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*Co-Pastors' Corner...* The principal of my elementary school was a kindly, well-regarded man. Each year on the last day of school, we could expect his voice to address all the students in the school over the intercom, providing wise advice for the summer. He knew that virtually everyone would spend some time at a pool, lake, or ocean beach, so he always admonished us, "Don't be afraid of the water, but respect it." (Ironically enough, his name was Mr. Poole!)

This summer at Rockhaven we are exploring the theme "The Water of Life." "We" in this case means the children and youth who come to camp as well as those who attend the Sunday evening vespers services. Since the Bible is filled with references to water, this theme is rich. It's also a great summer theme, because on the banks of the Gallatin River, we have much opportunity to reflect on God's provision of living water.

"Don't be afraid of the water. . ." reminds us to enter life with boldness and faith. Indeed, there are good reasons to be cautious around water, as there are around life. But fear is not the right approach. Fear paralyzes and prevents enjoyment or even participation in life. Taking risks is the way of faith. Trusting that God will be there, God will provide, and God will lead us as we accept new challenges in our life is the way of faith. Plunging in, rather than sitting on the sidelines, is the way of faith. As the PC (USA)'s Confession of 1967 says, "Life is a gift to be received with gratitude, and a task to be pursued with courage." Don't be afraid of the water—don't be afraid of life.

"But respect it," reminds us of the awesomeness of the gift of life. Water, and life, can be dangerous. But without water, we are without life. There are risks in each day's efforts and in each day's relationships. A healthy respect for life's fragility makes us stronger. "Fear not, for I am with you."

If you are feeling a need for refreshment in your spirit this summer, join us at Rockhaven on Sunday evenings for physical refreshment (5:30pm potluck) and spiritual refreshment (7 pm vespers). Don't let the summer go by without enjoying the waters of life!

## *Enhancing Our Conversation With God*

*"Father, help us see and believe that your "NO" will serve us better than a "YES" for what we want. Help us to trust when we can't see the answer to our prayers."*

*Harrell Nation, Jr. Upper Room Disciplines 2015*



### VBS a Huge Success

Vacation Bible School has something for all ages! Brenna Babcock, in her mother Lindsay's arms, moves to the music following the lead of the leaders on stage. Many thanks to all who helped make this another successful year.

**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 [tmcmakin@profitableideas.com](mailto:tmcmakin@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	\$37,134	Year to Date Income	\$209,646
May Expenses	\$38,212	Year to Date Expenses	\$211,311
May Balance	\$-1,078	Year to Date Balance	\$-1,665

### 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](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**. *Thank you!*



## Rockhaven Vespers rocked by camp staff

Last Sunday, at our second evening vesper service of the summer, worshipers were treated to the perspective and enthusiasm of our summer camp staff who led the service.

Picking up on the theme of "The Waters of Life," the service focused on the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman he met at Jacob's well (John 4:1-10). The service was further enriched by the 38 middle school campers who were at Rockhaven for the first night of their week at camp. These energetic youngsters, along with others from the church, had a great time before the service enjoying an especially beautiful evening along the Gallatin River.

Every Sunday evening, through August, we have the chance to revel in the beauty of our camp and in the fellowship we share with one another as we gather for a potluck dinner at 5:30 and then vesper worship in the chapel at 7:00. Come and see what God is doing up the canyon! The camp is located at milepost 67 on Highway 191, on the way to Big Sky.



## Tractor play structure gets new life

An old metal tractor play structure that was donated to Rockhaven years ago that had become quite rusty and worn out was headed for the junk yard when Gary Shanafelt caught a glimpse of it and saw potential. He took it home to his shop and went to work on it and transformed it into a gleaming new play set for the kids at Rockhaven.

Painted in John Deere colors, it now is parked next the other play structure and is fast becoming a favorite of imaginative kids. Thanks, Gary!



## Hike to the Cross Sunday, July 2

Madelyn Montgomery, who hikes to the cross on Sheep Rock above Rockhaven every Sunday that she can, will be leading a group hike on Sunday, July 2. Meet at Rockhaven at 3 pm. Wear appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle. Hiking poles are optional; Madelyn has a few extra pairs for loan. The hike is short (less than 1 mile) but steep in sections, following a game trail up the east side of the mountain. The view from the top is spectacular! All ages and skill levels welcome.



