



# PresbEnews

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## Rockhaven News

If you haven't registered for camp yet... this is last call. Camp is nearly full, staff is hired and we're ready to launch another great summer camp season.

It's the time of year when there are always plenty of ways to help our ministry at Rockhaven. In addition to the church spring work day on May 13<sup>th</sup> there are other areas that you can help. Please contact Scott to set up a day if you love to paint and would like to spend an afternoon painting one or all of the dorm rooms and bunks. We have the paint and the supplies... we just need some hands.

## Rockhaven Wish List:

Car - We are looking for a loaner vehicle for the summer to help the staff get around while they are in Montana. This year our whole staff will be coming from across the country and will be without transportation. An old car you might have sitting around would be a huge help.

Crock Pots or Food Warmers

Golf Cart

Tree / Limb Trimmers

Wood Chips

Yarn, string, Jute, Rope

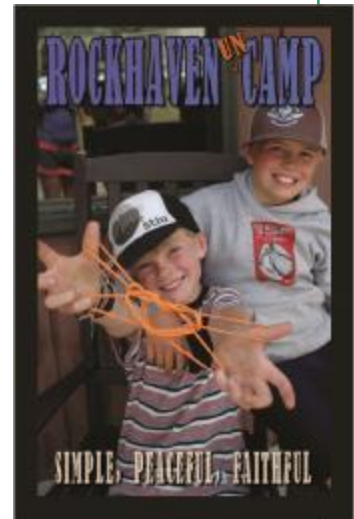
Fabric

Newspaper

Popsicle and Craft Sticks

Paper – Construction, Printer, Craft or Butcher.

Scissors – All types



Interested in helping or would like to donate any of these items please contact Scott Thrasher at 600-1891 [scott@rockhavencamp.org](mailto:scott@rockhavencamp.org)

## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."*

*James 5:16*

**Ten reasons why I'm spending \$100 to learn more about climate change and faith**

1. I am convinced that climate change is the #1 moral issue of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. Katharine Hayhoe is a fantastic speaker, a climate scientist and a Christian who communicates the connection between her vocation and her faith better than anyone else I've ever heard.
3. Dr. Hayhoe will be "with us" right here in Bozeman—convenient, and carbon-friendly.
4. I want to be more responsible and reduce my carbon footprint.
5. I want to be part of a faith movement concerned with earth stewardship.
6. I believe in the power of churches working together.
7. I appreciate the organization of this event by a team of laypeople at Resurrection Church.
8. Using my continuing education allowance shows the support of First Presbyterian Church for ecumenical, globally concerned, local action.
9. I saved money from this allowance by teaching a seminar at the APCE conference.
10. I hope that others from First Presbyterian Church will also attend to learn more.

I welcome your conversation about any of these ten reasons. **Please find details of the May 2 webinar elsewhere in PresbEnews.**

Jody McDevitt

**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.



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*Birthdays this week*  
*4/26 Kristen Martindale*  
*Brent Turner*

Please let the church office know if you have a college or high school graduate in your family this year.  
Call 586-9194 or email [linda@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:linda@fpcbozeman.org)

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

The Free Closing Concert for the Handbell Festival is on Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Belgrade Special Events Center on 220 Spooner Road. 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.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**  
SPRING GATHERINGS OF  
YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY

### 2016 USA Mission Experience Out of the Darkness....into the Light

**Carol Day** was a participant in the USA mission experience and will show a Power Point presentation about forms of human trafficking, domestic violence and about immigration issues. Her program also examines the myths and realities of immigration. The theme, based on John 1:5 is a Bible Study reminding the USA mission experience participants that "We are all created in God's image. God calls us to love others as we love God."

Carol will leave us with action opportunities and a knitting pattern for PEACE PALS, knit dolls prayerfully and intentionally developed by knitters to create comforting companions for children in global areas of conflict.

**Please join us on Monday, May 8 in at First Presbyterian Church  
at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30p.m. in the fellowship hall  
Contact Suzanne Bratsky for more information 539-0211**



## **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

Human endeavor comes in many different shapes and sizes. In its simplest form an endeavor starts with an idea. In order for this notion to gain momentum there must be a spark of desire which fans the flames of passion in other humans. This will then set the stage for the next part of the project which is effort.

An example might help illustrate the point. Let's say someone wakes up one day with the idea that their community should solve its homelessness problem. This person then ignites a spark in enough other folks so that the original idea gains traction and there is a groundswell of support. An organization is formed, plans are put in place, and action is taken.

Sometimes, though, the end result doesn't always line up with the original idea. In our previous example, if the first notion was to completely eradicate homelessness, but the ultimate outcome was a reduction of only 20%, was the endeavor a failure?

The French writer and philosopher, Voltaire, once famously said, "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good." He was not the only philosopher to dwell on this subject. Long before Voltaire ruminated on our human condition, Confucius mused that, "It is better to have a diamond with a flaw, than a pebble without."

Christian endeavor can get bogged down with an extra burden to bear, because the master we all follow was perfect. Jesus had no flaws. Those are impossibly high standards to live up to; we are, after all, only human.

But the name above all other names left us with a pretty handy tool to use in our endeavors. In the scripture passage from last week's service, John's Gospel tells us that when Jesus stood among the disciples for the first time following the resurrection, *he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."* That is a powerful ally to be able to utilize as we transform ideas into action, and the button we use to activate this remarkable force is called prayer. My prayer this week is the following haiku paraphrase of Shakespeare's Sonnet 103:

*Help us, loving God.  
Leaving well enough alone —  
If it will serve you.*