

PresbEnews

Good News Edition - May 2017



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Co-Pastors' Corner...

In this extended season of Easter, we continue to celebrate the good news of the empty cross. For Christians the cross is an enduring the symbol of the good news that is at the foundation of our faith.

So brutal and inhumane was death by crucifixion, that the sight of the cross, before Jesus came along, would have been frightening and even sickening. The cross was a symbol of oppressive power in which those in power were able to keep the citizenry in place by threatening agonizing death by crucifixion. The cross was a symbol, but a very negative and even terrifying one.

That all changed on that first Easter Sunday when the empty cross became associated with the empty tomb. So amazing and awesome was the triumph of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, that the fear and terror associated with the symbol of the cross were replaced by good news and wonder. The cross is now a universal symbol of God's amazing love in Jesus.

Visual symbols continue to be important communicators of a message. This can be seen in the logos that companies, businesses and organizations adopt. The best logos are ones that convey a message or messages that are in line with the organization they represent.

Our church recently adopted a new logo that does this well. It's pictured here. The stained glass window graphic is filled with symbolism and points to our historic building and our rootedness in downtown Bozeman. The gothic window shape has a point to it that draws one's eyes upward toward the God whom we worship. The top of the window has 3 sections evoking the Trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit). The bottom of the window has 5 panes, pointing the first 5 books of the Bible (the Torah). That the window is



clear suggests that our church is open to the world outside its walls. The inclusion of Bozeman in the name is a way of celebrating and capitalizing on our location in one of the most dynamic cities of its size in the nation. And when the logo is in color, the gold font used, communicates our strong connection to Montana and its minerals and mining history, as well as our connection to Montana State University with gold as one of its distinctive colors. Many thanks to designer Michelle Aranda for capturing so much of who we are.

With Easter joy, let us continue to live out our Christian faith and commitment through the ministry of our wonderful church to keep rich the presentation of who we are as God's people.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you."

Psalm 9:10

Session Notes April 27

Highlights of the meeting included:

1. Opening devotions were presented by Debbie Ernst.
 2. Sharing of a Thank You note from the Presby Cats for assistance with their Spring Mission trip to Chicago.
 3. The report by Rev. JP Carlson, PMT Liaison. This was the summary of his March 24, 2017, visit with the session during which he asked us specific questions about our ministry and we reflected and answered.
 1. Based on Scripture and vision of this congregation, how are things going?
 2. Where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in individuals, groups, and through the whole congregation?
 3. What challenges do you face as you move forward in this ministry?
 4. How is this congregation making disciples?
 5. How might the Presbytery help you?
 6. How are you equipping and training people in the church to live out their spiritual gifts and calling to follow Jesus Christ?
 7. Do you offer officer training for elders and/or deacons?
 8. Do you have a formal process to evaluate your pastor(s) and church staff?
- This report will be extremely helpful to the Session in our future planning. It is available in the office for those who wish to read it.
4. The co-pastors report reflected the busy events of Lent and Easter. It is important to note that Jody will be writing the religion column in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle Sunday edition on a rotating basis with other members of the Interfaith Forum.
 5. The Presby Cats will be traveling to Miami in 2018 with the Door Ministry.
 6. A new logo for our church has been developed and we will begin to see it many places.
 7. The Session Retreat will be held in early June. John Patterson and Tom McMakin are working on the details. We will focus on "Becoming the people of God before doing the work of God. Allowing the Holy Spirit to fill our sails."
 8. The Rockhaven Team reported that a new low ropes course is being built and will be finished before the camping season begins.
 9. Presbytery will be held May 12 and 13 in Dillon. We will send 2 Elders to represent us.

Submitted by,
Sally Broughton, Elder

OMBUD: *The person who will listen to your suggestions, concerns, complaints and compliments.*

This quarter our OMBUD from the session is John Patterson, he will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. You can contact him by phone (587-9722) or email jspatterson972@gmail.com. He will follow-up with Session.

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Thank you for giving your time, talents, and financial contributions.
Without your generous support we could not do all the great things we do to Glorify God.
Below is a table showing our financial status as of the end of March 2017

March Income	\$27,648	Year to Date Income	\$121,010
March Expenses	\$35,907	Year to Date Expenses	\$129,706
March Balance	-\$8,439	Year to Date Balance	-\$8,695

Annual Day at the Farm for Presby Kids



Arden Turner meets a 9-day-old kid last year.

