enhancing Our Conversation With God

*"There is no doubt that it is by praying that we learn to pray, and that the more we pray, the better our prayers will be."*

*From: STREAMS IN THE DESERT By L.B.E. Cowman*



### 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**. *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.

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.

### Memorial Service for Barbara Van'tHul

The service for Barbara Van't Hul will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 2 pm, here in our sanctuary, with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. The family will be putting together a photo table, and they would like others to contribute to a "community photo table." If you have pictures of Barbara which you would like to contribute, please bring them to the church.



### 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.



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. 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, [marciajarrett@littleappletech.com](mailto:marciajarrett@littleappletech.com)) or Jody McDevitt (586-9194, [jody@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:jody@fpcbozeman.org)).

### *Birthdays this week*

4/19 Kay Breen

4/21 Ted Williams

Mary Armstrong

4/22 Harriet Tamminga

Chris Shannafelt

4/23 Judy Harrison

4/25 Jenny Beard



## Decade Bash—150 Years!! Sunday, April 23

Ted Williams and his Daughter Celinda are each starting a new decade. Please join us to celebrate! Music by the Ringling Five followed by visiting and cake. On Sunday, April 23 from 2-4pm at the Bozeman Masonic Temple at 14 S. Tracy. No gifts, please.

## 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

## 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 web-site, [www.fpcbozeman.org](http://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**.



## Big Sky Handbell Musicians 36<sup>th</sup> 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



**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 Katherine 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.



The Bells Of The Bridgers annual concert will be Sunday, April 23, 3:00 PM at Bozeman United Methodist Church

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



### What really happened in Whitefish?

Featured speakers will be Rabbi Allen Secher, Ina Secher and Rachel Rivas with Rabbi Ed Stafman and Rev. Jody McDevitt  
Music by Beth Shalom with Director Amber Ikeman

**Sunday, April 23 at 4pm**

at the Congregation Beth Shalom at 2010 W. Koch St. Bozeman

For more information, call Congregation Beth Shalom, 556-0528

Sponsored by: Congregation Beth Shalom/ Gallatin Valley Interfaith Association  
Montana Human Rights Network/ MSU Diversity Awareness Office



## Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

It was once again my privilege to help out with the sunrise service this past Sunday at Rockhaven. We were blessed to have a wonderful assortment of music during the service, including Dylan LeBlanc's violin and Sarah Thrasher's ukulele. We were also witness to the world premiere of an original arrangement Cheryl McNicholas wrote for that old hymn, *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*.

That song, and the syncopation Cheryl sang it with, have been bouncing around in my head ever since. At the risk of losing it from my subconscious, I will transcribe some of Fanny J. Crosby's words here in the hope it can be passed along to your subconscious.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his spirit, washed in his blood.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest.  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.  
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praising my Savior all the day long.



### 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](http://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!