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Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 11

A special meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, June 11, in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 service. The purpose is to act on a report by the Nominating Committee regarding the election of church officers.



Co-Pastors' Corner... As we move into the summer our routines

change. Students, and those who live with students, move from a pretty strict daily schedule that is marked by school bells, tests and projects, to a more loosely defined schedule that is more oriented around the long days we enjoy between sunrise and sunset. In this college town we notice a marked difference in the reduced amount of traffic and human activity in the south of Bozeman. But in this recreation hub town, the activity and traffic picks up on the northside along I-90 and along the corridors that lead to Yellowstone with visitors from all over the world.

Our church moves into a changed reality each year at this time as we wrap up the many activities and events that have been in place since last September, and replace them with increased activity outside, here in town at our annual downtown Vacation Bible School and at Rockhaven with the 2 months of camp as well as with weekly potlucks and vesper services.

We are truly blessed to live in this special corner of God's creation. We are further blessed as a church to be able to share our Christian faith and witness with so many people who will visit us in worship and in outdoor ministry. As your routines change for the season, we encourage you to make sure your summer routine includes a regular check in with your church on Sunday mornings or Sunday evenings. And when you're on the road, seek out the fellowship of the church wherever your travels take you.

Have a wonder-filled summer!

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"Loving Father, thank you that You are speaking to us in ways only we can understand. Help us to learn to hear your voice in your Word and in all the other ways You speak. In Jesus name, amen.

From: God Is With You Every Day by Max Lucado

Session Notes May 25

New member candidates: The Session approved the membership of: Nita Vaughn by reaffirmation of faith, Lori Ingram by letter of transfer, David and Ashley Driscoll (children, Andrew and Paige) by reaffirmation of faith.

A public reception of these new members will be at the 10:30 service on 6/4/17

Parking Lot: Donna Beck has led the charge on repaving the parking lot. It will be ready by the end of the week following Memorial Day. Additional capital improvement projects underway include replacing the H-VAC, freshening the paint, laying carpet, and installing bathroom mirrors in the 24 S. Willson building.

Planning Retreat: The Session will be meeting on the afternoon of June 4th. The focus this year is on discerning the gifts God has given us and where S/he is calling us as individuals and as a church community.

New Deacons: The Session approved for installation the following to serve as Deacons: Darlene Haller, Betty Knutson, Mike and Mimi Roser, Dick Rote, Gary and Chris Shanafelt

New Elders: The Session approved for ordination/installation the following to serve as Elders: Jenny Beard, Marcia Jarrett, Dan Berg, Kelly Meredith

Submitted by,

Elder Tom McMakin

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

This quarter our OMBUD from the session is Tom McMakin, he will be happy to answer your questions and listen to what you have to say. You can speak with him personally or contact him by phone (587-1708) or email tcmcmakin@profitableideas.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 May 2017

May Income	\$51,502	Year to Date Income	\$172,512
May Expenses	\$43,393	Year to Date Expenses	\$173,099
May Balance	\$8,109	Year to Date Balance	-\$587



Rockhaven Summer Kicks off June 18

All are invited to join the festivities at Rockhaven on Sunday, June 18, for our annual Father's Day "Pig" Roast. The Rockhaven Operational Board will host dinner, providing pulled pork sandwiches and beverages. Please bring a potluck dish to share with others. The meal will begin at 5:30 pm. Come early to enjoy the peace and beauty of Rockhaven in June—when the river really runs through it!

Sunday evening vespers services begin the same night, at 7 pm. Dan Holland, one of our resident storytellers, will start this summer's theme, "The Water of Life." Musicians will include the Riverside Singers and accompanist Holly Aloise. Come raise the roof of the Rockhaven Chapel with your singing and praising God.

This will be the first of 11 weeks of Sunday evening potlucks (5:30) and vespers (7:00) at Rockhaven. Plan to be there. Rockhaven is a blessing for the church family, and for friends, too. Invite your friends to experience God's presence at the "thin place" we call Rockhaven.

Memorials help build treehouse at Rockhaven

This summer a new structure is being built at Rockhaven to help campers and others learn teamwork and grow in confidence. The structure, variously described as a low ropes course, a treehouse, and a play structure, will be south of the Dining Hall in the treed area around the creek. Children, youth, and adults will be able to safely climb, play, and learn in new ways. The treehouse will surely become a favorite feature of the summer camping ministry.

A gift from the Pat Donehoo estate is funding a significant portion of the cost of building the treehouse. Don Frye, Jr., Donna Mandeville, Harry McNeal, and Marian Cook all loved the ministry of our church at Rockhaven, and funds given in their memory which were designated for Rockhaven will also be used for this new structure.

In addition, several living donors have stepped up to fund the treehouse, which will also serve to attract rental groups desiring teambuilding programs. Approximately \$5000 is needed to complete the project. If desired, your gift may be in memory of a loved one, honored on a plaque on the site. The Rockhaven Operational Board thanks you for your support of this vision for ministry.



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!



In memoriam of Sally Stanke September 5, 1930—May 24, 2017. Sally was a member of our church since 1969. She was often seen pulling up to church or Rockhaven on her motorcycle. A memorial service will be this Friday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our prayers are with her daughter Jan and son Tad and families.