First Families and Presby Kids are invited to the Holland Farm (west of Belgrade) on Sunday afternoon, May 21, from 12:15 – 2:00 pm. Farmers Dan and Christine always enjoy introducing children to spring’s baby animals. This year the goat kids and the chicks are joined by ducklings (who are growing up quickly!). In addition, the horse named Dexter is home from college—the Rocky Mountain College Equestrian Program, that is—and, weather permitting, could be available for pony rides!

The group always enjoys lunch together at the farm, celebrating another year of Sunday school together. Those planning to attend can be in touch with Jody McDevitt to share in the lunch potluck.

Vacation Bible School Kickoff



It will be an EPIC experience to be part of this summer’s Downtown Ecumenical Vacation Bible School! Bringing together all the volunteers from all the churches to form all the teams who will help all the children learn about being God’s heroes—that’s EPIC in itself! Youth and adult volunteers are invited to the VBS Kickoff on Sunday, May 21, at 5:30 pm at Bozeman United Methodist Church. Supper will be provided.

Registration for volunteers and students is still open. Find under “Ministries” on our church website (www.fpcbozeman.org) or go to <http://bozemanumc.org/vacation-bible-school/>.



Special Coffee Fellowship Between Services on May 21

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall as we meet and greet friends both old and new. We will have coffee, tea, and donuts while we gather to share with our fellow worshipers. A special presentation of NEW THINGS HAPPENING AT ROCKHAVEN – WISHES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE will be presented from 10:00 to 10:15 by the Rockhaven Committee.

Please plan to either remain after the First Service or come early for the Second Service.

This morning there will be no adult Sunday School.



Rockhaven Work Day

Mark your calendar for May 13th from 9 am to 5pm. This is our annual spring work / clean-up day at Rockhaven. This time of year there is a lot to do to get ready for upcoming rental groups, church events and of course summer camp! So, come on out and be a part of this exciting and growing ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Bring a packed lunch and we'll supply some bottled water, soda and lemonade! Bring some gloves and appropriate attire to work in.

Primary Projects – depending on weather will include; mop and paint craft room floor, repaint craft tables, paint bunks in dorm, clean each dorm room, wash all windows, police

camp of broken sticks, rocks and trash, move wood shed and restack, move tool shed, brush trimming and burning, repair and rebuild or move archery range and haul away some trash. If you have garden tools like rakes, trimmers or cutters we could always use a few. Any questions call Scott Thrasher at 600-1891. Can't be at work day but would like to help? Give me a call... I need help painting.

Rockhaven Wish List:

Car—We are looking for a loaner vehicle for the summer to help the staff get around while they are in MT.

Crock Pots or Food Warmers
Golf Cart
Tree and Limb Trimmers
Wood Chips
Yarn, string, Jute, Rope

Fabric
Newspaper
Popsicle and Craft Sticks
Paper - All Types

Additional funding for our new Adventure Tree Fort and Team Building Challenge Course: The Rockhaven board is more than halfway towards its \$10,000 goal, but we still need help funding this exciting new project for 2017! Talk with a board member for updates on the fund status.

If you have questions, ideas, or are interested in volunteering at Rockhaven please contact Scott Thrasher at scott@rockhavencamp.org or give him a call 406.600.1891.

Rockhaven Operational Board

George Haynes - Chuck Beck - Dan Holland - Lloyd Mandeville - Rachel Turner - John Patterson - Dylan LeBlanc - Suzanne Bratsky
Scott Thrasher: Director and Jody McDevitt: Co-Pastor

Birthdays this Month

- 5/2 *Lori Larimer*
- 5/4 *Edie Renner*
- 5/7 *Barbara Mackie*
Marilyn Lockhart
- 5/10 *Bernie Mitchell*
- 5/12 *Marjorie David*
Jen Poore
- 5/13 *Nancy Giddings*
- 5/14 *Fran Bradley*
- 5/18 *McCabe Overton*
- 5/20 *Craig Miller*
Ian Hoffman
- 5/21 *Betty Boxmeyer*
- 5/22 *Madelyn Montgomery*
Abby Mickolio
- 5/23 *Marjorie Hickman*
- 5/24 *Gigi Prunty*
Mimi Roser
Julia Johnson
- 5/25 *Kay Gannon*
Sue Hudak
Kyndra Campbell
- 5/26 *Mary McMakin*
- 5/28 *Bob Olsen*



FIRST FRIDAY - May 5, 2017

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, carving out a place for themselves as female mathematicians who were also black, black mathematicians who were also female. 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.