*Birthdays this Month*

7/2 Pat Dickensheets  
Rich Brauss  
Debra Jackson  
7/3 Vern Svensrud  
John Lewis  
7/4 Rachel Minter  
7/6 Richard Mackie  
Billie Jean Marion  
Mike Hoffman  
7/7 Lynda Reiley  
7/8 Bella Wilfling  
7/9 Rachael Thompson  
7/11 Owyn Campbell  
7/12 Mary Lensink  
7/14 Doris Heckerman  
7/16 Wilson McMakin  
Miriam Frye  
7/18 Natalie Hoffman  
7/19 Laurel Schlegelmilch  
7/20 Jean Travis  
Bruce Visser  
7/21 Barbara Wertz  
7/22 Glenn Welch  
Carl Lehrkind  
Michael Lehrkind



**Food Bank Sunday, July 2**

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](http://www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.com)

**Summer Publications of the PresbEnews**

With summer upon us the PresbEnews and Good News issues will publish every other week in July and August. The publication dates are:

July 12 PresbEnews  
July 26 PresbEnews  
August 2 Good News  
August 16 PresbEnews  
August 30 Good News

If you have any articles please send them to [presbenews@fpcbozeman.org](mailto:presbenews@fpcbozeman.org) on the Monday by noon before publication on Wednesday.

## Holland-days...

(by Dan Holland)

### **The Least of These** *(Conclusion)*

The Elders plan for their proposed mission trip was to drive four hours to the largest town in the region. Really more of a city than a town, with a population approaching 100,000, they reasoned any place that large was bound to have its seedier side, a needier side. Conversations with a sister church in the big city confirmed their suspicions. The mission team planned to stock up on necessities and food to hand out as they went door-to-door sharing the Gospel and offering assistance.

The congregation embraced the plan, and when the scheduled day arrived, a convoy of eleven cars and trucks left the rez carrying its cargo of a dozen excited children and thirty anxious adults, Judith among them. Someone remarked that the last time a convoy this large left the rez was to root for the high school basketball team at the state tournament.

The mission team gathered at the edge of the housing project, a mix of 50's era government tenements and a dilapidated trailer park. Becky Spotted Owl was the Elder in charge of Missions, and she led everyone in prayer. They split into four groups and began to walk from door to door. Some of the doors were slammed in their face, others were opened with apathetic resistance, yet others were opened with arms aching for company and gladly accepting both the spiritual and physical goods they received.

One door in particular touched Judith in a manner in which she was unaccustomed. Previously she had considered God as more of a celebrity, but here in the squalor of a ramshackle apartment building Judith watched as Necia Old Hand, her young, independent native student, bravely approached the fierce looking gangster that answered the door. This was real life, and Judith was about to see God become a part of the tattooed desperation they had encountered.

Necia casually asked the young man if he would like to come to the Reservation and visit her home. She told him she would love to take him for a walk out in the prairie, show him the different grasses growing there, and teach him about the different roots and herbs her own grandmother had taught her about.

Judith noticed tears welling up in the young man's eyes as he confessed his desire to change his hardened ways. Then when Necia reached out and hugged him, tears flowed from everyone's eyes.

God became real for Judith at that moment. And as for Necia, well, if Jesus wasn't looking out through her eyes, Judith didn't know who was.

The bell rang for recess and snapped Judith back to reality. As she walked around the playground observing her charges laughing and cavorting in the bright spring day, she noticed Necia and Justin Two Elk at the edge of the adjacent pasture digging up a plant. Judith walked over to take a closer look.

Necia looked up, "Hey Teach. I'm showing Justin this root we found. My Grandma told me you can use it to cure headaches and night tremors. You know, big medicine."

Judith whistled merrily as she walked back into the classroom from recess. Something was different, she thought while scanning the room. She then noticed that her window no longer had a crack in it. There was a post-it note in the middle of the new, seamless glass signed by the custodian. It simply read, "See you next fall." ...*The end*




Rockhaven Chapel

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## July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Melissa Barnes Memorial Service Ted Williams daughter
2 Food Bank Sunday 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship 3pm Hike to Cross 5:30 Rockhaven Potluck 7pm Vespers	3		5	6 7am Men's Bible Study	7	8
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23 8:30 am Worship 10:30 Worship 5:30 Rockhaven Potluck 7pm Vespers	24	25  7 Boy Scouts	26	27 7am Men's Bible Study  6pm Session Picnic	28	29
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