Birthdays this Month

- 6/2 *Bob Olsen*
- 6/5 *Carl Spring*
Jane Hodges
Harley Erwin
- 6/7 *Dan Berg*
- 6/8 *Amber Wilson*
- 6/9 *Tim McNicholas*
- 6/10 *John Sacklin*
- 6/12 *Charlie Mandeville*
Martha Krebill
- 6/14 *Julie Small*
- 6/15 *Danielle Berg*
- 6/16 *Mike Marjanen*
- 6/17 *Scott Thrasher*
- 6/18 *Dwayne Arscott*
- 6/19 *Brooks Hallin*
Ellie Lewis
Chandler May
- 6/20 *Nancy Rutkowski*
Paula Thomsen
- 6/21 *Dolly Smith*
Gayle Hickert
- 6/22 *Sarah Thrasher*
- 6/26 *Jonas Overton*
- 6/27 *Mitchell Larsson*
Nathan Milburn
Brenna Babcock
- 6/29 *Dale Bergland*
Todd Johnson

Adults travel across the state for mission

For the third year in a row, our church is sending a group of adults to the Ft. Peck Reservation in north-east Montana to work in partnership with churches of Dakota Presbytery. This year's mission will be focused at the Red Eagle Dakota Presbyterian Church in Ft. Kipp. We will be documenting a large cemetery there, as we did for the Makaicu Church in Riverside in 2015. As in previous years, the work will serve the primary purpose of the trip, which is establishing friendship and Christian bonds. In addition to the Ft. Kipp and Makaicu congregations, we will be hosted by the Chelsea Dakota Church and First Presbyterian Church of Poplar.

Learning about Dakota culture and traditions adds to the experience. We will spend time again with Lois Red Elk, a culturalist who teaches at Ft. Peck Community College, and will visit the tribe's Buffalo Ranch. Once again, our trip is coordinated by Patrick and Sudi Pipe, formerly of Bozeman, who now live in Poplar with their children Titan, Rorric, and Esiya.

Please hold in prayer these missionary ambassadors of our church: Chris Boroughs, Suzanne Bratsky, Mary Hektner, Larry Growney, Marcia Jarrett, Jim Jarrett, George McClure, Jody McDevitt, Mary Ann Poteat, Jay Pontius-Backman, and John Sacklin, who will be traveling May 30-June 3.

2017 High School Graduates in Our Church Family

Carl Spoerl, graduating from Bozeman High School, will attend Middle Tennessee State University

Titan Pipe, graduating from Wolf Point High School, will attend Ft. Peck Community College

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



Families enjoy a Day at the Farm

The chickens cackled, the ducks quacked, the horse neighed, the goats bleated, the children squealed with delight, and the SUN SHONE on the Holland Farm on May 21 as Farmers Dan and Christine welcomed church families to meet the spring animals. It was, as always, a fun way to celebrate God's creation and our animal friends.



Pictured: Farmer Dan shows Logan Cunningham and Arden Turner how to milk a goat, with Jolene Turner looking on.



Judy Gregg prepares to kiss a goat, causing smiles from Julie Cunningham, Martha Aloise, Stuart and Logan Cunningham

Food Bank Sunday, June 4



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

Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

I am a serial procrastinator. Only on rare occasions does this character flaw prove to be prescient. An example of this might be when one puts off planting the more delicate portions of one's garden and is then 'rewarded' when a later than average frost wreaks havoc on everyone else's garden. Much more often, though, this mañana attitude leads to regret.

I had planned to feature Sally Stanke in this space sometime this summer. Since I had finally heard the faith stories of all of the Williamses in our directory, I figured I could start exploring other letters of the alphabet. I knew Sally was starting to show signs of slipping (her brain that is), so I made a mental note to sit down with her in the coming months. I figured if nothing else I could always talk to her after a Sunday evening vesper service at Rockhaven, because it seemed like Sally was always there. She didn't come to the potlucks before the service, but she always came to the service.

As you are no doubt aware, I didn't get a chance to sit down and talk to Sally about her faith story, because she passed away last Tuesday. I did, however, get a chance to visit her in the hospital a couple of days prior to her passing. She wasn't able to speak, so I did all of the talking for her. I told her about the fabulous sermon Dan Krebill had preached and how he talked about thin places like Rockhaven and the sanctuary at Babcock and Willson. I told her the next time I was in the chapel at Rockhaven I would look over to the place she always sat (about five rows back on the left hand side under the window) and would expect to see her waving at me through the thin veil that separates us from the eternal home where she now lives.

Sally's son and daughter and a family friend were in the room at the time and we all started talking about Rockhaven. Not surprisingly many of the tales involved motorcycles. Like how they used to go camping up Stormcastle Creek — the three of them with all their gear on a 250cc motorcycle. And how, when it came time to head to the chapel for Sunday service she'd make the two youngsters jump in the creek to wash up before hopping on the bike for the dusty drive to church (which occasionally involved stopping to fix a flat tire.)

I regret not being able to dig deeper into Sally's walk of faith. She was a straight shooter and possessed a wealth of life experience that would have been fascinating to explore. So I will have to wait a few years before I can ask her things like: why she went to the Methodist early service before walking across the street to attend our late service? Was she hedging her bets? Was she covering all her bases? Or did she just enjoy surrounding herself with people who love Jesus — sort of like the place she now calls home.

Editor's note: Sally's memorial service will be this Friday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group Adult Mission Trip thru Saturday 6pm Deacons Adult Mission Trip	2 1:00 pm Sally Stanke Memorial Service Adult Mission Trip	3 Adult Mission Trip
4 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship 12:00pm Session Retreat	5	6 7 Boy Scouts	7	8 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30 Women's Morning Book Group 6pm Deacons Potluck Picnic	9	10
11 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship	12	13 7 Boy Scouts	14	15 7am Men's Bible Study	16	17
18 Father's Day 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship 5:30 Rockhaven Father's Day Celebration 7pm Vespers	19 Vacation Bible School Week	20 7 Boy Scouts	21	22 7am Men's Bible Study 7pm Session	23	24
25 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship 5:30 Rockhaven Potluck 7pm Vespers	26	27 7pm Boy Scouts	28	29 7am Men's Bible Study	30	