*The Board of Deacons
cordially invites you to the Annual Tea
Honoring Senior Members and Friends
of First Presbyterian Church
On Wednesday, May 17th
at 3:00 p.m.
at First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall*

*For Transportation and to R.S.V.P.
call Jay Pontius-Backman at 924-6135*



Adult Mission Trip to Ft. Peck

For a third year in a row, we are planning to travel to the northeastern corner of our state to be with brothers and sisters in Christ on the Ft. Peck Reservation. Dakota Presbyterian Churches and First Presbyterian Church of Poplar have welcomed our group with warm hospitality and eagerness to share their lives and culture. This year, we have been asked to map and document the cemetery associated with the Red Eagle Memorial Church at Ft. Kipp. In addition, we will complete some “fix-up” projects and spring yard work around the church. The cemetery work is indisputably “Holy Ground” work. Receiving hospitality helps us recognize Christ in our midst.



Red Eagle Memorial Church, Ft. Kipp, Montana

Those committed to participation this year are Suzanne Bratsky, Jay Pontius-Backman, Larry Growney, Marcia & Jim Jarrett, Mary Hektner & John Sacklin, George McClure, and Jody McDevitt. There is still room for those who act quickly. Contact Marcia Jarrett or Jody McDevitt this week!



Jim and Marcia Jarrett and John Patterson on holy ground at Makaicu Presbyterian Church

Yellowstone Presbytery Presents

Loved & Called—Gifted & Equipped—Sent

Part 2 - May 12 & 13, 2017

@ Presbytery Workshop & Meeting in Dillon

In February, Dr. Stan Ott led us to better understand how God has loved and called us, gifted us, equipped us, and then sends us to join in Christ’s ministry. Now all Montana Presbyterians are invited to join us in Dillon at Noon on May 12th & at 8:30am on 13th, to review and then take the next steps.

If you missed the first workshop - no problem. You can hear highlights of Stan’s inspiring words and see video clips from his training. Find out about “Growing Young” “Your Spiritual Gifts” “Discipleship” and how to put all this to practice in your church. Join us to be refreshed and equipped as a disciple.



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 May 8 in Bozeman at First Presbyterian Church
at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30p.m.
Lunch is \$9.00 and the Gathering Fee is \$4.00.**

2017 Graduates in Our Church Family

Eulalie "Lee" Cook, daughter of Cyn Frye and sister of Don Frye III, from Montana State University with a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration

Spencer Hallin, son of Sheryl and Barney Hallin, from Miami University of Ohio with B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

Valerie McMakin, daughter of Tom and Mary McMakin, from Emory University in Atlanta with a B.A. in Political Science

Hannah Edwards, grand-daughter of Jim and Bernie Mitchell, from Cherokee Trails High School in Aurora, Colorado and is planning to go to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix



Presby Cats wrap up the year and send off 6 graduates

Last Sunday, our Presby Cats collegiate group finished up the 2016-17 year with a party and celebration for those graduating. It's been another great year. Many thanks to everyone who has supported this ministry through cooking lunch, Rent-a-Cat, supporting our fund raisers, as well as (and most importantly!) welcoming these students into our church family.

There are 6 students graduating from MSU on May 6. Best wishes to them as they move on to the next chapters in their lives.



Pictured from left to right:

Jacklyn Deppmeier from Lake Forest, IL, B.S. in Physics;
Kristin Kochner from Billings, MT, Master of Education in School Counseling;
Kaycee Cronk from Harlem, MT, B.A. In Film and Photography;
Annie Van Voast from Turner, MT, B.A. in English Teaching;
Sam Cade from Bozeman, MT, B.A. in Music Technology;
Alex Schoonen from Idaho Falls, ID, B.S. in Chemical Engineering



Food Bank Sunday, May 7

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is always in need of non-perishable and non-expired items. Bring good items to either church service on Sunday and leave in the basket in the narthex or bring to the front of the sanctuary. During the week they can be brought to the church office.

