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Rockhaven Summer Potluck and Vespers



All are invited to join the fellowship at Rockhaven on Sunday. The potluck will begin at 5:30 pm. Please bring a main dish, a side dish, salad or dessert. Come early to enjoy the peace and beauty of Rockhaven. This Sunday evening vespers services begin at 7 pm. with Bill Anderson leading the service with this summer's theme, "The Water of Life." 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.

Rockhaven is located at milepost 67 on Highway 191, on the way to Big Sky. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God
"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."

James 4:8

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!



Session Notes June 29

Under the leadership of John Patterson, plans are underway for our church be a "Sailboat" church. Committees will report at the August meeting on each of their plans to participate.

The highlights reported:

- *The Adult Mission trip to Ft. Peck was very successful and the plans are to go back next year and continue working on the projects we have been involved in.
- *Vacation Bible School was full and was a big success.
- *Rockhaven is off to a good start with the church camps full and good attendance on Sunday nights.
- *The 2nd "Walk with Sam" interfaith houses of worship tour will be August 18th.
- *Presby Cats have started their recruiting at the MSU registrations.

Dan and Jody will be on vacation starting July 10th.

Concerns were brought up in regard to a railing which is needed at the front entrance. Dan Berg will follow up on this.

The storage closets have long been in need of cleaning and sorting. The committee to head this up is Donna Beck, Sally Broughton and Dan Berg.

The Deacon Liaison from Session is currently Sally Broughton. Alison Todd will take over for October-December

The Ombud is Tom McMakin and he will be replaced by Debby Haynes for October-December

In July Session will not have a meeting but a potluck picnic at Dan and Jody's on July 27. Session will resume meetings on August 31st.

Have a good summer!

Donna Beck, Clerk

Birthdays

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
 7/23 *Carol Shellenberger*
 Gail Weingart
 Brad Garnick
 7/24 *Jolene Turner*
 7/25 *Caralyn Hodgson*
 7/28 *Louise Milburn*

To our family at First Presbyterian,

Tim & I wanted you to know that we've decided to transfer back to Christ the King Lutheran. For the last 6 months we've been talking about what's been missing for us in worship. Being raised Lutheran & Catholic, we celebrated Holy Communion and recited the Creeds weekly. I think as we grow older, we're drawn back to the traditions we grew up with. We are grateful for the dear friends we've made at FPC and hope to continue those relationships. We hope you understand that we are not running away from something, but rather toward something. God bless and thank you for letting us be a part of your family for the last 3 years.



Tim & Cheryl McNicholas

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

The Water of Life is the theme this summer at Rockhaven. This theme guides the programming during all of the different camps as well as during our Sunday evening Vesper services.

Over the years I have come to cherish Vespers at Rockhaven. They are a perfectly peaceful way to end the week in our too short summer season. In fact Vespers have become such a part of my summer routine that I feel guilty when I miss one, such as will happen this coming Sunday.

Although our co-pastors, Dan and Jody, perform a lion's share of the worship leading for the Vesper services, there are also a number of other folks that have stood in the pulpit over the years. This coming Sunday I will be missing out on the opportunity to hear the debut of congregational member Bill Anderson. Those of you that know Bill are aware of the incredible insight and wealth of experience he will bring to his message. You also know he will enliven the service with his vibrant humor and profound passion for life.

Yes, I will regret being out of town on Sunday evening and missing out on Bill's turn in the pulpit, but I have been fortunate to have heard many other citizen-preachers throughout the years. It has been my privilege to have heard Mary Bolhuis, Chuck Broughton, Ilene Casey, Kathy Braun, Scott Thrasher, and Brent Turner grace the lectern in that quaint chapel. In addition Paul Krebill used to take regular turns guiding worship as have countless camp counselors and members of the Presby Cats.

Yes, Rockhaven Vespers has a rich history of the chance to hear many different perspectives delivering God's message. I encourage you to take a drive this Sunday evening up the beautiful Gallatin River and stop in for supper at 5:30, then stick around to witness Bill's debut at 7:00. I promise you won't be disappointed (and I expect to hear a full report.)



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