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Rockhaven Work Day

The Rockhaven Work day is this Saturday, 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 come on Saturday? Call Scott and chat about other times to help. He always needs help with painting.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Our prayer life, our daily study of scripture, worship participation, silent reflection, and meditation: All these serve to help us learn and discern the voice of God in our lives. Prayer is a two-way conversation with God; we just have to listen quietly for God's answer."

From: The Upper Room Disciplines 2015; April 25

Birthdays this week

5/10 *Bernie Mitchell*

5/12 *Marj David*

Jen Poore

5/13 *Nancy Giddings*

5/14 *Fran Bradley*

2017 College Graduates in our Church Family

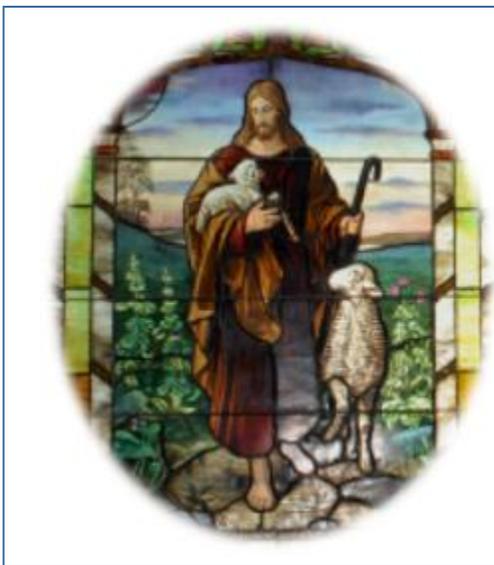
Helen and Jim Craig's granddaughter, Hunter Howe, from the University of Utah with a B.S. in Political Science. Mary Hektner and John Sacklin's son John David from MSU Billings with a B.S. in Outdoor Adventure Leadership



(We will have all high school graduates in the June Good News so be sure to get them in to be included.)

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.



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



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!

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/>.

Annual Day at the Farm for Presby Kids

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!



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

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.

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**. Thank you!



Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Last week brought the first really warm weather of the season. Hopefully you were able to get out and enjoy God's creation. Not surprisingly the first significant thunder storms of the year were quick to follow on the heels of this heat. Sunday afternoon saw a real gully washer visit the valley. Later that same evening another one hit south of Billings that my daughter happened to be driving through. Then on Monday afternoon a much more severe one hit Denver right between the eyes. I know about the one in Denver because my son lives there. He posted pictures — of golf-ball sized hail held in his hand, and of the remnants of his garden, and of my car he had borrowed.

A few springs ago we read Psalm 29 responsively during the service and Jody McDevitt speculated it had been written during the midst of a thunderstorm. It bears repeating here, and this time I will use Eugene Peterson's version of the account:

*Bravo, God, bravo!
 Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"
 In awe before the glory,
 in awe before God's visible power.
 Stand at attention!
 Dress your best to honor him!*

*God thunders across the waters,
 Brilliant, his voice and face, streaming brightness —
 God, across the flood waters.*

*God's thunder tympanic.
 God's thunder symphonic.*

*God's thunder smashes cedars,
 God topples the northern cedars.*

*The mountain ranges skip like spring colts,
 The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.*

*God's thunder spits fire.
 God thunders, the wilderness quakes;
 He makes the wilderness of Kadesh shake.*

*God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing
 A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.
 We fall to our knees — we call out, "Glory!"*

*Above the floodwaters is God's throne
 from which his power flows
 from which he rules the world.*

*God makes his people strong.
 God gives his people peace.*