For more information go to www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.com

Taize Prayer Service

The final ecumenical Taize prayer service of the academic year will be held on Sunday evening, May 14, at 7 pm at Resurrection University Parish (1725 S. 11th Ave, across the street from MSU). This month's service will be led by St. James Episcopal Church. In the fall, these monthly services will be hosted at Bozeman United Methodist Church. You are invited for a contemplative experience of prayer, music, scripture, and silence—a time to rest in the presence of God.

Interfaith Forum, Today, May 3

“Why are we hopeful? What are the reasons for hope our religious traditions offer?” will be the discussion at this month's Interfaith on Wednesday, today May 3 at noon at Temple Beth Shalom. In a world growing smaller, in a nation growing more and more multi-religious, in a community becoming more diverse, the Interfaith Forum is an opportunity to understand our neighbors and build peace. The panel includes Rabbi Ed Stafman, Dr. Ruhul Amin, The Rev. Jody McDevitt, The Rev. Leo Proxell and other invited guests.

The Interfaith panel is also on the radio the second Tuesdays of the month from 8:00-8:30 am. Tune in to KMMS, 1450 AM, to hear more interfaith dialogue.

**Love INC Personal Care Pantry
is in need of:
Body Wash
Conditioner
Kleenex**

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

Based on most of the forecasts I have accessed of late, by the time you read this on Wednesday, Spring will have sprung in all of her glory. There promises to be a series of magnificent, spectacular days for us to enjoy.

This April was considerably wetter than normal, but the payoff is coming in the days ahead. There is likely to be days so breathtaking that many of us will be tempted to break out into uninhibited song. Perhaps we'll be inspired to sing the old Al Jolson song:

*Though April showers may come your way,
they bring the flowers that bloom in May.*

Or maybe we'll croon that standard from the musical Oklahoma:

*Oh, what a beautiful morning,
oh, what a beautiful day.
I've got a wonderful feeling;
everything's going my way.*

Or perhaps we will just let our friendly neighborhood meadowlark perform the melodious heavy-lifting and we'll be happy to simply hum or whistle along. In any case our steps are sure to be lighter in the coming days, our attitudes more joyous, our souls more buoyant.

Since most of humanity lives in the northern hemisphere, it is probably no accident that spring coincides with Eastertide. Yet as the days and weeks pass after our celebration of Christ's resurrection, it is easy for us to lose sight of the connection between the two. Spring is a time of renewal. A time of revival. And spring is also a time of graduation.

The Presby Cats will see a number of longtime stalwarts graduating this year. Many of these young women and men got involved in our collegiate ministry as freshmen and spent their entire college career as Presby Cats. They will be sorely missed, so I want to take this opportunity to give my own personal shout out to them. Fortunately, though, they have planted seeds in the fertile ground they have been cultivating during their tenure here. They leave behind strong leaders to nurture future crops of Presby Cats. And who knows what the future holds in store. Some of them might end up finding jobs right here in the Gallatin Valley which could enable us to witness an encore performance by my favorite ensemble, Strawberry Magic.



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!



Rockhaven Chapel

First Presbyterian Church



First Presbyterian Church

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 2:30 Adult Mission Trip Meeting 7pm Deacons	5 5:30 pm First Friday	6
7 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult Class 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 12:30 Youth Group	8 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering	9 6pm First Bells 7 Boy Scouts	10 7pm Choir	11 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 2:30 Adult Mission Trip Meeting	12	13 9 am Rockhaven Cleanup Day
14 Mother's Day 8:30 am Worship 9:30 Adult Class 10:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	15	16 7 Boy Scouts	17 3pm Senior Tea 7pm Choir	18 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 2:30 Adult Mission Trip Meeting	19 6pm Merry Munchers	20
21 8:30 am Worship 9:15 Camp Sunday & Sunday School Celebration 10:30 Worship	22	23 7 Boy Scouts	24 7pm New Deacons/Elders Orientation	25 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 7pm Session	26	27
28 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship	29 Memorial Day Office closed	30 Adult Mission Trip thru June 3 7pm Boy Scouts	31			